



**VIOLATION
NOTICE**



Health and Safety Committee

1. Civil Penalty Fee Recommendations For Solid Waste Violations

As requested by City Council, Jim Silver and Jeff Neistadt have drafted a fee schedule that they are recommending be used for solid waste violations. The graduated fees start at \$50 for first offense, increase to \$150 for a second offense and top out at \$250 for a third offense within a 12 month period.

Administration Recommendation

The staff point out that these fees are comparable to other City violation fees and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Adopt the proposed civil penalties for solid waste violations.

2. Trex Liquor Permit Request for New Kent Restaurant

Dan Smith has requested Committee time for Council to consider a Trex Liquor Permit request from the owners of a new restaurant/pub to be located at 154 N. Depeyster Street. The owner's request does not meet all of the requirements (falls short in square footage and seating) set forth in the new guidelines but the staff still considers this worthy of Council's consideration as the owners have spent \$240,000 and they are planning a total investment of \$750,000 and hiring 45 employees. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Given the significant investment planned, I would recommend City Council consider the request and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Consider the Trex liquor permit request and direct staff accordingly.

Finance Committee

3. Water/Recycling Liens For Outstanding Payments

The staff have requested Committee time for Council to consider adding the placement of liens against City water and recycling customers that have failed to pay their bills in a timely manner. Council has recently approved the use of liens on a number of other similar fees and penalties, and the staff is requesting authorization to add outstanding water and recycling customers to improve payment and collection efforts.

Administration Recommendation

I support the staff recommendation and I recommend Council adopt the proposed modifications to the City's collection procedures.

Council Actions

Authorize the use of property liens for failure to pay water and recycling bills.



Finance Committee (continued)

4. Accept and Appropriate Clean Ohio Funds



Dan Smith has requested Committee time to obtain Council's authorization to accept the State Clean Ohio Funds and appropriate those funds for the approved remediation of the property as defined in the grant documents. Clean Ohio funds have been approved for the remediation of the RB&W property and Ametek property. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The staff have worked for a couple of years to secure remediation funds to return the RB&W and Ametek properties into marketable properties for redevelopment, and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Accept and appropriate the Clean Ohio funds as presented.

5. Police Parking Fee Amnesty Proposal



Bill Lillich and Chief Lee have requested Committee time to discuss a proposal for a parking amnesty program to collect outstanding parking fines. The staff note that the amnesty program would allow ticket holders to pay the original fine, discounting the fines for late payment for a period of 30 days. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The staff report that other communities have had success using amnesty programs to return a significant portion of past due fines and given the large amount of outstanding payments currently on the City's books for parking fines I would encourage Council's support on a trial basis.

Council Action

Authorize staff to offer a parking fee amnesty program on a trial basis.

Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee

6. License to Occupy at Ray's Place



Gene Roberts has requested Committee time to seek Council's authorization to allow Ray's Place to install racks for the storage of trash cans in Alley #9. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The racks should improve sanitation in the alley and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the issuance of a license to occupy for Ray's Place trash racks.

7. City Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair Policy Review



At Council's request, Gene Roberts has asked for Committee time to provide Council with an overview of the City's existing sidewalk maintenance and repair policies and practices. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

City Council referred the sidewalk policy review into Committee during the discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan and I recommend Council receive the staff report.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Information Items

1. MAC Trailer Job Creation Tax Credit

Dan Smith has provided an update on the status of the Job Creation Tax Credit that we negotiated with MAC Trailer. Dan notes that the State has completed their portion of the agreement so it can now go into effect. (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of August 2012. Overall the City income tax collections are up 7.08% (\$514,307) from August 2011. Kent State University's collections thru the end of August are up 1.66% (\$47,798). (attachment)

3. Architectural Review Board

Bridget Susel has provided the Agenda for the October 2, 2012 Architectural Review Board. There are 2 items up for discussion: 1)Baked in the Village, 123 N. Water Street, new signage request; and 2)Jimmy Johns, 165 E. Main Street, Façade and sign review. (attachment)

4. September Planning Commission Meeting

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the Planning Commission agenda and staff report for the October 2nd, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. There are 2 items up for consideration: 1)Dunkin' Donuts, 525 E. Main Street, site plan review; and 2)Klaben, 1035 W. Main Street (former Huntington Bank property), conditional zoning and site plan. (attachment)

5. 2012 Resident Satisfaction Survey Results

I have attached the executive summary of a recently completed resident satisfaction survey for your information. This was a telephone survey that asked for resident's input on a wide range of City issues. I've also provided the executive summaries of the 2006-07 surveys so that you can see how responses have evolved over time. We plan to schedule time to review the results with you in an upcoming Council meeting but I wanted to share the raw data with you now since we're getting ready to discuss the 2013 operating budget. Our plan is to include this data as part of our effort to work with Council on updating our strategic planning priorities over the upcoming months heading into 2013. If you would like the full report, please give Suzanne a call and she'll provide a hard copy for you, or you can view the report on-line at:

<http://www.kent360.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/2012ResidentSurvey.pdf>