

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 19-120

INTRODUCED BY: Langshaw

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AND THE NORTH ROYALTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton desires to continue to provide the services of a School Resource Officer to the North Royalton City School District; and
- WHEREAS: The School Resource Officer Program (SRO Program) is designed to clarify roles and expectations and formalize relationships between the participating entities to foster an efficient and cohesive program that will build a positive relationship between police officers, school staff and students, promote a safe and positive learning environment and decrease the number of students referred to the juvenile justice system; and
- WHEREAS: The mission of the SRO Program is to promote school safety by building a positive school climate in which everyone feels safe and students are supported to succeed and to reduce violent crime committed by and against youth in our community; and
- WHEREAS: The SRO Program accomplishes this mission by supporting safe, secure, and orderly learning environments for students, teachers and staff; SROs will establish a trusting channel of communication with students, parents, and teachers and establish regular feedback opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: The role of the SRO is not to enforce school discipline or punish students; SROs will serve as positive role models to instill in students' good moral standards, good judgment and discretion, respect for other students, and a sincere concern for the school community; SROs will provide information on community resources available to students and parents; goals and objectives are designed to develop and enhance rapport between youth, families, police officers, school administrators, and the community in order to promote overall student achievement and success; and
- WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton has agreed to provide for one School Resource Officer to fulfill this need; and
- WHEREAS: In order to outline the operational procedures and city responsibilities with respect to the School Resource Officer Program, the City of North Royalton and the North Royalton City School District entered into a School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding; and
- WHEREAS: The Council deems it necessary and in the best interest to the health, safety and welfare of all city residents to continue the School Resource Officer Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Council of the City of North Royalton finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the city to continue the School Resource Officer Program and authorizes the Mayor to execute the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with North Royalton City School District in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Council of the City of North Royalton does hereby approve and authorize such funds as may be required for the School Resource Officer Program pursuant to the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding.

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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of North Royalton for the reason that it is necessary to provide for protection of the students of the North Royalton City School District.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Paul F. Marnecheck
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: January 7, 2020

DATE APPROVED: January 8, 2020

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading December 17, 2019
Second reading suspended
Third reading January 7, 2020
Amended January 7, 2020

YEAS: Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw
Weimer, Vos

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Dietrich