

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2021-346

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE November 22, 2021

COMMITTEE: Personnel

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7 **An Ordinance amending Chapter 115 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit,**
8 **entitled "Administrative Services Organization," as set forth in Exhibit A, to establish the**
9 **Department of Public Safety and its divisions as an administrative service under the**
10 **Executive by adding section 115.01(k) titled "Director, Department of Public Safety",**
11 **amending the Staffing Plan under the Executive to add the position "Director, Department**
12 **of Public Safety", and amending all other references in the Codified Ordinances of the**
13 **County of Summit, for the Executive and declaring an emergency.**

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

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20 WHEREAS, the response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, the upgrade and expansion of
21 the Public Safety Radio System, the consolidation of the Computer Aided Dispatch system, the
22 Virtual Court Platform, the Jail Case Management System and many other projects, programs and
23 boards that are directed or assisted by the Department of Law-Division of Public Safety and the
24 importance of the Public Safety function within the Summit County Community, all combine to
25 demonstrate the importance of this function, and the divisions within this function and that they
26 should be separate from the Department of Law, and guided by a director that is solely dedicated
27 to those functions; and

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29 WHEREAS, in order to establish such a department, Section 115.01 of the Codified
30 Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Administration Services Organization," must be
31 amended, as set forth in Exhibit A, to add section (k) titled "Director, Department of Public Safety"
32 and adding the Divisions within the Department of Public Safety which shall be 115.01(k)A(1)
33 "Emergency Management Agency"; 115.01(k)A(2) "Public Safety Communications"; and
34 115.01(k)A(3) "Criminal Justice Affairs"; and

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36 WHEREAS, it is necessary, as part of the 2022 Staffing Report, to add a Director of the
37 Department of Public Safety to the Executive Staffing Report and to move staff from the
38 Department of Law and Risk Management to the Department of Public Safety; and

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40 WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend all other references in the Codified Ordinance from
41 the Department of Law-Division of Public Safety to the Department of Public Safety; and

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43 WHEREAS, this Council has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the
44 County of Summit to amend Chapter 115 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit,
45 entitled "Administrative Services Organization," to establish the Department of Public Safety as
46 an administrative service under the Executive and declaring the creation of such Department and
47 its Divisions necessary to better ensure that the Public Safety needs of the Summit County
48 Community are fully met;

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4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
5 of Ohio, that:

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7 SECTION 1

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9 The Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit are hereby amended as set forth in
10 Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated.

11 SECTION 2

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13 This Council declares that the amendment of Chapter 115, Section 115.01 to enable the
14 establishment of section 115.01(k), entitled "Director, Department of Public Safety" and creating
15 the Department and the Divisions thereunder as an administrative service under the Executive is
16 necessary to ensure that the Public Safety needs of the Summit County Community are being fully
17 met.

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19 SECTION 3

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21 This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
22 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately
23 establishing the Department of Public Safety and the Divisions thereunder as an administrative
24 service under the Executive.

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26 SECTION 4

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

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32 SECTION 5

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


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INTRODUCED November 8, 2021

ADOPTED November 22, 2021


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 22, 2021


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 22, 2021

Voice Vote - YES: 11-0; Darrow, Devitis, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters,
Wilhite