



## Citywide News

### The most frequently violated City Ordinances

Over the past year, I have been exposed to a deeper understanding of the ordinances (city laws) that enables the city to provide an environment that functions with minimal issues. One concern I have as a councilman is the fact that I have heard from residents or read on social media that some of our citizens have actually misquoted some of the more common ordinances. My goal here is to list the most common city ordinance violations reported to the Service Dept., Police Dept., and Building Dept.

#### • Ordinance 521.051



This ordinance deals “in simple terms” with those residents or businesses that do not maintain their properties landscaping. “Uncontrolled Growth”

means all grasses and or weeds growing at a height of 8” or higher. There is also a violation where there is an accumulation of dead grass, trees, shrubbery and other plant material that significantly debases the property. This is considered a public nuisance. The property can be placed on a Grass Watch List, where the city will make arrangements to have the grasses cut and the owner charged.

#### • Ordinance 510.03



This ordinance is rather long and complex, and deals primarily with “noise”. In simple terms, there are noise ordinances that provide for us a quiet neighborhood. This covers the following: Construction (operating any tools or equipment used in construction or demolition work), Domestic Power Tools (operating any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool), Signaling Devices (the intentional sounding of any fire, burglar or emergency signaling device). Restricted Mon-Fri 9:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m., Sat-Sun 9:00 p.m.-8:30 a.m.

## Ward 2 News

### Questions and Answers for Ward 2



#### 1. *When will Lost Nation Rd. and Lakeshore Blvd. be “repaved”*

Lost Nation Rd. is concrete and there are no plans at this time to resurface the road. What will be done is to continue to replace slabs of the road, with concrete, when sections fail.

O.D.O.T. (the Ohio Department of Transportation) is presently planning to resurface SR 84 in 2021, SR 283 Lakeshore Blvd. in 2022 and SR 174 in 2023. These are State Fiscal years. The fiscal year in Ohio runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> so the Lakeshore pavement most likely will be done in the summer/fall of 2021.

#### 2. *How many homes will there be in the Fairway Glen Development?*

Plans show when the entire complex is complete there will be 141 homes. The homes will also be constructed in 3 phases, the first will entail approximately 33 homes. I must also mention that the handling of stormwater, which is always a concern should be lessened since the retention pond and its operation is actually 3x larger than what is required of 141 homes. In fact, the pond installed was actually designed to handle a full retail operation on that site which would have been much more pavement. Now that it is going to be homes there is much less pavement and much more green space. I must also mention, that 3 acres of land will be taken up by the Port Authority (Airport). This means 3 acres more of green space. This is all a plus for the site and the development.

#### 3. *When are we going to see the “potholes” fixed in the Ward 2 (Hodgson Rd)?*

Thank you, Service Director, Lee Bock! Potholes were patched days after we had the Ward 2 meeting. Unfortunately, the weather was not the best so patches may not have held. The plan is to address "again" when the weather is agreeable.

#### 4. *We see ditches on the sides of the roads that never drain, WHY?*

There is definitely a need to get the service department out to attend to the Storm Drains. There is a lot of debris blocking the drains which do not allow them to drain as intended.

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Loading and Unloading (the handling of boxes, crates, garbage cans, building materials), and Powered Model Vehicles. Mon-Fri restricted 9:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m

Radios, TV's, Musical Instruments, Outside Music, is restricted between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner to create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

Finally, Explosives, Firearms, and Similar Devices which create an impulsive sound so as to cause a noise disturbance across a real property boundary or on a public space or right of way are not permitted without first obtaining a special variance or permit.



#### • Ordinance 521.051 (Garbage/Trash)

Containers shall be placed at the curb area by the resident no sooner than 5:00 p.m. on the evening prior to scheduled collection day. All refuse must be at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. of scheduled collection day and the containers must be removed by 7:00 p.m. the same day. Empty containers must be removed from curb area the same day as collections to prevent safety hazards.

- Your every other week recycling day is the same as your trash day.
- Bag and tie your trash and place in your container.
- Do NOT bag recyclables.
- Place your solid waste within three feet of the curb in front of your residence the night before your scheduled collection day.
- Please put your 64-gallon recycling container at least 3 feet to the side of your solid waste with the lid opening facing the street.

Please note:  
Condominium Association properties have their own private contract with a trash collection company. Your details of that contract may differ from those serviced by Waste Management in a contract with the City of Willoughby. Check with your Association for details. **Yard Waste pickup runs April 3 through December 15.**

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### Questions & Answers continued



5. *How can we get the City Pool @ Osborne to better serve the Willoughby residents vs those who live outside the city?*

The city, this summer, will address that issue by raising the fees for a non-resident. While in turn, they will lower the fees for a resident. This alone should help to assure that more residents of Willoughby will be in a better position to use the pools.

6. *Why can't we have a light at North Bay and Lost Nation Rd.?*

The city can install traffic signals and traffic signs wherever they want. The problem with that is the liability. The state has developed guidelines that dictate the appropriate use of signals and signs. The reason for being careful about where you use signals is that signals often cause more accidents or they reduce accidents but the accidents that do occur are much more severe. So the state has developed the criteria (warrants) upon which the installation of traffic signals should be based. If Willoughby chooses to ignore these criteria then Willoughby takes on a huge liability if there should be an accident that could be shown to likely not have occurred if the signal had never been installed. Note, state law prohibits the use of signals and stop signs to try to control speed. North Bay, based on the state's criteria, does not warrant a traffic signal.

7. *Where do the millions of dollars come from to pay for the stormwater management repairs?*

All the residents, businesses and property owners in Willoughby, as part of PROPERTY TAXES, pay a tax that goes to the county to collect funds to pay for stormwater management repairs in our city. Tax revenues to the county are the main source of funding. Businesses and owners of larger properties pay higher fees. Stormwater systems have to be maintained and improved, if necessary, to operate efficiently.

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## **INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**

For the next Newsletter, I would like to use a “Question and Answer” format for the entire document. If you would like to take part in this format, please send me your questions. I will try to print all the questions (avoiding duplicates) and then spend time answering all that I can with the space available.

I will leave names off from the questions asked.

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I appreciate your taking part in this process.