

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2020-0249

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	A Resolution awarding a sum, not to exceed \$85,000.00 to the City of South Euclid, Ohio to establish, operate, and report findings of a pilot program to humanely manage overabundant deer population in the densely populated City of South Euclid, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the management of the growing population of white-tailed deer has become a major safety and lifestyle issue in major urban and suburban areas in the State of Ohio, including Cuyahoga County and the City of South Euclid, with increases in the number of deer-motor vehicle accidents, over-browsing of native and ornamental vegetation, and heightened community concerns; and

WHEREAS, as a largely developed county, allowing private hunting of white-tailed deer in Cuyahoga County is not a safe management tool for the stabilization of the local deer population; and

WHEREAS, several communities in Cuyahoga County have hired “sharpshooters” to kill deer in their communities, while spending critical public funds, with little or no impact on the size of the deer population, no significant reduction in the number of deer/motor vehicle accidents, and no noticeable reduction in the over-browsing of local vegetation; and

WHEREAS, recent efforts have developed safe and effective wildlife contraceptive methods to decrease the fertility of the white-tailed deer population, and correspondingly, reduce the negative impacts associated with an overabundance of local deer; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Euclid recently conducted a Resident Survey, which showed widespread support for the City to undertake non-lethal methods to reduce the size of the deer population within its corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Euclid is desirous of utilizing humane methods to reduce the deer population in its city, while protecting the safety of its residents and protecting its natural habitat; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County joins with the City of South Euclid in seeking those admiral goals and is supportive of providing funding for this pilot program with the hope that successful outcomes can be a model for other communities in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that the City of South Euclid may undertake all efforts to implement a non-lethal, humane program to reduce the population of deer in its boundaries.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a sum, not to exceed \$85,000.00 to the City of South Euclid, Ohio to develop, operate and report the findings of a pilot program to humanely manage the overabundant deer population living within its city boundaries.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution 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 Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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 Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

Daniel Brady

12/8/2020

County Council President

Date

Annexa Buish

12/8/2020

County Executive

Date

Andrica Richardson

12/8/2020

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 24, 2020
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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[Clerk's Note: Electronic signatures affixed in accordance with Cuyahoga County Code Chapter 110]