

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011 - 104**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING MASON MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER**

WHEREAS, Warren County and the City of Mason recognize their 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 a violation of a municipal ordinance for which the penalty or any possible adjudication includes the potential loss of liberty in Mason Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Mason Municipal Court maintains a list of Public Defenders who are willing to provide those needed legal services to the County's indigent citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Defenders Office has requested a cooperative agreement between the City of Mason and Warren County regarding public defender expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement substantially in the form of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to execute other documents necessary to fulfill the terms of the Agreement.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council