

ORDINANCE NO. 21-18

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION SERVICES
BOARD OF LORAIN COUNTY AND THE LCADA WAY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
TO SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING IN THE CITY OF AVON AND
DEALING WITH OPIOID AND OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE ISSUES
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the opioid crises has been well documented in newspapers and in television news and documentaries over the past few years and has reached epidemic proportions throughout Ohio and other states; and

WHEREAS, people living in the City of Avon, like people living in other cities in Ohio, have felt the effects of this crisis; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a great need for recovery treatment and resources at the local level; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and The LCADA Way have teamed up to bring a program to local communities and local police departments to try to identify survivors and family members of survivors of opioid and opioid-related overdoses and to engage them with the goal of helping them access treatment and /or recovery resources and supports; and

WHEREAS, for the City of Avon to take advantage of these opportunities, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and The LCADA Way to set up a Quick Response Team or QRT to work with the Avon Police Department to identify survivors and family members in need of services; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the QRT Agreement and finds adoption of same to be in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon and an important resource to deal with the opioid epidemic at our local level.

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

Section 1 - That Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", with Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and The LCADA Way to try to identify survivors and family members of survivors of opioid and opioid-related overdoses and to engage them with the goal of helping them access treatment and /or recovery resources

Section 2 - That funds collected by the Avon Police Department pursuant to this Agreement shall be reported to the Finance Director and deposited in Police Fund No. 221.

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

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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 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 authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement (Exhibit "A") with Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and The LCADA Way and thereby provide timely and important services to opioid overdose survivors and their family members residing in the City of Avon; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Craig Witherspoon, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places as
Provided by Council

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