

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-195

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE June 27, 2022

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute, a Cooperative Agreement with the City of**  
8 **Akron, the University of Akron, and the City of Fairlawn (the “Cooperative Parties”),**  
9 **whereby the County will serve as the fiscal agent for the Cooperative Parties and will design**  
10 **and construct a public safety monitoring network (the “Project”), and any other necessary**  
11 **documents, in Council District 4, for the Executive’s Department of Public Safety and**  
12 **declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, in 2018, the County, the University of Akron and the City of Akron began  
15 discussing ways to reduce crime and provide for student safety in the neighborhood located south of  
16 the University, including, Exchange St., to the north, Grant St., to the west, Thornton St., to the south  
17 and Spicer St., to the east (“South of Exchange Neighborhood”); and

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19 WHEREAS, since that time, there has been a significant increase in gun violence throughout  
20 the City of Akron causing leaders from the City of Akron and the County to analyze strategies and  
21 technology to help policing agencies and neighborhood groups to work together to identify and  
22 report incidents of violence; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Parties agree to share in the cost of the Project for a two year  
25 period (“Pilot Period”), during which time they will design and construct a public safety monitoring  
26 network, work together to monitor the network, engage the businesses and residents residing in the  
27 South of Exchange Neighborhood, gather data to validate the impact of the Project and report the  
28 results of the Project to the community at large. The Project will include a community-based policing  
29 component to include residents in a neighborhood watch, designed to improve resident safety and  
30 providing transparency to how the system is used; and

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32 WHEREAS, the County desires to invest a portion of the \$105 million it has received in State  
33 and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, which amended Title VI of  
34 the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 801, et seq. to create Section 603 (“ARPA” and the funds received  
35 by the County being the “ARPA Funds”) to be used pursuant to the ARPA and the Final Rule  
36 adopted by the Department of Treasury, to construct a public safety monitoring network in the areas  
37 of Grant, Thornton, Exchange and Brown Streets, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4  
38 to improve safety; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council previously approve Resolution 2022-125, authorizing the  
41 Executive to advertise for bids for the Public Safety Monitoring Project, located in the City of Akron,  
42 in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,445,000.00

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44 WHEREAS, the Cooperative Parties have agreed to share in the cost of the project with each  
45 Party contributing the following amounts: \$735,000.00 from the City of Akron; \$705,000.00 from  
46 the County; and \$805,000.00 from the University of Akron; and

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48 WHEREAS, upon completion of the construction of the Project the Cooperative Parties  
49 contemplate that the City of Akron will own the camera network and operating system and the poles  
50 on which cameras are located, all of which will be connected by a fiber network owned by the City  
51 of Fairlawn through Fairlawn GIG, and which will generate data that the University of Akron,  
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4 through its Criminal Justice Studies Department, will provide analysis to determine the effectiveness  
5 of the Project; and

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7 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that  
8 it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County Executive to  
9 execute the Cooperative Agreement, and other agreements necessary to complete the Project;

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

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14 SECTION 1

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16 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement in substantially the  
17 same form as is attached hereto, along with any other agreements necessary to effectuate the Project,  
18 as set forth above.

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20 SECTION 2

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
23 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately authorize  
24 the Executive to execute the Cooperative Agreement and all other agreements set forth above to  
25 complete the Project in an expeditious manner.

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27 SECTION 3

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

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33 SECTION 4

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

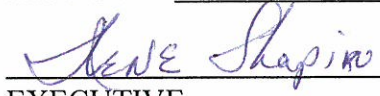
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41 INTRODUCED June 13, 2022

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43 ADOPTED June 27, 2022

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46 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
47 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

48 APPROVED June 28, 2022

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51 EXECUTIVE

June 28, 2022  
52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote - YES: 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite