

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT COUNTY AND OTHER PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES TO CREATE A COUNTY-WIDE BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has proposed an agreement between the County and the County's communities to create county-wide business retention and expansion program; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the business retention and expansion program, the Village of Richfield will be supplied with a strategic business retention survey to be used in face-to-face interviews to be conducted with area businesses by "outreach specialists" in order to produce a final survey for the Village of Richfield's use; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the business retention and expansion program, the Village of Richfield will have access to a multi-function extranet database consisting of information gathered during the face-to-face interviews conducted by the outreach specialists in the Village of Richfield that is housed in a secure location, password and firewall protected and accessible only by the Village of Richfield and the County of Summit; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the business retention and expansion program the Village of Richfield will have access and assistance by an economic development team who are trained to respond to referrals made by the outreach specialists to address concerns raised during the face-to-face survey; and

WHEREAS, as a partner in the business retention and expansion program the Village of Richfield will be assisted by the County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development, which will build and manage the business retention and expansion program and ensure that the world-wide web hosting and technical support required by the communities participating in the program is provided; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the business retention and expansion program, the Village of Richfield will be required to make a financial commitment of \$373.00 on an annual basis, which will be matched in kind by the County; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all pertinent information, the Council of the Village of Richfield has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that an agreement with the County of Summit and other County communities to create a county-wide business retention and expansion program is in the best interest of the Village of Richfield and is a valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. An agreement between the Village of Richfield, the County of Summit and other County communities to create a county-wide business retention and expansion

program is hereby approved and the Mayor and the Finance Director are authorized to execute such contract.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$373.00 on an annual basis, which will be matched in kind by the County, pursuant to the agreement.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the resident of the Village of Richfield and of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to ensure the Village of Richfield's participation in a county-wide business retention and expansion program; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 1, 2003

Michael J. Lyons
President of Council

Donald W. Larsen
Mayor

Dated: 4/4/2003

ATTEST:
Carole Gibson
Clerk of Council