

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2012-0028

<b>Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Public Safety and Justice Services/Division of Information Technology</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> authorizing the renaming of the Cuyahoga Regional Information System (CRIS) Advisory Board to the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board; authorizing said Board to establish and amend its bylaws to comply with mandates of the Ohio Revised Code and to update membership of the Board; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6.03 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that “any board or commission of the County and any joint board or commission in which the County is a participant that is in existence when this Charter becomes effective, but not provided for in this Charter, shall continue to exist until reorganized or discontinued by action of Council, unless its continuance is required by general law;” and,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(2) of the Cuyahoga County Charter vests the Cuyahoga County Council with the power “to establish departments, and divisions and sections within departments, under the supervision of the County Executive, and such boards, agencies, commissions, and authorities, in addition to or as part of those provided for in this Charter, as the Council determines to be necessary for the efficient administration of the County;” and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Regional Information System (CRIS) Advisory Board was originally established by Resolution of the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners in 1976 as part of a requirement of an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland for a Law Enforcement Action Project Grant. This grant required the development of a steering committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Resolution was subsequently amended under Resolution No. 986313 on December 24, 1979, providing for additional members in the steering committee and formally naming it the CRIS Advisory Board; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the entity was to set standards for the operation and management of the computer application system, personnel decisions for employees using the CRIS system, and maintaining conformity with applicable guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, CRIS’s stated mission is to offer high availability architecture to all public safety clients, while embracing current and new technologies in the public safety

field, and maintaining an exceptional level of customer service and availability to all clients; and,

WHEREAS, CRIS is an independent advisory board that operates through its bylaws that are consistent with its stated mission and purpose, ORC 2949.093, and not inconsistent with general law; and,

WHEREAS, CRIS is a public body subject to the Ohio Open Meetings Law consistent with ORC 121.22; and,

WHEREAS, in January of 2012, the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga Regional Information System (CRIS) Advisory Board, prepared a strategic plan that included renaming of the agency, an update to the bylaws and board membership, and to incorporate new governmental changes in compliance with the new County Charter; and,

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the elements of the strategic plan, the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga Regional Information System (CRIS) Advisory Board has requested that the bylaws be amended, to include a change to the name of the entity to the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board, and to update the membership of the board; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by this Cuyahoga County advisory board can continue without interruption or delay.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** This Council hereby authorizes the bylaws be amended to include the renaming of the entity from the Cuyahoga Regional Information System (CRIS) Advisory Board to the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board, and to update the membership of the Board.

**SECTION 2.** The Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board is an independent advisory board with the ability and authority to establish and amend its bylaws that are consistent with its stated mission and purpose, the mandates of ORC 2949.093, and not inconsistent with general law. Any amendment to the bylaws that alter the membership of the board shall require the approval of the County Executive.

**SECTION 3.** The Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board is acknowledged to be a public body subject to the open meetings laws as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 121.22.

**SECTION 4.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order to continue the critical services provided by this Advisory Board without interruption or delay. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight

members of Council, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 5.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that 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.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan and Connally

Nays: None

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County Council President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 11, 2012  
Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety

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