AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 618.01, ENTITLED DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

WHEREAS, the City Prosecutor recommended amending the penalties portion of Codified Ordinance Section 618.01; and

WHEREAS, Council coming now to consider said recommendation approves it in full.

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

<u>Section No. 1:</u> That Codified Ordinance Section 618.01(j) is hereby amended as follows:

(j) Penalties.

(1) Whoever violates this section, where the animal at large is not a classified dog, is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the second degree on the third or any subsequent offense. Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) on a first offense, and on each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) or more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and may be imprisoned for not more than 30 days.

Section No. 2: 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 which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

<u>Section No. 3:</u> That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 2/27/2023

POSTED: 3/03/2023

/s/ Martin E. ODonnell

President of Council

APPROVED: 2/28/2023

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

/s/ Gregory J. Zilka

Mayor