RESOLUTION NO. 2026-331

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE November 23, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Safety

A Resolution authorizing the rates to be charged to fund the Direct Indictment Program and authorizing the Executive to execute agreements for said services for calendar years 2026 through 2030, at the amounts set forth below, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

WHEREAS, through Resolution Nos. 2026-038 Amended and 2026-136, this Council authorized the Executive to sign intergovernmental agreements with the cities of Akron, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, New Franklin and Norton as well as Copley Township for direct indictment services; and

WHEREAS, additional municipalities wish to join the Direct Indictment Program and it is the intention of the Executive and the Prosecutor to establish a base rate of $75.00 that each political subdivision will pay per complete case presented to the Grand Jury, with additional fees of $30.00 to 60.00 that may be levied for late and/or incomplete cases, with a 3% annual adjustment; and

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

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

SECTION 1

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute intergovernmental agreements for the Prosecutor's Direct Indictment Program and shall charge each political subdivision a base rate of $75.00 per complete case presented to the Grand Jury, with additional fees of $30.00 to 60.00 that may be levied for late and/or incomplete cases, for the years 2026 through 2030, with a 3% annual adjustment as follows:

Year	Base Rate		Additional Fees	
2026	75.00		30.00	60.00
2027	77.25		30.90	61.80
2027	79.57		31.83	63.65
2029	81.96		32.78	65.56
2030	84.42		33.76	67.53

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency, in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and to immediately authorize the Executive to execute intergovernmental agreements for Direct Indictment Services.

SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight 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, which 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 November 23, 2026

ADOPTED _____

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CLERK OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED _____

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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE _____