

ORDINANCE NO. 3-26

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE EASTERN LORAIN COUNTY
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (“ELCERT”) COMPRISED OF THE CITY OF
AVON, CITY OF AVON LAKE, THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE AND THE
WESTSHORE ENFORCEMENT BUREAU (“WEB”)
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Avon along with the City of Avon Lake and the City of North Ridgeville entered into a multi-jurisdictional agreement for the **Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team (ELCERT)** pursuant to Ordinance 100-22 which passed on August 8, 2022 to effectively respond to serious criminal occurrences; and

WHEREAS, said multi-jurisdictional agreements are authorized pursuant to Sections 737.04 and 1545.131 of the Ohio Revised Code as well as by previously enacted legislation authorizing mutual aid between law enforcement agencies within Lorain County; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide mutual aid consisting of SWAT services within the respective jurisdictions of the parties, it is the desire of the parties to this agreement to provide for and join in providing for mutual assistance and the interchange of their respective personnel and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Council, after reviewing the proposed agreement, finds it necessary and desirable to enter into the multi-jurisdictional agreement between the Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team (“ELCERT”) comprised of the City of Avon, City of Avon Lake, and the City of North Ridgeville and Westshore Enforcement Bureau (“WEB”) to provide for the interchange and use of personnel and equipment of member departments to further the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of each community.

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

Section 1 - That Council hereby approves, accepts and authorizes the Mayor, or the Chief of Police as his designee, to enter into the multi-jurisdictional agreement between Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team (“ELCERT”) comprised of the City of Avon, City of Avon Lake, the City of North Ridgeville and Westshore Enforcement Bureau (“WEB”) to provide mutual police aid and assistance through the interchange and use of personnel and equipment of each members’ respective department, a copy of said contract being attached hereto, marked as “[Exhibit A](#),” and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2 - That 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 which resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, 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, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, Ohio, the immediate emergency being the necessity to enter into the Multi-jurisdictional Agreement between Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team ("ELCERT") comprised of the City of Avon, City of Avon Lake, and the City of North Ridgeville and Westshore Enforcement Bureau ("WEB") to provide mutual police assistance in the interchange and use of personnel and equipment; 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, President of Council

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: _____
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

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