

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 257-23 AND CHAPTER 1537 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LORAIN "RENTAL DWELLING HOUSING LICENSE CODE" AND ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 1537 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LORAIN "RENTAL DWELLING HOUSING LICENSE CODE"

WHEREAS, the City of Lorain desires to amend the Rental Registration Code based on feedback received from Building, Housing & Planning Department staff and landlords who own rental properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, a new section has been added to provide exceptions to the Rental Dwelling Housing License Code for properties subject to a duly recorded life estate filed with the Lorain County Recorder, thereby providing flexibility for life-estate situations that may not otherwise align with standard registration requirements; and

WHEREAS, additional enforcement provisions have been added to permit the denial, suspension, or revocation of a rental license for reasons including criminal activity, excessive police or service calls, and neighborhood nuisance activity; and

WHEREAS, the amendments broaden the geographic area in which a designated local agent may reside by expanding the local agent requirement to include residents of Cuyahoga, Medina, Ashland, Huron, and Erie Counties; and

WHEREAS, the amendments will require all registrants to provide proof of property insurance; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are intended to provide additional clarity to residents and property owners, strengthen enforcement mechanisms, and introduce greater flexibility that will promote improved compliance with the City's Rental Registration Code.

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

SECTION I: That Ordinance 257-23, and Chapter 1537 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lorain, "Rental Dwelling Housing License Code," a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A, are hereby repealed.

SECTION II: That there is hereby established a new Chapter 1537 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lorain, "Rental Dwelling Housing License Code," a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.

SECTION III: 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 any of its committees that results in such formal actions

were conducted in meeting open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED: _____, 2026 _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____, CLERK

APPROVED: _____, 2026 _____
MAYOR