

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF LORAIN'S PROGRAM YEAR 2026 CDBG AND HOME ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND THE CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS, AND ESTABLISHING THE INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS CONSISTENT WITH ALL ATTACHED BUDGETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance is available to the City of Lorain under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purposes of eliminating slum and neighborhood blight and improving housing and economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons; and,

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance is available to the City of Lorain under the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, for the purpose of expanding the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for very low-income and low-to-moderate income persons; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued federal regulations on January 4, 1995 that consolidates into the single submission the planning application process for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG); the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program; and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has prepared a One-Year Action Plan that implements the goals and objectives found in the prior Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Lorain has made the 2026 One-Year Action Plan available to the public through advertising that the plan is on file at the Lorain Public Library's Main Branch and South Lorain Branch, as well as within the Department of Building, Housing and Planning and the City of Lorain's webpage for a minimum of thirty (30) days for citizen participation public comments; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the 2026 Annual Action Plan and Budget Summary Attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

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

SECTION I. That Lorain City Council hereby approves the 2026 One-Year Action Plan budget for the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and other departmental funds attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as "Exhibit A."

SECTION II. That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the City of Lorain for funding under the CDBG, HOME and other federal programs in accordance with applicable federal laws.

SECTION III. That the Director of Public Safety & Service be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into all contracts and agreements to accept financial assistance, appropriating the funds and establishing the individual accounts consistent with all attached budgets.

SECTION IV. That City Council hereby appropriates for the entire calendar year 2026, the full amount of funds specified in the CDBG, HOME and other program budgets incorporated herein.

SECTION V. The City Auditor is further authorized to secure for his or her records a line item appropriation of each activity listing all categories incorporated budgets.

SECTION VI. That it is found that all actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and 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 VII. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure, the emergency being to meet the submission deadline established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of June 5, 2026 and to provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Lorain, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2026

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____, CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED: _____, 2026