

REQUESTED BY:
GREATHOUSE

LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0369

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WARREN, TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023 WITH THE TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING, DURING THE YEAR 2023, LEGAL REPRESENTATION, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO QUALIFYING INDIGENT DEFENDANTS CHARGED IN THE WARREN MUNICIPAL COURT WITH VIOLATIONS OF WARREN CITY ORDINANCES WHERE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF INCARCERATION AND THE LEGAL RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION HAS NOT BEEN WAIVED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 13227/2023

WHEREAS, the City Of Warren recognizes its responsibility under the laws of the State of Ohio and of the United States of America to provide legal counsel to an indigent person charged with a violation of a Warren City Ordinance for which the penalty or any possible adjudication includes the potential loss of liberty; and

WHEREAS, Trumbull County has adopted a program whereby the County Commissioners have contracted with the State to provide indigent defense services in the County of Trumbull, by and through the Public Defender's office; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 120.14 and Section 120.16, may enter into a contract with a municipal corporation whereby the County provides legal representation to indigent adults charged with violations of Ordinances of a municipal corporation for which the penalties or possible adjudication include the potential loss of liberty, and under which the municipal corporation shall pay the County for these services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren deems it in its best interests to meet the requirements of the law that qualifying indigent Defendants appearing before the Municipal Court of Warren be represented by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety are authorized to enter for and on behalf of the City of Warren to enter into a one-year agreement for the year 2022 with the Trumbull County Commissioners for the purpose of providing, during the year 2022, legal representation, through the office of the Public Defender, to qualifying indigent defendants in the Warren Municipal Court with violations of Warren City Ordinances where there is a possibility of incarceration and the legal right to representation as not been waived; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 agreement provided that it may be renewed for a one-year term (i.e. 2022), upon Resolution or Ordinance of this Council and approval of the Trumbull County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to authorize the said agreement for said services for the year 2023; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety be, and hereby are, authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Warren to enter into a one-year agreement for the year 2022 with the Trumbull County Commissioners for the purpose of providing, during the year 2022, legal representation, through the office of the Public Defender, to qualifying indigent defendants charged in the Warren Municipal Court with violations or Warren City Ordinances where there is a possibility of incarceration and the legal right to representation has not been waived.

Section 2: That the funds for payment of said agreement shall come from Account Number 100-250-533-900 Legal Fees.

Section 3: That the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to disburse said funds upon receipt of proper vouchers, signed by the proper person, for the stated purpose and for no other purpose.

Section 4: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare, and safety, and for the further reason that the agreement needs to be in effect without undue delay for 2023. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 12TH day of April, 2023.

SIGNED:  PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ATTEST:  CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 4-12-2023

DATE APPROVED: 4-12-2023


MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO