



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE, CONVEYANCE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS BOARD

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

12:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Link called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

Staff Present: Harry Sulzer and Ed Ruckriegel. Also present were Marci Paulson, from the City Attorney's Office, and Captain Brad Olson, from the Fire Department.

Present: 5 -

Christopher Dodge; Louis J. Olson; Richard J. Link; Sam J. Breidenbach and Craig E. Brown

Absent: 1 -

Michael R. Flowers

Excused: 3 -

Colin L. Godding; Paul E. Karow and Russell G. Stern

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dodge, seconded by Brown, to Approve the Minutes of August 16, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [24039](#) Amending Sec. 40.11(5) of the Madison General Ordinances to increase the fee for the permit to operate conveyances.

AYES: Dodge, Olson, Link, Breidenbach, Brown
ABSENT: Flowers
EXCUSED: Godding, Karow, Stern

Item 1 is a fee pass through for the State.

A motion was made by Dodge, seconded by Breidenbach, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -
Flowers

Excused: 3 -
Godding; Karow and Stern

Ayes: 5 -
Dodge; Olson; Link; Breidenbach and Brown

2. [24040](#)

Amending Secs. 34.02(1)(a), (2)(d)2.a., (2)(d)3., creating Sec. 34.02(2)(d)8. and renumbering and amending Sec. 34.02(2)(d)9. of the Madison General Ordinances to establish fees for incomplete plan submittals and private fire service hydrants and to raise the fee for fire alarm control unit and create a fee for plan reviews not mentioned within the section.

AYES: Dodge, Olson, Link, Breidenbach, Brown
ABSENT: Flowers
EXCUSED: Godding, Karow, Stern

A motion was made by Dodge, seconded by Olson, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -
Flowers

Excused: 3 -
Godding; Karow and Stern

Ayes: 5 -
Olson; Link; Breidenbach; Brown and Dodge

3. [24041](#)

Amending Section 34.507(1)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to exempt private fire service mains from Madison Fire Department (MFD) plan review.

Exempt private fire mains from Madison Fire Department review.

AYES: Dodge, Olson, Link, Breidenbach, Brown
ABSENT: Flowers
EXCUSED: Godding, Karow, Stern

A motion was made by Breidenbach, seconded by Brown, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER. Exempt private fire mains from Madison Fire Department review. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -
Flowers

Excused: 3 -
Godding; Karow and Stern

Ayes: 5 -

Link; Breidenbach; Brown; Olson and Dodge

4. [24042](#)

Creating new Sec. 34.507(1)(c) and renumbering current Secs. 34.507(1)(c) through (k) to Secs. 34.507(1)(d) through (l), respectively, of the Madison General Ordinances to require submission of GPS coordinates of private fire hydrants to the Madison Fire Department.

Provide GPS coordinates for private hydrants.

AYES: Dodge, Olson, Link, Breidenbach, Brown

ABSENT: Flowers

EXCUSED: Godding, Karow, Stern

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Dodge, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER. Provide GPS coordinates for private hydrants. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -

Flowers

Excused: 3 -

Godding; Karow and Stern

Ayes: 5 -

Link; Breidenbach; Brown; Olson and Dodge

5. [24043](#)

SUBSTITUTE Creating Section 34.06 and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit cooking in a careless manner and establishing a bail deposit in violation thereof.

Attachments: [Version 1](#)

The Fire Department pointed out there were 125 kitchen fires since the first of the year. Most of these were caused by careless use of equipment. The bail schedule would be \$0 to \$5,000. The average citation would be \$1,300.

The belief is that people need to change their behaviors and the combination of education and fines should be able to do that. There are risks involved every time a fire company makes a run. Some of the concerns raised by the Board were:

1. The wording is very strict and almost any fire would reach the threshold where someone could be cited.
2. Looking at the address of the fires, they appear to be in student areas and challenged neighborhoods. These folks could not afford to pay fines.
3. The insurance question was raised. If someone were cited, would that allow an insurance company to not pay?
4. People will not call the Fire Department immediately, but see if they can put out the fire themselves.
5. There are not any other municipalities that have adopted such an Ordinance.
6. Classically with policy issues, education comes first and if that does not work, then adopt an Ordinance for the fines.

A motion was made by Dodge, seconded by Olson, to recommend re-drafting by the City Attorney's Office. Refer this item to the next meeting of the BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE, CONVEYANCE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS BOARD. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Breidenbach, to Adjourn at 1:30 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.