County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2017-0167

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Brady, Tuma, Miller, Schron, Gallagher, Brown and Hairston

Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Baker, Jones and Simon

A Resolution authorizing the Veterans Service Commission to issue Ohio veterans identification cards to qualified individuals, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Section 317.241 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that County Council “may by resolution allow the county recorder or county veterans service office to issue Ohio veterans identification cards to individuals” who meet specified requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5.02 provides that the Fiscal Officer “shall exercise all powers and perform all duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed by general law upon county auditors and county recorders and the powers and duties of the clerk of court of common pleas other than those powers and duties related to serving the operation of the courts, and such other powers and duties not inconsistent therewith as provided herein or by ordinance;” and,

WHEREAS, commencing in July, 2013, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer has provided veterans identification cards to Cuyahoga County Veterans; and,

WHEREAS Section 317.241 of the Ohio Revised Code further provides that “[a] county recorder or county veterans service office who has in operation, before the effective date of this section, a program to issue veterans identification cards may continue to issue veterans identification cards without a resolution of the board of county commissioners, if the county recorder or county veterans service office conforms the program, as necessary, so that it otherwise is in compliance with this section;” and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission now seeks to issue veterans identification cards at no cost to Cuyahoga County veterans; and,

WHEREAS, veterans identification cards provide military veterans proof of their veteran status in lieu of their DD214 military discharge papers when applying for services, benefits, or discounts; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution 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 RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission to issue Ohio veterans identification cards to individuals who meet the requirements provided in Section 317.241 of the Ohio Revised Code. Such identification cards shall be provided at no fee.

SECTION 2. The Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer’s existing program to issue veterans identifications cards may continue in conformance with Section 317.241 of the Ohio Revised Code and with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution 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 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. Brady, seconded by Ms. Brown, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yea: Hairston, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Brady

Nay: None

[Signatures]

County Council President

County Executive

10-11-17

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Committee(s) Assigned: Finance & Budgeting

Additional Sponsorship Requested: October 2, 2017

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