

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-131

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

DATE April 28, 2025 COMMITTEE Public Works

A Resolution declaring the month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month in Summit County to recognize the importance of building codes and standards as vital safeguards which protect our residents from hazards and support our economic growth and resilience, for the Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services – Division of Building Standards, and declaring and emergency.

WHEREAS, the County of Summit is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown protectors of public safety—our code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, “Game On!”, the theme for Building Safety Month 2025, encourages us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

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SECTION 1

The month of May 2025 is hereby declared Building Safety Month in the County of Summit to recognize the importance of building codes and standards as vital safeguards to protect our residents, support our economic growth and resilience, to honor the building safety and fire prevention officials and others in the construction industry who are charged with the safe construction of buildings, and to encourage residents to join us in participating in Building Safety Month Activities.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents and employees of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately declaring May 2025 as Building Safety Month in Summit County.

SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) 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 4

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

INTRODUCED April 28, 2025

ADOPTED May 12, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED May 12, 2025

Signed by:

Steve Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
Absent: Dickinson

ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 13, 2025