

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-136

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE April 27, 2026

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to sign an Intergovernmental Direct Indictment**
8 **Program Agreement with the City of Barberton, from 5/1/2026 through 12/31/26, with**
9 **four options to renew for an additional one-year term, at the amounts set forth below, for**
10 **the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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21 WHEREAS, the Prosecutor has agreements with the cities of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls,
22 Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg and New Franklin as well as the Village of Norton, and Copley
23 Township for direct indictment services and those agreements expired and pursuant to
24 Resolution No. 2026-038, the final terms of those agreements are being negotiated; and

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

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31 WHEREAS, the City of Barberton, which terminated its Direct Indictment Agreement in
32 January 2025, desires to enter into a new agreement to begin on May 1, 2026; and

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

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

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42 SECTION 1

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

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Barberton	\$12,690.00 (8 of 12 months)
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4 SECTION 2

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6 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the
7 City of Barberton for Direct Indictment Services to be provided by the Prosecutor at the rates
8 set forth above for the period from 5/1/26 to 12/31/26, with four options to renew for a one-year
9 term, at the rates set forth above.

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11 SECTION 3

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency, in the interest of the health, safety and
14 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
15 authorize the Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement for Direct Indictment
16 Services to be provided by the Prosecutor to the City of Barberton.

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18 SECTION 4

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

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24 SECTION 5

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

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33 INTRODUCED April 27, 2026

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35 ADOPTED May 11, 2026

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37 Signed by:
38 Monique Willis

39 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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41 APPROVED May 11, 2026

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43 Signed by:
44 Steve Shapiro

45 EXECUTIVE

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47 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