

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-141

First Reading Passage Requested
(B. Nelsen)

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE June 1, 2020

COMMITTEE: Personnel

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7 **An Ordinance amending Chapter 115.01(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of**
8 **Summit, entitled "Administrative Organization" to temporarily establish the Division of**
9 **COVID-19 Response as an administrative service under the Executive for the period**
10 **3/1/2020 through 12/30/2020 and declaring the creation of such Division and its**
11 **expenditures and actions necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the**
12 **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for the Executive and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, section 3.03(2) of the Charter of the County of
15 Summit, this Council has the authority to establish divisions within departments under the
16 supervision of the Executive as are necessary for the efficient administration of the County; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
19 the health and wellbeing of the residents of Summit County and has adversely affected the
20 economy and employment for residents, local businesses, government and non-profit
21 organizations in the County; and

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23 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has disrupted the work assignments of a vast majority of
24 employees of the County, many of whom are unable to carry out their regular work assignments
25 due to the nature of the response to the pandemic and the Stay at Home orders and Stay Safe
26 Ohio order issued by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton; and

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28 WHEREAS, it is necessary to substantially modify the work assignments of those
29 employees who are unable to carry out their regular work assignments in order that they may not
30 be furloughed or otherwise laid off but will instead be repurposed to perform previously
31 unbudgeted functions substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19
32 public health emergency; and

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34 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has additionally created the need for investments in previously
35 unplanned capital projects that will afford County departments the ability to safely and
36 efficiently work remotely and improve the ability to operate during a pandemic or other state of
37 emergency; and

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39 WHEREAS, in order to manage the modification of work assignments, to implement
40 planned capital projects, to account for all employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or
41 responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide for the County's intent to
42 offer enhanced COVID-19 relief and response to residents, local businesses, government and
43 non-profit organizations in the County, it necessary to temporarily establish the Division of
44 COVID-19 Response as an administrative service under the Executive for the period 3/1/2020
45 through 12/30/2020; and

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4 WHEREAS, This Council declares that the temporary establishment of the Division of
5 COVID-19 Response as an administrative service under the Executive for the period 3/1/2020
6 through 12/30/2020 and all expenditures and actions of the Division of COVID-19 Response are
7 necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
8 (COVID-19); and
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10 WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the
11 County of Summit to amend Chapter 115 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit,
12 entitled "Administrative Services Organization" to temporarily establish the Division of COVID-
13 19 Response as an administrative service under the Executive for the period 3/1/2020 through
14 12/30/2020 and declaring the creation of such Division and its expenditures expenditure
15 necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
16 (COVID-19);
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18 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
19 of Ohio, that:
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21 SECTION 1

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23 Pursuant to the authority set forth in section 3.03(2) of Article III of the Charter of the
24 County of Summit, this Council hereby amends section 115.01(a) of the Codified Ordinances of
25 the County of Summit entitled Administrative Organization as follows:
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27 **115.01 ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION.**

28 The Administrative Services organization of Summit County shall be organized under the
29 authority of the County Executive as follows:

30 (a) Executive Department.

31 (1) Chief of Staff.

32 (2) Assistant Chief of Staff.

33 (3) Assistants to the Executive.

34 (4) Administrative Services

35 A. COVID-19 Response
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37 SECTION 2

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39 Amendment 115.01(a)(4) under Section 1 shall be effective on 3/1/2020 and shall expire
40 on 12/30/2020.
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Voice Vote YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler, McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

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SECTION 3

This Council declares that the temporary establishment of the Division of COVID-19 Response as an administrative service under the Executive for the period 3/1/2020 through 12/30/2020 and all expenditures and actions of the Division of COVID-19 Response are necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and is being done in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately temporarily establishing the Division of COVID-19 Response as an administrative service under the Executive for the period 3/1/2020 through 12/30/2020.

SECTION 5

Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 6

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED June 1, 2020

ADOPTED June 1, 2020

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 2, 2020

EXECUTIVE

June 2, 2020
ENACTED EFFECTIVE