

ORDINANCE 2008-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR DEFENSE OF INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENSES UNDER THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES.

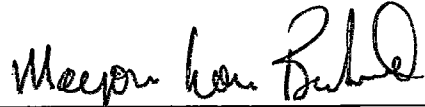
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Hiram of Village, Portage County, Ohio two-thirds (2/3) or more of the members thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and the Fiscal Officer are authorized on behalf of the Village to execute a contract with the Portage County Public Defender Commission for the representation of indigent persons charged under Hiram Village ordinances for and during the calendar year 2009 substantially in conformance with the terms and conditions as the contract for 2008, and for the compensation of eighty dollars (\$80.00) per offense charged. The proposed Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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 the deliberations of the 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 including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

PASSED IN COUNCIL

First Reading: November 12, 2008

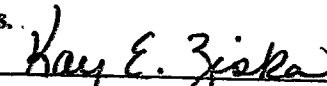


Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer

I, Kay E. Ziska, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution or Ordinance No. 2008-24 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.
11-14-08 
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram

CONTRACT FOR COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE
TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT, which is subject to and conditioned upon approval by the Ohio Public Defender Commission, is entered into between the Portage County Public Defender Commission, hereinafter called the Commission, and the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereinafter called the Village.

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes its responsibilities under the laws of the State of Ohio and of the United States of America to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with potential loss of liberty offenses under its municipal ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the Village, in furtherance of the execution of its legal responsibilities, desires to contract with the Commission for delivery of legal services and representation by the Portage County Public Defender to the Village's indigent citizens and others so situated.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in recognition of the foregoing, and in conformity with all applicable standards of indigency and other rules and standards established by the Ohio Public Defender Commission and the Office of the Ohio Public Defender, do hereby mutually agree to bind themselves as follows:

1. Scope of Work

The Commission shall, in a satisfactory and proper manner under the terms and conditions contained herein, provide legal counsel and representation to all indigent or otherwise eligible defendants charged with criminal violations of the Village's municipal

ordinances which carry a potential penalty of incarceration. The eligibility for this service shall be determined by the Portage County Municipal Court and/or the Commission.

2. Compensation

The Village shall pay to the Commission the sum of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per charge which shall constitute payment for services rendered, and which is acknowledged by the parties as a fee which does not and shall not exceed the fee schedule in effect and adopted by the Portage County Commission for appointed counsel pursuant to its Resolution No. 99-377, dated June 1, 1999. In the event a case is closed and subsequently reopened under the same case number, the Commission shall be entitled to payment as if an additional criminal charge has been filed. The Commission shall provide an itemized accounting of cases handled in each quarter of the year.

3. Term of Service

The duration of this contract shall be for one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2009, and shall terminate on December 31, 2009, subject to the following:

- (a) The Commission shall not assign all or any part of this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of the Village, which consent shall not be reasonably withheld.
- (b) If the Commission should fail to fulfill in a reasonable, timely and proper manner, its obligations under this AGREEMENT, or if the Commission should substantially violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this AGREEMENT, the Village shall thereupon have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT by giving written notice to the Commission of such termination and specifying an effective date thereof at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of said termination.

Contract for Public Defender Service
Village of Hiram, Ohio

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands this _____ day of _____, 2009.

FOR THE VILLAGE:

Mayor Lou DeWitt
Kay E. Ziska

FOR THE COMMISSION:

[Signature]
Chairman

Upon review by the Ohio Public Defender Commission pursuant to OAC 120-1-09, the within AGREEMENT for public defender services between the Village of Hiram, Ohio, and the Portage County Public Defender Commission is hereby approved.

FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION:

[Signature]