

ORDINANCE NO. 78-25

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT PHASE ONE OF THE SHADE TREE PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF AVON FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN FALL 2025
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, residential and non-residential growth in the City of Avon over the last 25 years has diminished the City's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City has focused its attention on, among other things, preserving its tree canopy by creating a Tree Commission, conducting Arbor Day events and becoming a Tree City U.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission at their August 13, 2025 meeting recommended the implementation of a "Shade Tree Plan" wherein during Phase One of the Plan around 21 trees will be planted in various locations within the City during the Fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS, being proactive and taking steps to replenish the tree canopy will be beneficial to all the citizens of the City of Avon now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Council, having reviewed the Shade Tree Plan - Phase One deems it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the community that it be adopted as a first step to restoring the tree canopy throughout the City.

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

Section 1 – That Phase One of the Shade Tree Plan shall be adopted and implemented as set forth in [Exhibit A](#), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2 – Funding for this project has been approved by Council in Ordinance No. 73-25 which passed on August 11, 2025. Council approved appropriation of \$15,000 for Phase One of the Shade Tree Plan.

Section 3 – 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 that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, unless exempted by statute, 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 citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to implement Phase One of the Shade Tree Plan to plant 21 trees this fall throughout the City; 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 J. Brooks, Clerk of Council

POSTED: _____
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

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