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2 **CITY OF WESTLAKE, OHIO**
3 **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-86:**

4 **REDLINED**
5 **AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 1211.35**
6 **“PROHIBITED EVENTS IN RESIDENTIAL**
7 **DISTRICTS” OF CHAPTER 1211 “RESIDENTIAL**
8 **DISTRICTS” OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY**
9 **OF WESTLAKE.**

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12 **WHEREAS**, Council Person Duane Van Dyke has recommended Council supplement
13 Chapter 1211 “Residential Districts” with new Section 1211.35 “Prohibited Events in Residential
14 Districts” to address the health and safety concerns associated with pop-up social events as defined
15 herein; and

16 **WHEREAS**, after careful consideration, the Planning Commission of the City of
17 Westlake, on the ___ day of _____, 2026, recommended approval of the changes to the
18 Code herein specified; and

19 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Westlake, Article III, Section 13,
20 Council held a public hearing concerning the proposed changes.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
22 **WESTLAKE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:**

23 **Section 1:** That Chapter 1211 “Residential Districts” be and the same is hereby
24 supplemented with new Section 1211.35 “PROHIBITED EVENTS IN RESIDENTIAL
25 DISTRICTS” and as supplemented shall read as follows:

26 **“1211.35 PROHIBITED EVENTS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.**

27 **(a) Definitions.**

28 **(1) “Advertisement” shall be defined for the purpose of this section**
29 **to include the creation of any flyer, social media posting, text message or other**
30 **form of written or electronic communication soliciting guests to a residential**
31 **building for payment of any amount.**

32 **(2) “Pop-up Social Event” shall be defined for the purpose of this**
33 **section as an event for profit, including any event or gathering occurring in a**
34 **residential building, whereby the owner, occupant or operator of the residence**
35 **solicits or advertises the use of their residence for an event, party or gathering**

36 and where the guests are required to make payment for tickets, wristbands or
37 other mode of entry into the residence.

38 (b) Prohibitions.

39 (1) Any person, owner, occupant or operator of a residential
40 building located in a residential zoning district shall be prohibited from
41 advertising or otherwise soliciting monies for entry into a residential building
42 to attend a Pop-up Social Event as defined herein.

43 (2) It is prohibited for any person to rent or otherwise loan their
44 property in a residential zoning district to a person or business for a Pop-up
45 Social Event.

46 (3) Any person who creates, submits or otherwise posts an
47 advertisement for a Pop-up Social Event in a residential zoning district shall
48 be considered in violation of this section subject to the penalties herein.

49 (c) Exemptions. Activities, gatherings or other events that may
50 otherwise constitute a Pop-up Social Event shall be exempted from this section
51 where the residential building is a school or church, or where the proceeds for
52 the event are used for a charitable organization licensed in the State of Ohio,
53 or for political contributions to any local, state or federal campaign.”

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55 **Section 2:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council
56 concerning and relating to this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and
57 that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action
58 were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section
59 10, Article XI of the Charter of the City of Westlake and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

60 **Section 3:** That any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby
61 repealed.

62 **Section 4:** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the
63 earliest period allowed by law.

64 First Reading: _____

65 Referred to Planning Commission: _____

66 Report of Planning Commission on: _____

67 The Planning Commission recommended to Council that this Ordinance be:

68 Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

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71 Second Reading: _____

72 Public Hearing: _____

73 Passed: _____

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75 David S. Greenspan
76 President of Council

77 Presented to Mayor: _____ Approved: _____

78 ATTEST:

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81 Denise L. Rosenbaum, MMC Dennis M. Clough, Mayor
82 Clerk of Council