



# CITY of FOSTORIA

213 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
FOSTORIA, OHIO 44830

Chair: Thomas Lake  
Secretary: Ed Logsdon

## LAW & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023

1) Meeting Called to Order by Councilperson Lake at 5:15 pm.

Attendees            Councilperson Thomas Lake, President  
                             Councilperson Ed Logsdon, Secretary

2) Meeting Minutes of Previous Meeting

June 20, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion passed to approve.

3) Old Business

a) Ordinance 505.02d - Dogs and Other Animals – Review and update regulation concerning animals running loose. Changes suggested: Clarify involvement of Fostoria Police, County Dog Warden and possible fine for unrestrained animals. Add clause concerning “vicious animals”. **The L&O Committee requests further input from Police Chief concerning details related to boarding of animals, i.e., costs, time limits and liabilities.**

b) Ordinance 505.21 - Regulations Regarding Keeping of Animals – Review and update to clarify. Revise to clearly identify the number and types of animals and requirements for keeping them within City limits. **Forwarded revised ordinance to Law Director for submission to City Council for review, discussion, and vote.**

c) Ordinance 1125.03 - Extensions and Projections from buildings. – Review and update to clarify requirements. Discussed Ordinance with Zoning Department to determine the intent. The wording of the Ordinance is not clear and the focus on projections from buildings seems confusing. **L&O Committee requests Zoning revise and resubmit.**

d) Ordinance 1125.04 – Fences – Review and update to clarify requirements. The Ordinance was discussed with Zoning to address a few questions concerning fencing materials. **Forwarded revised ordinance to Law Director for submission to City Council for review, discussion, and vote.**

e) Fremont Street – Need to decide if one sided parking will improve access for safety vehicle and other larger vehicles, i.e., RV, camper, or large pickup truck.

4) New Business:

a) Condemned Housing – There is an issue with people moving into and using condemned housing in the city. Thomas Lake met with the Police Chief and Zoning Director concerning this. An ordinance or clarification of existing law is needed to address the problem as it poses a health and safety issue. **The L & O Committee requests input from the Safety Service Director and Zoning Department on how best to address this.**

5) Communications:

- a) None

6) Public Comments:

- a) Deb Tyson – Commented on handicap access being an issue when vehicles are parked across the sidewalks. People who are using personal mobility are forced into the street.  
**There is currently an ordinance against parking vehicles blocking the sidewalks and it needs to be enforced more diligently.**

- b) Greg Cassidy – Stated a concern with the wild geese around the reservoir. They can be aggressive and intimidating. There are Ohio laws concerning wildlife and no hunting is allowed within the city limits.

7) Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Law & Ordinance Committee, the meeting was adjourned on 5:27 pm. The next regular Law & Ordinance meeting will be at 5:15pm on August 15, 2023, in the City Council Chambers.

Signed:

Attest:

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Councilperson Lake, Committee Chair



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Edward Logsdon, Secretary of Committee

Date \_\_\_\_\_