

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2012-0012

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmembers Germana and Miller	An Ordinance establishing the Department of Information Technology under the direction of a Chief Information Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, 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 Information Technology will enable the County to operate more efficiently and effectively, by coordinating and consolidating information technology operations under the direction of a Chief Information Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the creation of a Department of Information Technology 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 Information Technology is hereby officially established, and, for the specific purposes stated in Section 9.04 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, shall be its own appointing authority.

SECTION 2. The powers and duties of the former Automatic Data Processing Board and Data Information Center shall be transferred to the Department of Information Technology. All property, records, and equipment of the Automatic Data Processing Board and Data Information Services Center shall be transferred to the Department of Information Technology.

SECTION 3. Unless otherwise specified herein or by a future County ordinance, the Department of Information Technology shall coordinate the use of all automatic or electronic data processing or record-keeping equipment, software, computer hardware, information technology and/or information technology services in use by the various Cuyahoga County government offices, departments, agencies, boards and commissions that are under the jurisdiction of the Charter. All contracts for automatic or electronic data processing or record-keeping equipment, software, computer hardware, information technology and/or information technology services shall be presented to the Department of Information Technology for review and approval prior to presentation to the appropriate authority, as determined by ordinance of Council, for final approval of contracts.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 3 above, nothing in this Ordinance is intended to be construed to place the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (“REDSS”) or the REDSS Advisory Board under the purview of the Department of Information Technology.

SECTION 5. The specific goals, duties, and other related activities of the Department of Information Technology shall be determined by a director known as the “Chief Information Officer” who shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and who, with the approval of the County Executive pursuant to Charter Section 2.03(1), shall employ and supervise such number of deputies, assistants, and employees as shall be reasonably necessary to carrying out the duties of the Department of Information Technology and such other persons as are specifically designated by the Charter or by ordinance to exercise the functions of the Department of Information Technology as specified herein.

SECTION 6. The Department of Information Technology shall be comprised of the staff of the Chief Information Officer and the following divisions: Human Services Applications, Justice Services Applications, Enterprise Services Applications, and Infrastructure Operations. Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to limit the ability of the County Executive and the Chief Information Officer to abolish positions for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency of operations or for any other reason permitted by general law.

SECTION 7. Under the direction of the Chief Information Officer, there shall be a Technical Advisory Committee (**“TAC”**), whose membership shall consist of the major service areas of the County of Cuyahoga as determined by the Chief Information Officer, **including a representative of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, a representative of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and a representative of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor.** ~~and who~~ **The TAC** shall provide input into the determination of information technology standards and procurement.

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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. Schron, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

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

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 8, 2012

Committee(s) Assigned: Finance & Budgeting

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