

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026

**TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT – LAW DEPARTMENT
LEGAL DEFENDER’S OFFICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE LEGAL DEFENDER’S OFFICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY, TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT PERSONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 PER CASE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, this amount is an increase of \$20.00 per case from the 2025 contract price of \$230.00 per case.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Law Director is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract with the Legal Defender’s Office of Summit County, to provide legal representation to indigent persons who are charged with crimes where a jail sentence may result. The amount billed under the contract, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, is Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$250.00) per misdemeanor case.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken 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 meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, in order for this legal representation to be available as soon as possible, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2026

Mayor