

Law Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
9:00 a.m.

2nd Floor Community Room
Fairfield County Municipal Courthouse
136 W. Main Street

Law Committee Chairman, Randy Groff

Also present: committee member Corey Schoonover, Law Director Randall Ullom, Asst. Law Director Stephanie Hall, Mayor David Scheffler, 3rd Ward Resident Jim Chilenski

Absent: committee member John Baus

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. New Business/Old Business

a) Junk Autos – Discussion referenced 343.06 EXEMPTIONS.

This chapter shall not apply to vehicles stored inside a garage, in a licensed towing service, in a licensed motor vehicle salvage facility, in a licensed scrap processing yard, in a licensed auto repair garage yard, in a licensed paint spray shop yard, in a licensed gasoline station yard, or in a licensed vehicle dealership yard, or any other lawful storage area not within the public view as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4737.09. (Ord. 21-97. Passed 4-28-97.)

Note the key words above, as Law Director Ullom pointed out, “storage area not within the public view as prescribed by Ohio R.C. 4737.09.”

Discussion also referenced screening requirements per code.

b) Vacant Property Registration Ordinances: A continuation of discussion from August 8th, 2018 discussion. Law Director Ullom has reviewed ordinances passed by other cities and International Property Codes.

Questions and discussion include, Reviewing the need, commercial (entire building or partial, example – vacant levels), residential. Cited

examples of properties in foreclosure/probate and enforcement challenges. The need for registration of properties, fees, inspections, potential benefit to law enforcement, etc.

Law Director Ullom to draft potential legislation for review.

c) Proposed LCO Section 182.085 as presented by Matt Wideman in 2018. Discussion on façade improvement programs with matching funds per DDL, the city, or potential for CBDG funds (as per programs initiated by other cities). Can façade improvement be included as economic development as per its effectiveness in other cities. To include Central Business District vs. other parts of the city; possible inclusion of façade improvements on the back/alley side of the downtown buildings. (See Attachment)

d) Sidewalks – Request to review legislation presented and passed by previous council and vetoed by previous Mayor Smith. Discussion revolving around matching fund program, tree issues, infrastructure issues, and ADA.

III. Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Schoonover, Councilman Groff seconded, Meeting Adjourned.