

ZONING & TECHNOLOGY

May 19, 2015

Attendees: Councilmen Marquette & Minarcin, Mayor MacKinnon, City Administrator Ciecka, City Administrator Scott, Zoning Director Zuchowski, Solicitor Heban, Gracie Black of Riverview Apt, John Aubrey of Rossford Arms, John Rust of Rust & Rust Ltd,

Mark opened meeting by going thru the various changes that have been suggested from both our last committee meeting and a meeting between myself and Mark. The primary changes had to do with fees. It was the consensus of the committee to not charge any inspection fees. The committee, after hearing from the landlords present at our last meeting, felt all the fees being proposed were excessive. It was recommended we stay with an Initial application fee. There was another classification added, multiple single and two family dwellings.

Exterior inspections changed to coincide with spring and fall. Ownership change and amended registration information filing was changed from 20 to 30 days.

Mr. Aubrey ask why now? What has happened to spur such a law? The Mayor traced it back to around 2008 when the economy went south and properties could be purchased inexpensively.

Mr. Aubrey also asked what type of information we would like from them about their tenants. There was a concern as to what they could legally supply. Ed felt just their Name, Employer and number of adults.

Another concern raised was trying to keep track of what needed to be filed and when. Our proposed data base will send out periodic reminders to all landlords or property managers.

Ed mentioned existing ordinance #193.07 that deals with tax reporting and how our intentions of finding those currently not complying.

Hotels/Motels were removed from the exemptions list due largely to the amount of extended stays being seen and advertised in our city. Current code calls for enforcement @ 12 days.

Rest of meeting was centered on enforcement and penalties. Kevin pointed out section 726.08 (enforcement) of this proposed ordinance. The committee felt that this although being good, is not specific enough and would also like a more detailed and structured fine section that can also be enforced. This in large part was driven by the direction of council from the initial reading. Mark, Mike and Kevin were meet to and have ready for our next meeting such a section.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 @ 6:00pm.