

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

July 5, 2023

The public hearing for Zoning Case 2023-07TC, a proposed Text Amendment to the Sycamore Township Zoning Resolution, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Schwegmann.

Present for the hearing were Chairman Schwegmann, Vice Chairman Weidman, Superintendent Reutelshofer, Law Director Barbieri, and Planning & Zoning Administrator Uckotter. Trustee James and Administrator Kellums were absent.

Mr. Uckotter presented the case for Zoning Case 2023-07TC. He stated the Board of Trustees initiated the Text Amendment in Resolution 2023-035 on May 16, 2023.

Mr. Uckotter reported that at the June 12, 2023 Zoning Commission meeting, the Zoning Commission recommended approval of the text amendment with a 4-0 vote, with one member abstaining. He said a condition was proposed to review language related to “the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney,” in Section 24-4.2 of the proposed text change. He noted the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s office has reviewed the text amendment and recommended the following language in that section: “the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney, at his/her discretion,” .

Mr. Uckotter stated that the Sheriff’s Office was also consulted related to the proposed text change, and their only role will be to serve criminal citations.

Mr. Uckotter reported the text change seeks to amend the Zoning Resolution to allow for criminal misdemeanor citations and penalties as opposed to civil remedies. He pointed out that the Planning & Zoning Department’s enforcement posture will continue to be to work with residents to seek a resolution before resorting to judicial remedies.

Ms. Schwegmann asked Mr. Barbieri if other municipalities in the area are incorporating similar text into their zoning codes.

Mr. Barbieri answered that some of them in this area are. He stated the Hamilton County Housing Court will not take civil cases, therefore, classifying the violations as a criminal misdemeanor will be a quicker way to remedy the issues.

Mr. Uckotter concluded staff recommends approval of Case 2023-07TC with the following condition:


- Section 24-4.2 “the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney” shall be changed to “the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney at his/her discretion,”

Ms. Schwegmann noted there was no one present from the public to comment on the case.

The public hearing for Case 2023-07TC adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



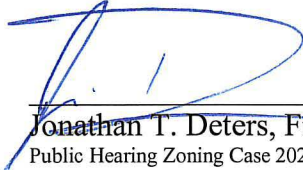
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Thomas C. James, Jr., Trustee



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