

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-R04
SPONSOR: MAYOR YEARGIN
INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 10, 2026 **ASSIGNED TO: _____**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREEN AND THE LEGAL DEFENDERS OFFICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Green is required to provide legal services to those persons charged with crimes under City Ordinances that are unable to pay for legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green has contracted with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. (“Defender”) of Summit County, Ohio, since its inception to provide services to individuals who are charged with crimes under City Ordinances and are unable to afford legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the current contract expires on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Defender notified the City of Green that the minimum amount paid per case is Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per case, pursuant to Section 2 of Exhibit “A”, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s best interests to continue its Agreement with Defender for calendar year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION ONE:

Green City Council authorizes Mayor to enter into the Agreement between the City of Green and the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with offenses under Codified Ordinances of the City of Green, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”.

SECTION TWO:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green and for the further reason that it is necessary to be in place and effective as of January 1, 2026. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it

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shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026

Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council

Justin Speight, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Rocco Yeargin, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: _____, 2026

ON ROLL CALL: Brandenburg _____ DeVitis _____ Humphrey _____

 Neugebauer _____ Noble _____ Meager _____ Speight _____

PUBLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council of the City of Green, County of Summit and State of Ohio, whose custody the original files and records of said council are required to be kept by the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the above legislation was duly published in the *Southside Leader* on _____ and _____, 2026.

Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council