

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 10, 2012

The Economic Development Committee met in Council Chambers April 9, 2012, after a meeting of the Safety Committee with the listed members in attendance:

Rhonda Loomis, Chair
Doug Marmie
Bill Cost Jr.

Marc D. Guthrie
Jeffrey M. Rath

We wish to report:

Ordinance No. 12-15 amending Chapter 1024 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio to allow for the limited use of sidewalks within the public right of way in the Downtown Zoning District and establishing procedures for the issuances of permits for such limited use was considered.

Brian Morehead, City Engineer, said the permit is lacking structure.

Mr. Cost asked if this is just about seating or tables.

There was a discussion with Mr. Morehead relative to sandwich boards.

Will items be sold on the sidewalk, too questioned Mr. Cost?

Mr. Rath voiced a concern about smoking areas being for just smoking.

Douglas Sassen, Law Director, explained the legalities/liability of obstruction in public walkways.

A discussion followed.

Marilyn Thompson questioned if there is really enough space at the Buckeye Winery.

Lesa Best said there is no specific footage in this ordinance.

Mr. Sassen explained the administration would do a visual.

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Guthrie the ordinance be forwarded to full council carried by acclamation.

Rhonda Loomis
Chair