

Bill No. 2062-05

No. 36-05-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of a donation from Pittsburgh United for Life-Saving Emergencies (P.U.L.S.E.) of thirty-two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for use by the County of Allegheny.

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest causes the heart to stop pumping blood effectively resulting in individuals collapsing, losing consciousness, and, often death; over 250,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest each year, nearly one death every two minutes; and

WHEREAS, survival of individuals who have sudden cardiac arrest is increased if there is early access to care, early cardiopulmonary resuscitation, early defibrillation, and early advanced cardiac life support (if needed); delivering an electrical shock to the heart (defibrillation) is recognized as the most critical step in restoring cardiac rhythm and resuscitating a victim; and

WHEREAS, an automated external defibrillator (AED) is a device that analyzes the heart's rhythm for any abnormalities and directs the rescuer to deliver an electric shock to the victim to help reestablish an effective rhythm of its own, greatly increasing the chances of survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh United for Life-Saving Emergencies (P.U.L.S.E.) is a program to deploy Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public places in partnership with public and private businesses and non-profit organizations; in addition to an AED and its accessories, P.U.L.S.E. also provides training and maintenance of the AEDs;

WHEREAS, in return for the donation of the AEDs, the County is responsible for: mounting the AED in an accessible place with signs and identification stickers in entryways to notify occupants and passersby of its location; replace the electrode sets and batteries on a scheduled basis; obtain CPR/AED certification for ten people with three months; sponsor CPR/AED awareness training; develop an emergency response plan; and secure medical oversight;

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2.

- A. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2(j) of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, Allegheny County Council does hereby approve the acceptance of a donation from Pittsburgh United for Life-Saving Emergencies (P.U.L.S.E.) of thirty-two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for use by the County of Allegheny.
- B. The appropriate County officers and officials are authorized to take such action as is necessary to carry out the purpose of the authorization granted herein.

SECTION 3.

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.

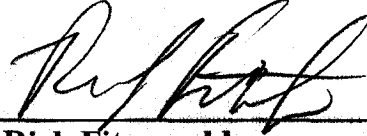
SECTION 4.

Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLEARY AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Enacted in Council, this 5th day of July, 2005

Council Agenda No. 2062-05



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office July 7, 2005

Approved: Dan Onorato

Dan Onorato
Chief Executive

Attest: Donna Beltz
Donna Beltz
Executive's Secretary