

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2011-0051

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive FitzGerald</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> establishing the Department of Communications, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Charter Section 3.09, subsection 2, gives Cuyahoga County Council the authority “[t]o establish departments, and divisions and sections within departments, under the supervision of the County Executive, and such boards, agencies, commissions, and authorities, in addition to or as part of those provided for in this Charter, as the Council determines to be necessary for the efficient administration of the County;” and,

WHEREAS, formally establishing a Department of Communications will enable the County to more efficiently and effectively communicate with the public, employees and the media; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the creation of a Department of Communications is necessary for the efficient administration of the County; and,

WHEREAS, this Council determines that 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 Department.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Communications is hereby officially established, and it shall be its own appointing authority pursuant to Section 9.04 of the Cuyahoga County Charter.

**SECTION 2.** The specific goals, duties, and other communications-related activities of the Department of Communications 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 Department of Communications. Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to limit the ability of the County Executive and the Director of the Department of Communications to abolish positions for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency of operations or for any other reason permitted by general law.

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services being provided by Cuyahoga County can continue without interruption, and to continue the usual daily operation of the County. Provided that

this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

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

Nays: None

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County Council President

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County Executive

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Clerk of Council

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First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 25, 2011

Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

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