

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown

FROM: Rules & Law Committee

RE: Sandwich signs and Geothermal

DATE: November 27, 2023

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The Rules & Law Committee met on June 26<sup>th</sup> in council chambers. Present at the meeting were Rules and Law Committee members Susan Brownknight, Kelly Rankin, Marcy Lewis. Also in attendance were Mayor Bill Brown and Building Administrator Rod Holloway.

The committee met and discussed the next steps in regulating sandwich signs in the Village. Rod presented a map with tentatively approved locations for permitted sandwich signs and permit fees.

Proposed fees for a sandwich sign permit are: \$250/year

Proposed max number of sandwich sign permits issued annually: 6

Proposed locations of sandwich signs were tentatively approved by the committee. However, the committee asked Rod to seek feedback regarding the locations from impacted property owners. The feedback is as follows:

- 1) Sign locations W1, W5 and W6 will NOT be permitted by impacted property owners.
- 2) However, M1 and M2 have been added.

Maps are attached.

The committee approved Rod, the Village's Building Administrator to work with counsel to draft an ordinance for Counsel approval regulating sandwich signs. Attached is the legislation.

The committee also discussed regulating geothermal installation in the Village. The committee recommends we ensure any regulation is aligned with State of Ohio guidance. The committee recommends that the Village only permit closed loop systems as open loop systems require access to public waterways and becomes much more complex to manage and regulate. Moreover, it is unclear whether any resident would have access to an appropriate water source, regardless of regulation.

The committee also discussed where drilling was allowed in a yard. The committee recommended only rear yards to be acceptable for drill location and drilling needed to be at a minimum, 3 feet away from a property line. Variances can be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Brownknight, Chair

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Kelly Rankin, Vice-Chair

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Marcy Lewis, Member

