

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2014-0023

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Simon and Miller	An Ordinance amending Chapter 202 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding Section 202.18 to establish a Department of Sustainability and to provide for the powers and duties of the Director of Sustainability.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Connally, Brady, Germana, Conwell and Hairston	

WHEREAS, Section 3.09(2) of the Charter of Cuyahoga County grants Council the power to 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 the Charter, as the Council determines to be necessary for the efficient administration of the County; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County declares that the County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of Cuyahoga County has determined that the creation of a County Department of Sustainability is necessary for the economic well-being and prosperity of the residents of Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of Cuyahoga County has determined that the creation of a County Department of Sustainability furthers the fundamental government purpose of job creation and economic growth, and contributes to the County's long-term regional and global competitiveness; and,

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

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

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby amends Chapter 202 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding Section 202.18 to establish a Department of Sustainability and provide for the powers and duties of the Director of Sustainability to read as follows:

Section 202.18: Department of Sustainability

A. The Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability

1. There is hereby established the Department of Sustainability for Cuyahoga County under the supervision of the County Executive and the Director of Sustainability. The Department shall be its own appointing authority pursuant to the County Charter and County Code.
2. The Department of Sustainability shall have the following functions:
 - a. Promoting environmentally sustainable business practices in the internal operations of the County;
 - b. Collaborating with businesses, non-profit organizations, political subdivisions and government agencies including but not limited to municipalities, schools and universities to develop programs incorporating environmentally sustainable methods into accepted practice;
 - c. Promoting economic development to support businesses that provide environmentally sustainable goods and services;
 - d. Educating the public about environmentally sustainable practices;
 - e. Advising, when requested, the County Executive and the County Council on policies and programs related to environmental sustainability; and
 - f. Coordinate and collaborate with other directors and departments to achieve operational efficiencies and to eliminate redundancy within County government.

B. The Director of Sustainability

1. There shall be a Director of Sustainability who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council. The Director of Sustainability shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and shall lead the Department of Sustainability. The Director of Sustainability shall possess the following qualifications:
 - a. demonstrated knowledge of county, state, and federal environmental regulation;
 - b. experience in the finance and administration of public or private-sector sustainability projects; and
 - c. experience establishing collaborative relationships with business, non-profit and public entities.

2. The Director of Sustainability shall be responsible for fulfilling the duties of the Department of Sustainability and may employ such number of deputies, assistants, and employees as s/he determines to be reasonably necessary to assist him/her in carrying out his/her powers and duties and as is consistent with approved budgetary parameters determined by Council.

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. Simon, seconded by Mr. Hairston, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

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

Nays: None

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County Council President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 12, 2014
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested: September 24, 2014

Additional Sponsorship Requested: October 1, 2014

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