

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2021-0010

Sponsored by: **Councilmembers  
Miller and Sweeney**

**An Ordinance** providing for modifications to and adoption of the General Fund Reserve Ordinance and the Health and Human Services Levy Fund Reserve Ordinance; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Section 706.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code establishes the General Fund Reserve which sets forth such reserve to be twenty-five percent (25%) of the current fiscal year's General Fund ongoing budgeted operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 707.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code establishes the Health and Human Services Levy Fund Reserve which sets forth such reserve to be ten percent (10%) of the current fiscal year's Health and Human Services Levy Fund ongoing budgeted operating expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the County Council endeavors to set policies and frameworks for the exercise of prudent fiscal management of the County budget and reserves; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has reviewed Sections 706.01 and 707.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code and has determined that various amendments are required; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that these Ordinances 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 entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** Sections 706.01 and 707.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code are hereby amended as follows (deletions are stricken, additions are bold and underlined):

~~Section 706.01 General Fund Reserve Established~~

~~The County Council hereby establishes twenty-five percent (25%) of the current fiscal year's General Fund ongoing budgeted operating expenditures as a General Fund, fund balance reserve.~~

**Section 706.01 General Fund Reserve Policy**

**Cuyahoga County shall maintain a General Fund Reserve Balance of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the prior year's actual General Fund expenditures. Capital expenditures paid for from the General Fund shall be included as expenditures only to the extent of \$10 million. Expenditures, normally paid for from the General fund, that are instead paid for from a special one-time revenue source, to the extent that they exceed \$10 million, shall be included as General Fund expenditures. The Fiscal Officer shall calculate the General Fund Reserve requirement and publish it annually as part of the Results of Operations Report. Designation of a possible future expenditure as a "reserve on balance" shall not be considered an obligation which must be subtracted from the cash balance to determine available reserves.**

~~Section 707.01 Health and Human Services Levy Fund Reserve~~

~~The County Council hereby establishes ten percent (10%) of the current fiscal year's Health and Human Services Levy Fund ongoing budgeted operating expenditures as a Health and Human Services Levy Fund, fund balance reserve except that the Health and Human Services Levy Fund, fund balance reserve shall be fifteen percent (15%) through December 31, 2013.~~

**Section 707.01 Health and Human Services Levy Reserve Policy**

**Cuyahoga County shall maintain a Health and Human Services Levy Fund Reserve of at least ten percent (10%) of the prior year's actual Health and Human Services Levy Fund expenditures. Any expenditures, normally paid for by the Health and Human Services Levy Fund, that are instead paid for by a special one-time revenue source, to the extent that they exceed \$10 million, shall be included as Health and Human Services Levy Fund expenditures. The Fiscal Officer shall calculate the Health and Human Services Reserve requirement and publish it annually as part of the Results of Operations Report. Designation of a possible future expenditure as a "reserve on balance" shall not be considered an obligation which must be subtracted from the cash balance to determine available reserves.**

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least

eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 3.** 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 Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Tuma, Gallagher, Conwell, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Sweeney and Jones

Nays: None

  
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County Council President

7/8/21  
Date

  
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County Executive

7-8-21  
Date

  
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Clerk of Council

7/8/21  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 25, 2021

Committee(s) Assigned: Finance and Budgeting

Committee Report/Second Reading: June 22, 2021

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