

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2017-0002

Sponsored by: Councilmember Hairston	An Ordinance amending Section 501.15 of the Cuyahoga County Code to require entities contracting with the County to provide preschool, daycare, or out-of-school time services for children to prohibit firearms in facilities used for such services; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Miller	

WHEREAS, Section 3.09(4) of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that the legislative power of the County is vested in the Council to include the power to “establish procedures governing the making of County contracts;” and

WHEREAS, Section 501.15 of the Cuyahoga County Code requires certain certifications for contractors that enter into contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Senate Bill 199 allows individuals who are licensed to carry concealed firearms to bring concealed firearms into daycares unless those facilities prohibit firearms in their facilities; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has determined that it is beneficial to the health and safety of children in the County to require the prohibition of concealed firearms in facilities that contract with the County to provide certain services to children; and

WHEREAS, the amendments proposed are designed to support safer environments for children in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, 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 entity.

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

SECTION 1. Section 501.15 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to add Section 501.15(A)(14) to read as follows:

14. shall, if performing a contract to provide preschool, daycare, out-of-school time, and/or placement and foster care services for

children, maintain a gun-free environment by taking necessary measures to prohibit firearms in facilities used for such services.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the 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 _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 23, 2017

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: May 23, 2017

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