

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE RED AIRCRAFT WARNING BEACON  
FORMERLY MOUNTED ATOP THE AVON LAKE POWER PLANT SMOKESTACK  
AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, Avon Lake Planning Commission has, at its meeting of September 3, 2025, recommended to Council that the Red Aircraft Warning Beacon formerly mounted atop the Avon Lake Power Plant Smokestack be granted Historic Landmark Designation, and

WHEREAS, the request for Historic Landmark Designation for the Red Aircraft Warning Beacon has been reviewed by the Avon Lake Historical Preservation Commission according to Planning & Zoning Code Section 1214.08; and

WHEREAS, the Avon Lake Power Plant was constructed between 1924 and 1925 and served as a major source of power generation in the region for nearly a century; and

WHEREAS, the Plant played a vital role in supporting the economic and industrial development of Avon Lake and the surrounding communities throughout its operational lifespan; and

WHEREAS, a beacon was installed on the Plant's smokestack around 1975, serving as a visual marker of the Plant's continued operation and presence on the City's skyline until its deactivation in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the beacon is one of only two known to remain in existence that were used on the Plant's smokestacks, making it a rare and significant artifact of the City's industrial heritage; and

WHEREAS, although not original to the Plant's early years, the beacon represents the modern industrial period of the facility and is one of the last preserved physical elements following the Plant's demolition; and

WHEREAS, the continued existence of the beacon offers a tangible and unique connection to Avon Lake's economic and industrial history, serving as a symbol of the City's legacy in energy production and technological advancement;

WHEREAS, historic designation gives residents of our community a deeper sense of understanding and appreciation of Avon Lake's heritage.

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

Section No. 1: That Council of the City of Avon Lake does hereby grant the Red Aircraft Warning Beacon the designation of Historic Landmark.

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 taken 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.

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

1<sup>st</sup> reading: 9/08/2025

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 9/22/2025

3<sup>rd</sup> reading:

PASSED: 10/14/2025

/s/ Jennifer G. Fenderbosch  
Council President

POSTED: 10/17/2025

APPROVED: 10/15/2025

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

/s/ Mark A. Spaetzel  
Mayor