

Avon Town Council

Ordinance 202 6-05

Ordinance Establishing Buy Money Program and Fund

Whereas , the Avon Police Department wishes to establish a program for drug investigation, whereby funds will be appropriated for use in undercover drug purchases, prostitution investigations, human traffic investigations, fencing/theft investigations, and any other criminal investigation requiring the use of buy money; and

Whereas , the Town Council wishes to establish this program, and to establish a new fund, the Buy Money Fund, to receive and disburse funds appropriated to the program for use by the Avon Police Department; and

Whereas , pursuant to the State Board of Accounts Cities and Towns Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, the Avon Police Department will maintain a minimum documentation procedure similar to either the Guidelines for Expenditure of Confidential Funds, published by the U.S. Department of Criminal Justice, or the Guidelines for Obtaining and Accounting for Confidential Funds Used in Support of Criminal Investigations, by the Indiana State Police Department; and

Whereas , the Avon Police Department will comply with petty cash fund procedures as authorized by Indiana Code 36-1-8-3; and

Whereas , the Town Council also wishes to authorize an appropriation to Buy Money Fund in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Therefore, it is ordained as follows:

- A. The Avon Police Department Buy Money Program is hereby established;
and
- B. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is shall be appropriated to the Buy Money Fund established in Section C of this Ordinance; and
- C. A new section, Section 2-293, shall be added to Chapter 2, Article 2-18, Division 2-18-I of the Avon Town Code, and this new section shall read as follows:

“2-293 BUY MONEY FUND

- A. Purpose .** The Town Council hereby establishes the Buy Money Fund to receive, use, and account for funds appropriated to the Buy Money fund. Funds shall be used in connection with drug investigations, prostitution investigations, human traffic investigations, fencing/theft investigations, and any other criminal investigation where buy money may be used to recover information and/or property through undercover investigative techniques conducted by the Avon Police Department, specifically for use in undercover operations.
- B. Sources of Funds.** The Buy Money Fund shall consist of money appropriated to it by the Town Council, as provided by Indiana law for other appropriations. The Police Department may also fund the Buy Money Fund through donations, court-ordered forfeitures to the Avon Police Department, court-ordered confiscations to the Avon Police Department, and other appropriate sources.
- C. Documentation.** The Chief of Police, or the Chief’s designee, shall document for all expenditures according to either the Guidelines for Expenditure of Confidential Funds, published by the U.S. Department of Criminal Justice, or the Guidelines

for Obtaining and Accounting for Confidential Funds Used in Support of Criminal Investigations, by the Indiana State Police Department. The Avon Police Department will also adhere to all applicable internal controls and general orders for expenditures from the Buy Money Fund.

D. Nonreverting Fund. This fund shall be nonreverting and remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Town Council.

E. Validity. If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this ordinance not otherwise invalidated will remain in full force and effect.

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It is further ordained that this ordinance is effective upon adoption.

It is further ordained that any other provisions of the Avon Town Code which are not specifically amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Ordained this 12th day of March, 2026.

Avon Town Council:

Dawn Lowden, President

Jayson Puckett, Vice President

William Holland, Member

Robert Pope, Member

Greg Zusan, Member

Attest:

Julie Loker, Clerk-Treasurer