

Port Clinton City Council  
Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee  
for Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Notes

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m., City Hall Conference room

In attendance: Councilmen Beth Gillman and Jerry Tarolli, and Margaret Phillips, chairman.

Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Continuation of the present Tree Commission Ordinance discussion from last month

→ **557.19 REMOVAL OR MUTILATION OF TREES.**

Unless specifically authorized by a duly issued Permit to Remove, no person shall remove, destroy or mutilate any tree, shrub or other plant in a Tree Lawn or any other public place, or attach or place any rope or wire (other than one used to support a young or broken tree), sign, poster, handbill or other thing to or on any tree growing in a public place, or to allow any gaseous, liquid or solid substance which is harmful to such trees to come in contact with their roots or leaves.

Street trees may be removed by filing an application for a permit for removal with the City Tree Commission and obtaining a permit in writing authorizing the removal of a Street Tree. Applications for the removal of Street Trees shall be available in the City's Safety-Service Director's office. A violation of this section is subject to the penalties described in Section 557.99.

→ **557.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever violates or refuses to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be, upon conviction or a plea of guilty, subject to a fine not less than one hundred fifty (\$150.00) per occurrence, nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per occurrence, plus any court and legal costs incurred by the City. Each tree affected by a violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, the person shall replace the tree with a size and species recommended by the Tree Commission. Every person, firm or corporation shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any portion of which any violation of any such provision is committed or continued.

These changes were approved 3-0 by the committee. Full council approval is expected at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. E-Commerce

The following was passed by the committee by a 3-0 vote with anticipated approval at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:

"I move to approve the Police Chief and the Director of Safety and Service creation of an E-Commerce Transaction Zone in the parking lot south of the entrance near the fence to Lakeview Estates, subject to such guidelines as shall be approved by the Director of Safety and Service."

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Beth Gillman, with a second by Jerry Tarolli, and 3-0 vote.

*Next Month's meeting:* → August 23, 2016, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Committee Room