

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2013-0010

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/ Department of Public Safety and Justice Services and Councilmember Gallagher	An Ordinance establishing the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund and Review Committee for the purpose of supporting communities in consolidating their 9-1-1 dispatch centers, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that Council may “cooperate or join by contract with any municipality, county, state or political subdivision or agency thereof, for the planning, development, construction, acquisition or operation of any public improvement or facility, or for providing a common service, and to provide the terms upon which the county shall perform any of the services or functions of any other county or any municipality or other political subdivision. In furtherance of such intergovernmental cooperation, the council may provide for grants or loans to other political subdivisions and public agencies;” and,

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.03 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that the Executive may “advocate for and promote cooperation and collaboration with other political subdivisions;” and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to promote and support improved safety services and economic efficiency throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently 45 dispatch centers, called Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), which is the largest number of PSAPs among the 88 counties in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is currently working to develop a plan to encourage PSAP consolidation statewide; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to establish the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund for the purpose of supporting communities in consolidating their 9-1-1 dispatch centers; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County agency and in order to retain secured financing and project completion.

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

SECTION 1. Section 204.03(D) and Chapter 708 of the Cuyahoga County Code are hereby enacted as follows:

Section 204.03(D) 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund Review Committee

There is hereby created a three-member Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund Review Committee consisting of the Cuyahoga County Council President or his/her designee and two appointees by the Cuyahoga County Executive. The Committee shall be responsible for determining all eligibility and application requirements. The Committee shall perform all acts delegated to it under the Cuyahoga County Code, and it shall observe the County's Open Meeting requirements in so doing.

Chapter 708: Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund

708.01 Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund

There is hereby created the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund to support communities in consolidating their 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points, called dispatch centers; operate their dispatch centers more efficiently; and more effectively deliver public safety services.

708.02 Review and Award

All applications to the 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund shall be reviewed by the 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund Review Committee for a recommendation of award. Any award recommendations by the 9-1-1 Consolidation Shared Services Fund Review Committee, regardless of monetary threshold, shall be subject to adoption by County Council.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. 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

