

ORDINANCE NO. 67-24

**AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION OF ANY
HOTEL, MOTEL, EXTENDED STAYS, BOARDING HOUSES OR
THE LIKE WITHIN THE CITY OF AVON
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Council, on August 14, 2023, passed Ordinance No. 94-23 imposing a Temporary Moratorium until January 9, 2024, prohibiting the future development and construction of any hotel, motel, extended stay, boarding house, or the like within the City of Avon; and

WHEREAS, Council, on January 8, 2024, passed Ordinance No. 6-24 extending the Temporary Moratorium prohibiting the future development and construction of any hotel, motel, extended stay, boarding house, or the like within the City of Avon; and

WHEREAS, said moratorium is set to expire on July 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the plan to review the law in this area, the Administration recommends an extension of the moratorium to January 14, 2025, to provide a sufficient amount of time for the new legislation, if necessary, to be adopted and take effect before the expiration of the moratorium period; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commission received an update on the status of legislation being contemplated at its meeting on June 19, 2024 and by a vote of five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed, recommended approval of extending the current moratorium as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Council agrees with the Administration that such an extension is necessary to continue to review any applicable sections of its Codified Ordinances and any applicable state law, conduct community outreach, and to study, plan for, formulate, and draft reasonable and comprehensive regulations with respect to future development or construction of any hotel, motel, extended stays, boarding houses or the like within the City and therefore finds it necessary, appropriate and in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon to extend the current moratorium established by Ord. No. 6-24 to January 14, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1 – That Council hereby extends the temporary moratorium prohibiting the future development and construction of any hotel, motel, extended stay, boarding house, or the like within the City of Avon until January 14, 2025. For purposes of this extended moratorium, an Extended Stay Rental means any hotel, motel, boarding house, and the like that is rented wholly or partly for a fee. “Hotel & Motel” shall have the same meanings as set forth in ACO Sections 1222.02(b)(58) & (84). Furthermore, during the period of the extended moratorium established herein, no planning applications, building permits, licenses, or zoning certificates shall be accepted or granted for the purposes of future development, renovation or construction of any of these facilities.

Section 2 – That if any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3 – 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 that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 – That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to extend the temporary moratorium to enable the City to quickly and responsibly study, analyze, and review regulations related to future development and construction of hotels, motels, extended stay rentals, boarding houses and the like for the reasons set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance and Ordinance Nos. 94-23 and 6-24; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director
City of Avon, Ohio

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

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