

ORDINANCE NO. 91-25

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 9.64, enacted through House Bill 96, the city is required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards its data, IT systems, and resources to ensure confidentiality, availability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the law mandates use of generally accepted cybersecurity best practices, including frameworks such as the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Cybersecurity Framework and the Center for Internet Security ("CIS") best practices; and

WHEREAS, Council, having reviewed the recommendation of the City's IT Coordinator, the City hereby adopts the CIS Critical Security Controls as its foundational cybersecurity controls framework and doing so will be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon.

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

Section 1 – The City of Avon hereby adopts the CIS Critical Security Controls as its official cybersecurity framework. These controls represent a prioritized set of actions proven to defend against the most common cyber threats and will form the basis of the City's cybersecurity program.

Section 2 – The City's cybersecurity program shall implement the CIS Critical Security Controls, focusing on managing assets, protecting sensitive data, controlling access, securing and updating systems, defending against malware and vulnerabilities, monitoring logs and networks, responding to incidents, training employees, and ensuring third-party providers meet security standards. These measures represent the most effective first steps in reducing cyber risk, particularly against ransomware and phishing, and are designed for local governments of our size to achieve practical, affordable, and measurable security improvements while remaining aligned with state and federal best practices.

Section 3 – The City shall begin by implementing the CIS Controls at the Implementation Group 1 (IG1) level to establish essential cyber hygiene. The City will then adopt Implementation Group 2 (IG2) safeguards to strengthen its defenses. The cybersecurity program shall be reviewed annually to assess progress, update practices, and ensure alignment with evolving threats, best practices, and State requirements under Ohio Revised Code section 9.64.

Section 4 - 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, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5 - 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 adopt a cybersecurity program to be in compliance with ORC Section 9.64; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor

PASSED: October 14, 2025 DATE SIGNED: October 14, 2025

By: Brian Fischer
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: October 15, 2025

[Signature]
Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Posted: October 16, 2025
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

Prepared By:
John A. Gasior, Esq.
Law Director

I, Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of the Council of the City of Avon, Ohio, hereby certify this document to be a true and exact copy of Ordinance No. 91-25, passed by the Council of said City on October 14, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have on this 15th day of October 2025, affixed my signature and official seal.

Barbara J. Brooks
Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of the Council
of the City of Avon, Ohio