

PASSED: March 11, 2024
BY: Hunt

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

ORDINANCE CREATING POSITION OF HEROIN TASK FORCE
INVESTIGATIVE LIAISON

WHEREAS, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies recognize that the heroin overdose death epidemic requires a coordinated response from law enforcement, civic leaders, the medical community, and social services agencies;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Task Force (“HCHCTF” or the “Task Force”) was established in early 2015 by the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police for the purpose of investigating all source dealers of heroin that lead to overdoses and overdose deaths, and ultimately prosecute the source dealer on applicable State of Ohio and federal changes, by combining resources among local law enforcement agencies and developing a consistent investigative response to heroin-related deaths;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village plays a key role in the HCHCTF, as it employs the Heroin Task Force Commander, a position which supervises and directs the activities of the HCHCTF;

WHEREAS, as a result of recent funding from the State of Ohio and Hamilton County Public Health, there is financial support for the creation of a new position of Investigative Liaison;

WHEREAS, the position of Investigative Liaison will be created pursuant to a Service Agreement between Amberley Village and Hamilton County Public Health, a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Liaison position, while an employee of Amberley Village assigned to the Task Force, will be compensated using funds from Hamilton County Public Health so the Village will have little or no out-of-pocket expenses for the position;

WHEREAS, the Police and Fire Committee met to consider creating the position of Investigative Liaison within the Village, and recommends that Council approve the creation of such a position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: The Village Manager is authorized to enter into the Service Agreement with Hamilton County Public Health for the creation of the Investigative

Liaison position.

SECTION 2: The Police Department is authorized to hire and employ one police officer, in addition to any previous authority granted to the Department to hire officers, for the purpose of creating the position of Investigative Liaison for the HCHCTF. The position is an hourly position as such salary or other compensation is determined by the Village. The position will exist only as long as the HCHCTF and its supporting agencies provide funds for the position. The Village will be responsible for any wages, benefits, pension contributions, or expenses for the Investigative Liaison position, which will be reimbursed through grants from Hamilton County Public Health or other such funds facilitated by the Task Force. So long as the position described exists, the Village will support the position with miscellaneous equipment such as a firearm, bullet-proof vest, and all gear associated with the position, to be reimbursed by the HCHCTF.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the immediate passage of which is necessary for public health, safety, and welfare, and it shall go into effect forthwith. The reason for such an emergency is that there is an immediate need to fill the position of Task Force Officer so the Task Force can continue its work uninterrupted, and any delay may cost the Task Force time and money, and also interfere with its mission of saving lives and prosecuting source dealers.

Passed this 11th day of March, 2024.

Bob Rosen, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council

Ordinance Vote:

Moved: Hunt Seconded: Wood

Bardach	AYE
Frankel	AYE
Hunt	AYE
Paul	AYE
Rosen	AYE
Shatz	AYE
Wood	AYE

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ____ day of March, 2024, the foregoing Ordinance was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Ordinance at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council