

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR), DIVISION OF FORESTRY, OHIO'S URBAN FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 25-65, dated March 24, 2025, authorized the submission to the ODNR, Division of Forestry, Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program to receive up to \$100,000 in grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes the importance of sustaining a healthy and resilient urban forest and supports strengthening Avon Lake's long-term strategy for maintaining and improving the tree canopy through enhanced management practices that this grant would make possible; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the Urban Forestry Grant will provide lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits for the entire Avon Lake community, including underserved areas identified through canopy and demographic analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Avon Lake Tree Commission, in its letter dated August 13, 2025, has expressed strong support for this initiative and confirmed its alignment with the City's newly adopted Tree Commission Strategic Plan.

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

Section No. 1: That Council hereby acknowledges and supports the submission of the City of Avon Lake's application to the ODNR, Division of Forestry, Urban Forestry Grant Program.

Section No. 2: That Council further supports the implementation of the Urban Forestry Grant, if awarded, to strengthen the City's commitment to a sustainable and equitable urban forest and to realize the long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits envisioned.

Section No. 3: That Council respectfully requests the ODNR, Division of Forestry, to give full consideration to the City of Avon Lake's application.

Section No. 4: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution 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. 5: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the necessity to file an application in a timely manner and to demonstrate Council's support in order to acquire funds, thus for the public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 8/25/2025

/s/ Jennifer J. Fenderbosch  
Council President

POSTED: 8/29/2025

APPROVED: 8/25/2025

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

/s/ Mark A. Spatzel  
Mayor