

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2017-0008

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish/Public Safety and Justice Services</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> amending Section 202.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code to modify the divisions and sections of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Section 202.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code sets forth the establishment and duties of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, the amendment proposed is designed to clarify the divisions and sections of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services; 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 entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 202.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are bolded and underlined, deletions are stricken):

- A. The Department of Public Safety and Justice Services is hereby officially established, and it shall be its own appointing authority pursuant to Section 9.04 of the Cuyahoga County Charter.
- B. The duties functions, and employees of the former Department of Justice Affairs, which has historically operated as its own department, are hereby incorporated into the herein established Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. The Department of Public Safety and Justice Services shall contain the following divisions ~~and sections~~:

- 1. ~~Public Safety & Justice Services Administration,~~
- 2. ~~Public Safety Grants~~ **Fiscal and Grant Services**
- 3. ~~Information Technology, containing the Cuyahoga Regional Information System section~~ **Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System (CECOMS)**

4. ~~Office of Emergency Management, containing the Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System section,~~
5. ~~Witness/ Victim Services, and~~
6. ~~Mediation.~~

**In addition to the duties and activities carried out by its divisions, the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services may enter into a partnership with a non-county agency, through agreement or memorandum of understanding, to establish ongoing programs or operations that further the mission and goals of the Department.**

- C. The specific goals, duties, and activities of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services and its divisions shall be further determined by the County Executive who shall employ and supervise a Director and such number of deputies, assistants, and employees as shall be reasonably necessary in carrying out the duties of the new Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. Nothing in Section 202.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code is intended to limit the ability of the County Executive and the Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services to abolish positions for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency of operations or for any other reason permitted by general law.

**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 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: Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron and Brady

Nays: None

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County Council President

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Date

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County Executive

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Date

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Deputy Clerk of Council

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Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: December 12, 2017

Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

Legislation retained per Resolution No. R2018-0260: December 11, 2018

Legislation Substituted in Committee: February 19, 2019

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