

12/20/21

ORDINANCE NO. 228-21

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BY: **DEBORAH LIME**
(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PARMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUSES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a School Resource Officer (SRO) is a valuable asset to the schools by providing the first line of defense against violence; and

WHEREAS, SROs are trained to “keep the peace” in the schools so that students can learn, and teachers can teach; and

WHEREAS, SROs are positive role models and mentors for many students who may not be exposed to such role models in today’s society; and

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer’s presence in the schools sends a strong message that violence is not acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Parma City School District for the implementation of a School Resource Officer at the middle school campuses within the District, with a copy of said Agreement in substantially similar form attached as Exhibit “A”.

Section 2. That the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement and to take such action and to execute such other documents and amendments thereto as may be necessary as approved by the Law Director.

Section 3. That 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. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to enter into this Agreement by the start of the next school semester, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO