

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1070.02, MUNICIPAL PARK RULES.

WHEREAS, the Public Service Committee and Avon Lake Tree Commission recommended amending a section of Codified Ordinance Chapter 1070; 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:

Section No. 1: That Codified Ordinance Section 1070.02 (f) is hereby amended as follows:

(f) *Natural resources and other park objects.*

(1) *Trees, shrubbery, lawns and other plant life.* Except in accordance with the direction of the **Public Works Director or Urban Forester**, no person shall cut, carve or injure the bark or break off the limbs or branches, or mutilate in any way or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant existing in a park, nor dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area, nor remove any plant material from a park.

(2) *Wildlife.* Except pursuant to § 618.13, no person shall feed, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, hunt, chase, capture, shoot or throw any object or projectile which may harm any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian. Fishing is permitted only in areas designated for that purpose by the Recreation Department and in accordance with state law and regulations.

(3) *Statuary, memorials and other objects.* Except in accordance with the direction of the Recreation Department, no person may remove, excavate, take, dig into or destroy any site, object, building, artifact, implement or location of historical, archaeological, geological, scientific or educational interest of every character located in, on, or under the surface of any park.

**Residents of the city are eligible to participate in a program to celebrate or memorialize through Avon Lake Plant a Tree, Grow a Legacy Program. Monetary contributions collected by the Avon Lake Plant a Tree, Grow a Legacy Program shall be utilized by the Urban Forester or Public Works Director for uses outlined in the Master Street Tree Plan/Avon Lake Management Plan.**

Section No. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of 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.

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

1<sup>st</sup> reading: 3/24/2025

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 4/14/2025

3<sup>rd</sup> reading:

PASSED: 4/28/2025

/s/ Jennifer J. Fenderbosch  
Council President

POSTED: 5/2/2025

APPROVED: 4/29/2025

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

/s/ Mark A. Spatzel  
Mayor