

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, OHIO, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, OHIO, DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the present general and permanent ordinances of the City of Avon Lake, Ohio, (City) are inadequately arranged and classified and are insufficient in form and substance for the complete preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the City and for the proper conduct of its affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Acts of the Legislature of the State of Ohio empower and authorize the City to revise, amend, restate, codify, and compile any existing ordinances, and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published, and to incorporate such ordinances into one ordinance in book form; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Authority of the City has authorized a general compilation, revision, and codification of the ordinances of the City of a general and permanent nature and the publication of such ordinances in book form.

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

Section No. 1: The general ordinances of the City as revised, amended, restated, codified, and compiled in book form are hereby adopted as and shall constitute the “Code of Ordinances of the City of Avon Lake, Ohio.”

Section No. 2: Such Code of Ordinances as adopted in Section No. 1 shall consist of the following Titles:

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Section No. 3: All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated in such Code of Ordinances shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, except as they are included and reordained, in whole or in part, in such Code; provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect any offense committed, or penalty incurred, or any right established, prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall such repeal affect the provisions of ordinances levying taxes, appropriating money, annexing or detaching territory, establishing franchises, granting special rights to certain persons, authorizing public improvements, authorizing the issuance of bonds or borrowing of money, authorizing the purchase or sale of real or personal property, granting or accepting easements, plats, or

dedications of land to public use, or vacating or setting the boundaries of streets or other public places; nor shall such repeal affect any other ordinance of a temporary or special nature, or pertaining to subjects not contained in or covered by the Code.

Section No. 4: Such Code shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the Legislative Authority, and the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and ordered to keep a copy of such Code of Ordinances in the Council Office.

Section No. 5: Such Code shall be in full force and effect as provided in Section 6, and such Code shall be presumptive evidence, in all courts and places, of the ordinance and all provisions, sections, penalties, and regulations therein contained; of the date of passage; and that the same is properly signed, attested, recorded, and approved; and that any public hearings and notices thereof, as required by law, have been given.

Section No. 6: 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.

Section No. 7: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being the necessity to provide for the usual daily operation of the City and to provide for the immediate preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Avon Lake by adopting the Code of Ordinances for the City. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

1st reading: 10/27/2025

2nd reading: 11/10/2025

3rd reading:

PASSED: 11/24/2025

/s/Jennifer G. Fenderbosch
Council President

POSTED: 11/26/2025

APPROVED: 11/25/2025

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

/s/Mark A. Spatzel
Mayor