

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the Assistant City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

February 27, 2015

To: Mr. Thomas Vanover
President
Springdale City Council

From: Jerry Thamann
Assistant City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I

No Legislation is Scheduled for the 03/04/2015 Meeting

Item II

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with Clark Schaefer Hackett for Professional Accounting Services for the Audits for Year-End 2014 through Year-End 2018 and Declaring an Emergency

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a five-year agreement between the City of Springdale and Clark Schaefer Hackett for auditing services through 2018. The last audit (year-ending 2013) was conducted by the Auditor of State's (AOS) office. The AOS now pools cities in a joint bidding process for professional auditing services. Clark Schaefer Hackett has been chosen as the auditing firm for the services. According to Mr. Jeff Williams, Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner, the cost per contract year is less than the AOS fee for the year-ending 2013 audit but greater than the previous contract years of 2009-2012. The Clark Schaefer Hackett contract amounts will be \$15,000 for fiscal years 2014 and 2015; \$15,500 for fiscal year 2016; \$15,750 for fiscal year 2017; and \$16,250 for fiscal year 2018.

An ordinance with an emergency clause will be before City Council for consideration at the **03/18/15** meeting.

Item III

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.

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