

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

February 13, 2015

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Derrick Parham
City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

No Legislation is Scheduled for the 02/18/2015 Meeting

Item II

An Ordinance Amending Section 153.533 of the City's Zoning Code to Permit Temporary Special Event Banners

In 2009, in an effort to assist the business community during the tough economic times, the City relaxed its policy regarding the use of temporary banners for a period of one year. For the last five years upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council has extended the policy for an additional year. The most recent extension is due to expire on May 20, 2015. This year the amendment is tentatively expected to be before the Planning Commission at its March 10 meeting. Once again, Planning Commission will consider whether or not to recommend extending the policy for an additional year. Hopefully a permanent solution for Special Event Banners will be recommended by the Technical Review Committee during the Zoning Code Update process.

As you may recall, prior to the amendment, a business could have a temporary banner on display for no more than a two-week period four times a year. The amendment allows a business to display a temporary banner for a period of up to one month. At the end of the one month, a thirty-day extension can be granted if the banner is being well maintained and properly displayed. The business can continue this practice for the entire twelve-month period the law is in effect.

These temporary banners must be related to a special event associated with the business and may not be used to announce such things as “now hiring” or “space available.” In addition, multi-tenant buildings such as a strip mall are not permitted to display more than two banners at any one time.

If the issue is before the Planning Commission as anticipated, an ordinance amending Section 153.533 of the Springdale Zoning Code permitting temporary special event banners would be before Council for a first reading at the **04/01/2015** meeting. The ordinance will be before Council for a Public Hearing and second reading at the **04/15/2015** meeting. In order to meet these deadlines, the Public Hearing would be advertised by the Building Department on or about March 11 or 12, following the March 10, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

Item III

City Offices Closed for President’s Day Holiday

City offices will be closed in recognition of the President’s Day Holiday on Monday, February 16, 2015. All City offices will return for operation on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

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