

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2020-0006

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish and Council President Brady</b>  Co-sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Conwell</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> amending County Code Section 501.08 Emergency Contracting Authority, declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the life, safety, and welfare of the residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as members of the community have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is imminent. The resulting impact of the disease on Cuyahoga County residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the spread of COVID-19, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish declared a State of Emergency within Cuyahoga County on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is committed to the health and well-being of its employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, the life, safety, and welfare of residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease (COVID 19); and County Executive Budish has issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency for Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, due to the emergency conditions detailed in the Declaration of a State of Emergency for Cuyahoga County, the need for flexibility and speed in entering contracts or leases or make necessary purchases, it has become necessary to amend the terms of the County's Emergency Contracting Authority; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the County's Emergency Contracting Authority are necessary to protect the life, safety, and welfare of the County's citizens

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become 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 501.08 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended as follows (additions are marked in bold and underline):

Section 501.08 Emergency Contracting Authority

A. In an emergency which threatens the life, health, or property in the County, as declared and determined by the County Executive, and in which official action is needed prior to when a meeting of the County Council or the Board of Control could take place:

- 1. the County Executive, **or their designee, is authorized to** ~~may~~ enter into contracts or leases or make purchases not to exceed \$500,000.00 for any one emergency event, without obtaining the approval of the County Council or the Board of Control;
- 2. **the County Executive, or their designee, is authorized to enter into contracts or leases or make purchases in excess of \$500,000.00 for any one emergency event, without obtaining the approval of the County Council or the Board of Control, provided same is otherwise approved by the President of Council, or their designee.**

Whenever this power is exercised, the County Executive shall immediately **or as soon as practicable,** send a report to County Council and post the report on the county's website, describing the nature of the emergency, the actions taken, and the estimated cost and sources of funding for the actions taken.

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 Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Brown, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon 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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Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: March 16, 2020

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