

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-566

SPONSOR Mr. Crawford

DATE February 12, 2007

COMMITTEE Personnel

A Substitute Ordinance amending Section 121.20 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Salary," to provide that the salary of each Summit County District Council Member shall be twenty percent (20%) of the Executive's salary effective January 1, 2009, and the salary of each Summit County At-Large Council Member shall be twenty percent (20%) of the Executive's salary effective January 1, 2011, for the County Council.

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the County Charter provides for the salary of County Council, and also provides that such salary may be changed by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the County Charter in 1979, Council's salary has only been increased by ordinance twice, with the exception of cost of living adjustments, and not since 1995 by the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1995-763 set Council's salary at 20% of the Executive's 1994 salary effective January 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council's responsibilities have increased dramatically along with continued increased complexities and responsibilities of county government; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council has expanded its staff to more adequately handle its increased responsibilities, respond efficiently and effectively to constituent questions and concerns, and operate a professionally qualified government office committed to public service; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council has reviewed and studied more than 9,000 pieces of legislation, averaging approximately 770 per year, with an increasing number initiated, researched, and sponsored by Council Members; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council's financial responsibilities and oversight have expanded, most recently in the adoption of \$507 Million dollar budget in 2006 including a \$111 Million dollar general fund budget, and custody of approximately \$50 Million in reserves; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council has fielded an increasing number and variety of constituent calls ranging from abuse prevention, adult day care, and air pollution control to utility bill assistance, veteran services, and women's homeless shelters, and just in the years 2005 and 2006 responded to over 3,000 constituent calls; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council appointed a Predatory Lending Task Force to study the effects of predatory lending in our community and established a *one-of-a-kind* County Office of Consumer Affairs in Ohio to respond to consumer related inquiries and problems of residents; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council established a long-term planning standing committee of Council to study Charter forms of government around the country and bring best and innovative practices home in and effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Summit County Government; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council placed amendments to the Summit County Charter on the ballot that were approved by the voters that further streamlined County Government by eliminating the separate elected officers of Recorder, Treasurer, Auditor and consolidated these official's duties into the elected Fiscal Officer and eliminated the elected office of Coroner and replaced the office with an appointed Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council has consistently been ahead of the State of Ohio on such issues as driving under the influence of drugs, requiring over-the-counter medications containing pseudoephedrine be placed behind-the-counter to address the alarming methamphetamine problem, requiring fuel quality testing, and prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, Council and the Executive hosted the 2006 Summer CCAO Conference at the John S. Knight Center which brought county officials from all over the State of Ohio to Summit County that showcased not only Summit County's unique form of government but also the area's economic successes, cultural attractions, and natural resources that make Summit County the High Point of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Ordinance 1995-763, as the foregoing demonstrates, the joint responsibilities of the County Executive and the County Council in carrying out the statutory duties of board of county commissioners have increased, however, the compensation of Council salary has not kept pace with the Executive's;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1

Section 121.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Salary," is hereby amended as follows:

121.03 * SALARY

The salary of each Summit County District Council ~~Member~~ for the term commencing January 1, ~~1997~~ 2009 and thereafter, and the salary of each Summit County At-Large Council Member for the term commencing January 1, 2011 and thereafter, shall be \$14,600.00 per year ~~which is~~ 20% of the County Executive's ~~1993~~ salary. The salary of County Council District ~~Members~~ shall continue to be increased at the same percentage rate of the County pay classification until January 1, 2009, and the salary of County Council At-Large Members shall continue to be increased at the same percentage rate of the County pay classification until ~~January 1, 2011,~~ and as approved by the adoption of legislation.

Members of County Council are not required to give bond prior to entering upon the discharge of any duties.

SECTION 2

Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of six (6) members and the approval by the Executive it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 3

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 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.

INTRODUCED November 27, 2006

ADOPTED February 12, 2007

Shirley F. Greer
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Nick Kostandaras Sr.
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED UNSIGNED

UNSIGNED
EXECUTIVE

February 22, 2007
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

* See body for salary effective dates.

VOICE VOTE: 10-0 YES: Komunale, Congrove, Crawford, Crossland, Heydorn, Kostandaras, Prentice, Shapiro, Smith and Teodosio ABSENT: Poda