

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 12-129

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Stefanik

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO FORM A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS KNOWN AS THE MAPLE LEAF HEALTH CARE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING OTHER MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, SIMILARLY SITUATED, IN EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AT THE BEST AVAILABLE FACILITIES AND FOR THE LOWEST COST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The vast majority of municipal governments do provide their employees with health insurance; and

WHEREAS: The cost of providing such health insurance has been rising by double digits each and every year for many years, outstripping ordinary inflation and the communities' ability to keep pace; and

WHEREAS: Municipal governments are under overwhelming pressure financially due to lost sources of revenue and increasing expenses; and

WHEREAS: The Council and Mayor of the City of North Royalton desire to explore any and every reasonable avenue to insure that the community obtains the best value for its expenditure; and

WHEREAS: The formation of a Regional Council of Governments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 allows multiple municipalities to join together to seek the greatest economic benefit from such an act of union.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement creating the Maple Leaf Health Care Council of Governments pursuant to terms and conditions approved by the Director of Law and substantially similar to a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated as if fully rewritten.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 all legal requirements.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary enter into an agreement creating the Maple Leaf Health Care Council of Governments in order to explore new opportunities to provide health insurance to municipal employees at the best available facilities and for the lowest cost.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Larry Antoskiewicz  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: July 17, 2012

DATE APPROVED: July 18, 2012

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading July 17, 2012

YEAS: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey  
Marnecheck, Muller, Kasaris

NAYS: none