

ORDINANCE NO. 127-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AVON, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO COLLECT MUNICIPAL DEBTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City, in its many dealings with the general public, finds itself having to act as a debt collector when individuals or companies who owe money to the City, refuse or neglect to pay; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has been seeking ways to collect these past due accounts in a cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, after researching various debt collection options, the administration has found that Ohio Revised Code §131.02, which authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with the State Attorney General's Office to collect certain past due accounts, may present a viable option; and

WHEREAS, Council, having reviewed the proposed agreement, finds it to be fair and in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon to aid in the collection of delinquent payments owed to the City.

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

Section 1 - That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, a copy of which is marked as "Exhibit A" and attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2 - 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 and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3- 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 enter into an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office to collect delinquent payments owed to the City pursuant to ORC §131.02; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

Ordinance No. 127-13 (Con't.)

By: _____
Daniel S. Zegarac, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

James A. Smith, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

ATTEST:

Ellen R. Young
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places as
Provided by Council

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