

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2011-0025

Sponsored by: <b>Miller and Greenspan</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> establishing additional criteria for the Council Districting Commission to use for the purpose of drawing district boundaries, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 4, Subsection 3 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that with regard to redistricting of County Council districts, the County Council "may establish additional criteria for the Council Districting Commission to use for the purpose of drawing district boundaries, in order to achieve a government that is effective, efficient, and at the same time, accountable, responsive, and fairly representative, as long as such criteria do not conflict with the Constitution of the United State of America, the Constitution of the State of Ohio and applicable federal or state law"; and

WHEREAS, ensuring consistency in the system for numbering County Council Districts would insure clarity in determining the schedule for conducting elections for member of County Council in the various districts, thus contributing to an efficient election system that is fairly representative.

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

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to Article 3, Section 4, Subsection 3 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, which provides that with regard to redistricting of County Council districts, the County Council may establish additional criteria for the Council Districting Commission to use for the purpose of drawing district boundaries, the County Council hereby establishes the following additional criterion:

After the Council Districting Commission has determined new County Council districts, the Commission shall provide district numbers for the new council districts so that that the largest possible number of new districts have the same district number as the former district having the largest number of residents in the new district.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the reason that this ordinance relates to a redistricting process that is already underway. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, it shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the

County Executive, or if not signed by the Executive, within ten (10) days of its submission pursuant to Article 3, Section 8 of the County Charter.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this County Council meeting relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the County Council and that all deliberations of this County Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions took place 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. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Connally

Nays: None

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County Council President

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Date

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County Executive

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Clerk of Council

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First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 24, 2011

Committee(s) Assigned: Rules, Charter Review, Ethics & Council Operations

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: June 14, 2011

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