

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY STATE URBAN FOREST RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS CANOPY LOSS FROM THE EMERALD ASH BORER AND RESTORE BIODIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF AVON LAKE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (“ODNR”), provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for the purpose of implementing forestry projects; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the City of Avon Lake to seek and obtain financial assistance from the ODNR State Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has identified the need to address canopy loss from the emerald ash borer and to restore biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, restoration of urban tree canopy is critical to human health of the residents of the City of Avon Lake.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

Section No. 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to participate in the ODNR State Urban Forest Resilience Grant Program.

Section No. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 122.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section No. 3: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency for the public peace, health, and safety of the City. Therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 4/12/2021

/s/Martin E. O'Donnell
President of Council

POSTED: 4/16/2021

APPROVED: 4/13/2021

ATTEST: /s/Valerie E. Rosmarin
Clerk of Council

/s/ Gregory J. Zilka
Mayor