

ORDINANCE NO. 46-26

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 120-25 TO IMPOSE A
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON FUTURE WESTERN RESERVE DEVELOPMENT
UNDER §1262.07 WITHIN THE CITY CONCURRENTLY WITH THE MORATORIUM
ON R-3 DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING
COMMISSION, AND CITY COUNCIL TIME TO REVIEW APPLICABLE
OHIO STATUTES AND REGULATIONS ALONG WITH THE CITY'S CODIFIED
ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SUCH DEVELOPMENT
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the power vested in City Council through the Avon City Charter and the Ohio Constitution, Council has the inherent power to enact planning, zoning and business regulation laws that further the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of its citizens, including restricting or prohibiting certain business and land uses; and

WHEREAS, the City's Administration, Planning Commission and City Council require time to undertake a thorough review of all applicable state codes, regulations and local ordinances in order to formulate a proper local response to future development and construction in Western Reserve developments under §1262.07; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, there has been an increased interest to develop and construct under Western Reserve criteria set out in ACO §1262.07 in the City of Avon; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Avon has the power to enact laws that are for the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens which may include properly designing and/or restricting areas used for Western Reserve Development under §1262.07; and

WHEREAS, the City needs time to review any applicable sections of its Codified Ordinances and any applicable state law, and to study, plan for, formulate, and draft reasonable and comprehensive regulations with respect to this type of development within the City; and

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

Section 1 – That for the reasons stated in the preamble above, City Council amends Ord. 120-25 to include a moratorium any development within a Western Reserve Development under §1262.07. Said moratorium shall run concurrent with the moratorium already imposed on R-3 development through December 15, 2026. During said period, there shall be no consideration, approval or authorization for any Western Reserve development in the city of Avon. This would include the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable said development within the City. Said Moratorium extends to the submission, consideration, or approval of all applications for general development plans, final development plans, special or accessory use permits, occupancy permits, building permits or the like.

Section 2 – That this amendment to Ordinance No. 120-25 for a temporary Moratorium shall become effective on the date that this Ordinance, following its passage by the Council, is approved by the Mayor, and shall remain in effect through December 15, 2026 following the date upon which it becomes effective unless extended by Council for a period of no more than an additional Six (6) months, if the Council finds such continuance is required to allow sufficient time for the Administration to complete its study and recommend what action, if any, the City of Avon should take to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare through the provision of adequate planning, zoning, land- use, or other regulatory controls applicable to activities covered under Avon Codified Ordinances.

Section 3 - That this Moratorium suspends and tolls any time periods, prescribed by law, within which the Planning Commission or any other official or official body of the City of Avon, is required to take action upon an application for a special use permit, building permit, site plan approval, rezoning or the like, for the development of land in a Western Reserve Development. No such application shall be deemed to be approved by the failure of the Planning Commission, or any other public official or official body to approve or deny said application during the time when this Moratorium shall be in effect.

Section 4 - That the Planning Commission, at its next regular meeting, is hereby directed to begin a study to recommend what action, if any, the City of Avon should take to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare through the provision of adequate planning, zoning, land-use, or other regulatory controls that are specifically applicable to a Western Reserve development in the City.

Section 5 - 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. Unless a section herein specifically conflicts with any provision of Ord. 120-25, that ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Section 7 - 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 impose a temporary Moratorium at the earliest possible date so as to enable the City to quickly and responsibly begin to study, analyze, and review regulations related to future development and construction in a Western Reserve developments under ACO §1262.07 for the reasons set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: April 20, 2026 DATE SIGNED: April 20, 2026

By: Brian Fischer
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: April 21, 2026

Bryan K. Jensen
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: April 24, 2026
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

Prepared By:
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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. 46-26, passed by the Council of said City on April 20, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have on this 22nd day of April 2026, affixed my signature and official seal.

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