

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2013-0023

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Gallagher</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenspan and Miller</p>	<p>An Ordinance amending Chapter 701 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding Section 701.05 to establish a policy for a more consistent approach to compensation including any pay rate adjustments, cost of living adjustments, and/or merit pay awards to all or a significant part of its non-bargaining employees as part of the biennial budget process or throughout the year.</p>
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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.03(9) requires the County Executive to submit to the County Council prior to the beginning of each biennium, a proposed operating budget for the upcoming biennium; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.03(9)(B) requires the County Executive to submit as part of the biennium budget a statement of proposed expenditures, shown by department, office, agency, authority, board and commission, and by activity, character and object; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09 (5) empowers the County Council to adopt and amend the biennial operating budget and to make appropriations for the County; and

WHEREAS, on a biennial basis all departments, offices, agencies, authorities, and boards and commissions come before the County Council to present their upcoming biennial budget and have the opportunity to request any additional appropriation for any unbudgeted expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to receive notification prior to the expenditure of funds for any unbudgeted items to ensure County funds are not used for any unintended purpose.

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

SECTION 1: The Cuyahoga County Council hereby amends Chapter 701 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding Section 701.05 to establish a policy for a more consistent approach to compensation including any pay rate adjustments, cost of

living adjustments, and/or merit pay awards to all or a significant part of its non-bargaining employees as part of the biennial budget process or throughout the year to read as follows:

SECTION 701.05: Advance Notice of Proposed Compensation Changes

A. In order to provide for a more consistent approach to compensation and benefits for County employees, the County’s policy shall be to request any Cuyahoga County department, office, agency, court, board, commission or other authority to which biennial budget appropriations are made provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Clerk of Council of any planned pay rate adjustments, cost of living adjustments, and/or merit pay awards applicable to all or a significant part of its non-bargaining employees. This provision shall not apply to any such adjustments and/or awards that have been specifically provided for in the biennial budget then in effect.

SECTION 2. 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. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Greenspan, Miller, Germana, Gallagher and Brady

Nays: Simon

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County Council Vice-President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 22, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Finance & Budgeting

Additional Sponsorship Requested: November 19, 2013

Committee Report/Second Reading: June 10, 2014

Third Reading: June 24, 2014

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