

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS WHEN MAKING
AUTHORIZED WARRANTLESS SUMMARY ARRESTS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of South Fayette Township desire to have formal written guidelines pertaining to arrests without warrants for summary offenses enumerated in Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes; and

WHEREAS, these offenses under Title 18 (relating to crimes and offenses), when the conduct constitutes a summary offense, include:

- 18 Pa.C.S. ss 5503 (relating to disorderly conduct)
- 18 Pa.C.S. ss 5505 (relating to public drunkenness)
- 18 Pa.C.S. ss 5507 (relating to obstructing highways and other public passages)
- 18 Pa.C.S. ss 6308 (relating to purchase, consumption, possession or transportation or liquor or malt or brewed beverages); and

WHEREAS, Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes requires the governmental body employing police officers authorized to make said warrantless arrests to promulgate guidelines to be followed by police officers as a prerequisite to their authority to effect such a warrantless arrest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Township of South Fayette that police officers are hereby authorized to effect warrantless arrests when conduct constitutes a summary offense and such conduct imperils the personal security of any person or endangers public or private property; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that any such arrest shall proceed in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, Part IV: "Procedures in Summary Cases When Defendant is Arrested Without a Warrant;" and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

RESOLVED this 14th day of August 2024

South Fayette Township


John Barrett, Township Manager


Chuck Lazzini, President Board of Commissioners