

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the services provided by a public defender are essential to ensuring a fair and equitable justice system, as it guarantees that a person's financial status does not determine their access to legal protection; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a non-profit organization established pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 120-1 of the Ohio Administrative Code, provides "public defender" services in Summit County and in the Stow Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the state treasury maintains the indigent defense support fund to subsidize and help county and local governments with the expenses incurred by a public defender; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to contract for public defender services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract with the Legal Defender's Office of Summit County, Inc. and the County of Summit, Ohio for public legal defender services during 2026, retroactively effective as of January 1, 2026.

Section 2. That Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of life, property, public health, safety, public peace, and the general welfare of the City and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to enter this agreement in a timely fashion due to market and offer conditions; wherefore, this legislation shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage, provided it receives five (5) affirmative votes of members of Council, except that six (6) affirmative votes are required if all members are present; otherwise it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

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Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-43 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council