

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-132

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE April 27, 2026

COMMITTEE Public Works

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7 **An Amended Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Agreement with the City**  
8 **of Norton, setting forth the scope of duties, manner of performance, and all essential terms**  
9 **and conditions whereby the County shall enforce Part Thirteen of the Codified Ordinances**  
10 **of the County of Summit, entitled “Building Code,” which incorporates the 2019**  
11 **Residential Code of Ohio and the ~~2014~~ 2024 Ohio Building Code, on behalf of and within**  
12 **the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton, located in Council District 7, for the**  
13 **Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services-Division of Building Standards, and**  
14 **declaring an emergency.**  
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16 WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, in the interest of providing building regulations  
17 throughout the State of Ohio, has adopted the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio, which regulates  
18 residential structures, and the ~~2014~~ 2024 Ohio Building Code, which regulates non-residential  
19 structures, to provide uniform standards and requirements relating to the erection, construction,  
20 repair, alteration and maintenance of residential and non-residential buildings within the State of  
21 Ohio; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the County of Summit Division of Building Standards, through Part  
24 Thirteen of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Building Code,”  
25 (hereinafter “County Building Code”) has adopted the residential and non-residential building  
26 regulations which incorporates both the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio and the ~~2014~~ 2024 Ohio  
27 Building Code; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the County of Summit Division of Building Standards has been certified by  
30 the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards to exercise enforcement, inspecting and  
31 permitting authority pursuant to the County Building Code on behalf of and within townships  
32 and certain municipalities throughout the County; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the City of Norton desires to enter into an Agreement with the County of  
35 Summit setting forth the scope of duties, manner of performance and all essential terms and  
36 conditions whereby the County of Summit Division of Building Standards shall enforce the  
37 County Building Code on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton,  
38 and whereby the County of Summit Division of Building Standards shall have authority to (i)  
39 accept and approve plans and specifications for residential and non-residential buildings, (ii)  
40 permit the erection, construction, repair and alteration of residential and non-residential  
41 buildings, (iii) inspect the erection, construction, repair and alteration of residential and non-  
42 residential buildings, (iv) enforce the provisions of the County Building Code as they pertain to  
43 residential and non-residential buildings; and  
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45 WHEREAS, on or about April 20, 2026, the City of Norton enacted Ordinance No. 36-  
46 2026 which authorizes the City of Norton to execute an Agreement to authorize the County of  
47 Summit Division of Building Standards to enforce the County Building Code on behalf of and  
48 within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton; and  
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4 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Ohio Board of Building Standards will grant the  
5 application of the City of Norton for certification of the County of Summit Division of Building  
6 Standards pursuant to Section 3781.10(A) of the Ohio Revised Code to enforce the County  
7 Building Code, on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton and to  
8 exercise all authority under Chapters 3781 and 3791 of the Ohio Revised Code on behalf of the  
9 City of Norton effective on and after May 26, 2026; and

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11 WHEREAS, given the uniformity of both the residential and non-residential building  
12 codes throughout the State of Ohio with the adoption of the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio and  
13 the ~~2014~~ 2024 Ohio Building Code, it will improve governmental efficiency and economy to  
14 consolidate multiple governmental entities performing the same code enforcement functions  
15 within the County; and

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17 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines after reviewing all pertinent information,  
18 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to authorize the Executive to enter into  
19 an Agreement with the City of Norton whereby the County shall enforce the County Building  
20 Code on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton;

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

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25 SECTION 1

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27 The Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the City of Norton  
28 setting forth the scope of duties, manner of performance and all essential terms and conditions  
29 whereby the County of Summit Division of Building Standards shall enforce the County  
30 Building Code on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton, and  
31 whereby the County of Summit Division of Building Standards shall have the authority to (i)  
32 accept and approve plans and specifications for residential and non-residential buildings; (ii)  
33 permit the erection, construction, repair and alteration of residential and non-residential  
34 buildings; (iii) inspect the erection, construction, repair and alteration of residential and non-  
35 residential buildings and (iv) enforce the provisions of the County Building Code as they pertain  
36 to residential and non-residential buildings.

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38 SECTION 2

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40 The Executive is further authorized to execute any other related documents necessary to  
41 allow the County of Summit Division of Building Standards to enforce the County Building  
42 Code on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton.

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44 SECTION 3

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46 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety  
47 and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it will  
48 immediately authorize the Executive to execute said Agreement and allow the County of Summit  
49 Division of Building Standards to begin enforcement of the County Building Code on behalf of  
50 and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton on or before the certification date of  
51 May 26, 2026, as set by the Ohio Board of Building Standards.

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4 SECTION 4

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

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10 SECTION 5

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related  
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in open meeting of this Council, and that all  
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED April 27, 2026

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21 ADOPTED May 11, 2026

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23 Signed by:  
24 Monique Willis  
25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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27 APPROVED May 11, 2026

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29 Signed by:  
30 Steve Shapiro  
31 EXECUTIVE  
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ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 12, 2026

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,  
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,  
McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite