

**RESOLUTION NO. 181-17**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION SO AS TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Medina, Ohio, is required to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with serious offenses and loss of liberty offenses in the Medina Municipal Court pursuant to the State of Ohio Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Medina, Ohio, desires that legal services be delivered to the City's indigent citizens and others so situated; and

**WHEREAS:** Ordinance 135-11, passed September 27, 2011 authorizing agreements to provide the aforesaid legal services; and

**WHEREAS:** Section 3.2 of the contract states that the contract may be extended by one year upon passage of a Resolution which will then be forwarded to the Ohio Public Defender's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:**

**SEC. 1:** That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into agreements with the Medina County Commissioners and the Medina County Public Defender Commission so as to provide for the appointment of legal counsel to defend indigent persons charged with a serious violation of the City's ordinances;

**SEC. 2:** That the contract is hereby extended until December 31, 2018.

**SEC. 3:** That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Medina County Public Defender's Office.

**SEC. 5:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

**SEC. 6:** That this Resolution shall be considered an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, and for the further reason that indigent citizens and others so situated shall immediately be afforded their constitutional right to counsel; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage and upon signature by the Mayor.

**PASSED:** December 11, 2017

**SIGNED:** John M. Coyne, III  
President of Council

**ATTEST:** Kathy Patton  
Clerk of Council

**APPROVED:** December 12, 2017

**SIGNED:** Dennis Hanwell  
Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 181-17 as duly published by title only in the *Medina County Gazette* on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, and the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

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Clerk of Council