

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-038

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE February 9, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **An amended Resolution authorizing the Executive to sign intergovernmental agreements**  
8 **with the cities of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, New Franklin, Norton, Stow, Tallmadge, and**  
9 **Twinsburg as well as ~~the Village of Norton and Copley Township~~ for direct indictment**  
10 **services to be provided by the Prosecutor, for a two-year term, from 1/1/26 through**  
11 **12/31/26, with four one-year renewals at the amounts set forth below, for the Prosecutor,**  
12 **and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has operated the Direct Indictment Program since 1998  
15 which enables him to bring criminal cases to Grand Jury without the necessity of the  
16 preliminary hearing process in the municipal court, thus enabling criminal defendants to have  
17 resolution of their cases on a timelier basis; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has agreements with the cities of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls,  
20 New Franklin, Norton, Stow, Tallmadge, and Twinsburg as well as ~~the Village of Norton, and~~  
21 Copley Township for direct indictment services and those agreements have expired and need to  
22 be renewed; and

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24 WHEREAS, Matrix, a computer program, is utilized by the Prosecutor, cities, village  
25 and township and the data from this program has been used to determine a fair cost to be  
26 charged to each participating subdivision; and

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28 WHEREAS, each political subdivision will pay a base rate of \$75.00 per complete case  
29 presented to the Grand Jury, and additional fees of \$30.00 to \$60.00 will be levied for late  
30 and/or incomplete cases, and a yearly 3% cost of living adjustment; and

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32 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all of the pertinent  
33 information, that it is necessary, and in the best interest of this County, to authorize the  
34 Executive to sign the aforementioned intergovernmental agreements for direct indictment  
35 services to be provided by the Prosecutor;

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

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40 SECTION 1

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42 The based on the above-described rates, the amounts to be charged to each political  
43 subdivision participating in the Direct Indictment Program shall not exceed the amounts set  
44 forth below:

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Akron	\$ 386,800.00
Copley	\$10,400.00
Cuyahoga Falls	\$36,100.00
New Franklin	\$4,600.00
Norton	\$6,800.00
Stow	\$18,800.00

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4 SECTION 1 (Continued)

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Tallmadge	\$17,900.00
Twinsburg	\$10,000.00

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7 SECTION 2

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9 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute intergovernmental agreements for Direct  
10 Indictment Services to be provided by the Prosecutor to the above mentioned political  
11 subdivisions already participating at the rates set forth for the period from 1/1/26 to 12/31/26,  
12 with four one-year options to renew at the rates set forth above.

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14 SECTION 3

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16 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency, in the interest of the health, safety and  
17 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
18 authorize the Executive to execute intergovernmental agreements for Direct Indictment Services  
19 to be provided by the Prosecutor to the above mentioned political subdivisions.

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21 SECTION 4

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

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27 SECTION 5

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

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36 INTRODUCED February 9, 2026

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38 ADOPTED March 2, 2026

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40 Signed by:  
*Monique Willis*  
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42 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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44 APPROVED March 2, 2026

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*Gene Shapiro*  
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48 EXECUTIVE

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50 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 3, 2026

Signed by:  
*Erin Dickinson*  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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