

**VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO
ORDINANCE 2021-66**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in circumstances where an indigent individual is charged with a violation of ordinances of the Village of Buckeye Lake, and that person requests appointed counsel, the Municipal Court will appoint an attorney to provide for the individual's defense; and

WHEREAS, the county provides legal representation for indigent adults through an appointed counsel system adopted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 120.33; and

WHEREAS, the county may contract with a municipal corporation to provide legal representation for indigent persons charged with a violation of an ordinance of a municipal corporation for which the penalty or any possible adjudication includes the loss of liberty; and

WHEREAS, if there is no existing agreement between the Village of Buckeye Lake and the Licking County Board of Commissioners regarding reimbursement of the counsel appointed for the defendant, Licking County is unable to reimburse such attorney.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY THAT:

Section I: The Mayor previously entered into a contract with the Licking County Board of Commissioners for legal representation of indigent persons in Licking County Municipal Court who are charged with a violation of any ordinance of the Village for which the penalty or any possible adjudication includes potential loss of liberty.

Section II. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Contract for Legal Representation of Indigent Persons, adopted on December 14, 2020, by Ordinance # 2020-66, the term of contract shall be extended for the period of January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, upon mutual consent of the parties, and proper appropriation of funding.

Section III. This Ordinance is passed as an emergency and shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2021

Attest: Samantha Torres
Samantha Torres, Council Clerk

John Geiger
John Geiger, Council President

Date filed with Mayor: Dec 13, 2021

Date Approved by Mayor: Dec 13, 2021

Peggy A. Wells
Mayor, Peggy A. Wells