

ORDINANCE NO. 20-26

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE
SECTION 1246.05(b)(2) AS IT RELATES TO WALKING
PATHS AND TRAILS**

WHEREAS, 1246.05(b) sets forth regulations governing walking paths and trails; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Coordinator has recommended amendments to this section to recognize that the width of walking paths and trails may be greater than eight (8) feet; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission authorized a Public Hearing on said amendments which were duly publicized according to law and held on February 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2026, by a vote of Five (5) in favor and Zero (0) opposed, Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments to Section 1246.05(b) of the Planning and Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, Council, on March 9, 2026 authorized a Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, said Public Hearing was duly publicized according to law and was held on April 13, 2026 at 7:20 PM; and

WHEREAS, Council, in considering the recommendation of Planning Commission and comments from the Administration, finds that amending Section 1246.05(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Avon is in the best interests 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 - That Section 1246.05(b)(2) of the Avon Codified Ordinance which currently reads as follows:

1246.05 SIDEWALKS, WALKING PATHS, TRAILS AND BICYCLE PATHS.

(b) Walking Paths and Trails.

- (1) Walking paths and trails may be required to be installed or land may be required to be set aside for the future development of a walking path or trail when improvements are located in an area where there is a planned walking path or trail as shown on the City Zoning Map, dated August of 1999.
- (2) Walking paths and trails shall be eight feet in width.

Shall be amended to read as follows: (New language in bold print; deleted language stricken)

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(2) Walking paths and trails shall be **a minimum** eight feet in width.

Section 2 - The Codifier is hereby instructed to insert the amendments to Section 1246.05(b) in the appropriate order within the existing codified ordinances, renumbering and/or re-lettering anywhere applicable. All other language contained in Section 1246.05(b) not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

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 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 shall take effect and be in force at the earliest date allowed by law.

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Third Reading _____

PASSED: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

POSTED: _____
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

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