

ARTICLE I--CORPORATE POWERS, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION 1.01 NAME, BOUNDARIES AND POWERS.

The County of Cuyahoga, as its limits now are, or hereafter may be, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name of County of Cuyahoga with all the rights granted by this Charter and by general law.

The County is responsible within its boundaries for the exercise of all powers vested in and the performance of all duties imposed upon counties and county officers by law. In addition, the County may exercise all powers specifically conferred by this Charter or incidental to powers specifically conferred by this Charter and all other powers that the Constitution and laws of Ohio now or hereafter grant to counties to exercise or do not prohibit counties from exercising, including the concurrent exercise by the County of all or any powers vested in municipalities by the Ohio Constitution or by general law.

All such powers shall be exercised and enforced in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or, when not prescribed herein, in such manner as may be provided by ordinance or resolution of the Council. When not prescribed by the Charter or amendments hereto or by ordinance or resolution, such powers shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by general law.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

SECTION 1.02 POWERS LIMITED.

This Charter does not empower the County to exercise exclusively any municipal powers nor to provide for the succession by the County to any property or obligation of any municipality or township without the consent of the legislative authority of such municipality or township. In case of conflict between the exercise of powers granted by this Charter and the exercise of powers by municipalities or townships granted by the Constitution or general law, the exercise of powers by the municipality or township shall prevail. The County shall have power to levy only those taxes that counties are by general law authorized to levy.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

SECTION 1.03 CONSTRUCTION.

The powers of the County under this Charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the County, and the specific mention of particular powers in this Charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers granted under this Charter. The rules for statutory construction contained in the Ohio Revised Code shall govern the interpretation of the provisions of this Charter.

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