



# CITY of FOSTORIA

213 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
FOSTORIA, OHIO 44830

Chair: Thomas Lake  
Secretary: Ed Logsdon

## LAW & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 19, 2022

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Councilpersons Lake and Logsdon at 6:00 pm.

**Attendees**            Councilperson Thomas Lake  
                             Councilperson Ed Logsdon  
                             Councilperson Don Mennel

2. **Determine Committee Positions**

After discussion, it was agreed that Thomas Lake will be Chair and Ed Logsdon will remain Secretary of the Committee for 2022.

### **Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting**

No meetings were held October 2021 through December 2021. Last meeting was held September 2021. The September 1, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed with motion made and seconded to approve. A copy of those meeting minutes are attached for your reference.

3. **Old Business**

Reviewed and discussed past activities of committee.

4. **New Business:**

Two proposals were suggested by Don Mennel that were discussed by the Committee and we agreed the following Resolutions should be placed in New Business.

Resolution #1 – Let it be resolved that the last remaining stoplight in downtown Fostoria, at the corner of Tiffin and Main Street, be removed and stop signs installed to create a four-way stop.

Resolution #2 – Let it be resolved that the stoplight at the intersection of Countyline Street and Thomas Street be removed and that a stop sign be installed at Thomas Street. Let it be further resolved that the lanes on Countyline Street be marked such that the center lane becomes a turn lane for either direction, east or west. Rationale, this stoplight was installed so that children living the area could cross Countyline to attend Riley School. The school is no longer there.

5. **Public Comments:**

See proposals in New Business.

Don Mennel – would like to see the installation of bicycle lanes in Fostoria when restriping streets. He suggested a bike lane going one-way on Main Street and another going one-way on Union Street as a possibility.

Don Mennel – suggested a moratorium on fees for the installation of sidewalks or other upgrades from Memorial Day to Labor Day, for example. This could be a way to encourage property owners to upgrade their residences.

**6. Communications:**

Thomas Lake was sent information identified a possible zoning violation concerning a “blue school bus” that is “illegally parked” at a residence on Culbertson Street, near Cherry St. City of Fostoria Ordinance #1125.10 includes definitions and restrictions related to storing a bus on residential property. *This is a Zoning issue and should be directed to the Zoning Department and/or Police Department.*

Thomas Lake noted that residents in his ward, near Lytle Street, are complaining about a noise nuisance caused by large trucks using engine retarders for braking, i.e., “jake brakes” within City limits. Ordinances #337.30 (a) Use of Engine Retarders AND 509.08 b(6) Unlawful Noise, specifically prohibits this. The police were asked to check on signage at City limits identifying it is not allowed by City Ordinance. Signs identifying the Ordinance and restricted use of engine braking are either missing or unreadable. *This is an Enforcement Issue and recommend new signage be installed.*

Thomas Lake – Mentioned that he sees auto Handicap Signs being abused. No specifics were provided. *Abuse of Handicap Parking spots is an enforcement issue that would need to be addressed by Fostoria Police.*

**7. Adjournment:**

With no other business to come before the Law & Ordinance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The next regular Law & Ordinance meeting is scheduled for *Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Conference Room 2 in the City Building.*

Signed:

Attest:

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Councilperson Lake, Committee Chair

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Tamara L Drake Clerk of Council

Date \_\_\_\_\_