

To: Mayor Brown and Members of Council

From: Rules and Law Committee, Maggie Palazzolo – Chairman

Date: October 12, 2020

Re: Changes to Code

The Rules and Law Committee Met on Thursday October 8, 2020 at 1:30PM via Zoom. Present at the meeting were Rob Bartlet, Marcy Lewis, Maggie Palazzolo and Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner.

Ten items related to Updating the code book were addressed.

Item 1: Addressed signs in residential districts. Please see the proposed changes in the addendum. The committee voted unanimously to accept them. The only exception is the time limit. Maggie will review how the City of Cincinnati manages how long residents may have signs in their yards. This could be an undue hassle for enforcement, so we want to write it well.

Item 2: Updates/corrects our code language about no parking on certain streets. The committee voted unanimously to accept this change.

Item 3: To allow the building commissioner's position to be filled by a non-resident and change the term to two years to match the Village solicitor, Fiscal Officer, etc. The committee had two votes in favor of this change and one member abstained from voting.

Item 4: Makes a correction regarding the use of Robert's Rules of order. The committee voted unanimously to accept this change.

Item 5: Makes the language regarding dog's in the Tot Lot fenced area consistent with the other sections of the code book. The committee voted unanimously to accept this change.

Item 6: Eliminates the dog/cat warden position. The committee voted unanimously to accept this change.

Item 7: Adds clarity to the rules of council regarding assigning/moving items to committees and approving newly created committees and commissions. The committee voted unanimously to accept this change.

Item 8: Clarifies Council Rule 25. The committee voted unanimously to accept this change.

Item 9: Adds language to clarify that Mariemont is required to follow the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices when adding traffic control devices. The committee had two votes in favor of this change and one member abstained from voting.

Item 10: The item addresses ordinance No. O-14-16 regarding the maintenance of the historic and aesthetic character of the entire Village of Mariemont. The committee voted unanimously to not take action at this time and has the following statement: We recognize that this has been in process since 2016 and the Village Solicitor has provided his opinion that it is likely unconstitutional. We choose not to strike it from the codebook until we have language to replace it with, and we support the Economic Planning and Zoning Committee in their work to update this section.

The Committee recommends the Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation

The meeting concluded at 2:30pm.

Thank you!!!!

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Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Palazzolo, Chairman

Marcy Lewis, Vice-Chairman

Rob Bartlett, Member