

1 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-001

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE January 27, 2020

COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **An Ordinance amending Section 169.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of**  
8 **Summit, entitled “Benefit Coverage,” to expressly prohibit fraudulent inclusion of**  
9 **ineligible persons on the County’s health insurance plans and to require repayment of**  
10 **ineligible claims by an employee, for the Executive’s Department of Human Resources, and**  
11 **declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Department of Human Resources-Division of  
14 Employee Benefits administers the County’s health insurance plans; and

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16 WHEREAS, there have been instances where County employees have included ineligible  
17 persons on the County’s health insurance plans, causing the County to incur costs for which it is  
18 not responsible; and

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20 WHEREAS the County wishes to amend Section 169.15 of the Codified Ordinances of  
21 the County of Summit, entitled “Benefit Coverage,” to prevent such occurrences in the future;  
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23 WHEREAS, the County wishes to amend Section 169.15 to declare that an employee that  
24 includes ineligible persons on any of their County health insurance plans has committed fraud for  
25 purposes of employee discipline pursuant to Section 169.20 of the Codified Ordinances of the  
26 County of Summit, entitled “Discipline;” and

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28 WHEREAS, the County further wishes to amend Section 169.15 to require an employee  
29 who includes ineligible persons on any health insurance plans to, upon notice, repay the County  
30 within 30 days for ineligible claims paid; and

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32 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
33 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to amend Section 169.15 for the  
34 aforementioned purposes;

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

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39 SECTION 1

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41 Section 169.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Benefit  
42 Coverage,” is hereby amended as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein  
43 by reference.

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45 SECTION 2

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47 This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
48 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
49 prevent the fraudulent inclusion of ineligible persons on the County’s health insurance plans.

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4 SECTION 3

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6 Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of 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 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating  
13 to the adoption of the Ordinance were adopted in an 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.

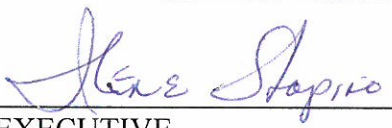
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19 INTRODUCED January 6, 2020

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21 ADOPTED January 27, 2020

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

26 APPROVED January 28, 2020

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30 EXECUTIVE

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32 ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 28, 2020

Voice Vote: YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,  
McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite