

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown

FROM: Rules & Law Committee

RE: Committee Report

DATE: February 12, 2024

The Rules & Law Committee met on February 6, 2024 in Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Rules and Law Committee members, Susan Brownknight, Matt Ayer, Marcy Lewis. Also in attendance were Mayor Bill Brown, Councilman Bob Van Stone, Zoning Officer Rod Halloway, Police Chief Rick Hines and Senior Administrative Assistant, Joanee Van Pelt.

The Committee met and discussed a meeting schedule to address the breadth of topics needing committee input. It was determined that the Committee will meet the first Monday of every month as needed, with the exception of March. Meeting announcements are forthcoming.

Sick Time donations among Mariemont employees was discussed. The following was unanimously resolved:

R&L recommends to Council to amend the compensation ordinance to reflect the attached "sell back" language on an emergency basis due to an immediate need.

The Geothermal ordinance and Solar Panel installation standards were discussed and the following was unanimously resolved:

R&L concurs with the ordinance change proposed by the Zoning Officer. The change will allow 3 ft set back (e.g., for HVAC units, generators) for homes with small side yards. Another change will decrease the minimum distance from solar panels to a roof's edge, from the current 24 inches to 18 inches.

Sandwich signs were discussed. No changes are currently recommended to the ordinance. The ordinance is recommended for passage. New sign locations that meet the standards laid out by the ordinance must go through committee for recommendation and signage requests that are an exception to the ordinance must be approved via a variance by the Planning Commission.

The following were not discussed and are expected go on the agenda for a future meeting:

1. Parking pads in residential zones
2. Temporary signage in residential districts
3. Outdoor dining permits in business districts
4. Garage heights
5. Street to street lot obstructions in yard
6. Tree Houses
7. Above Ground Swimming pools

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brownknight, Chair

Matthew Ayer, Vice-Chair

Marcy Lewis, Member