

Report for Council – August 8, 2016

Planning & Development Department Agenda Items:

Revision to Part One – Administrative Code and Adoption of a Development Fee Schedule

The Department is requesting that Gahanna City Council modify Part One – Administrative Code (Chapter 148) and adopt a Development Fee Schedule. The fee amounts are not changed from their previous levels. Proposed changes to Chapter 148 along with the Development Fee Schedule are attached.

After conversations with legal counsel, the Department is requesting this adoption in order to ensure that the Development Fee Schedule is in place subsequent to the recent modification of the Building and Zoning Fee Schedule. A waiver & emergency is being requested for this legislation in order to allow staff to process pending applications in a timely manner.

Tree Code Modification UPDATED

At the July 25 Council meeting, staff reviewed the latest redline changes to the proposed tree code. Staff also was working on including a Preferred Tree Species list. Protected trees 20 inches or larger in size that are included on the Preferred Tree Species list are proposed to receive two credits per inch preserved. Preferred Tree Species are proposed to receive an additional .5 credits over non-Preferred Tree Species.

Below is a list of trees proposed to be included as Preferred Tree Species.

- a. Quercus – Oak trees
- b. Acer saccharum – Sugar Maple
- c. Ulmus Americana - American Elm
- d. Platanus occidentalis – American Sycamore
- e. Fagus grandifolia – American Beech
- f. Liquidamber styraciflua – Sweetgum
- g. Celtis occidentalis – Common Hackberry
- h. Taxodium distichum – Bald Cypress
- i. Aesculus glabra – Ohio Buckeye
- j. Carya ovata – Shagbark Hickory
- k. Gymnocladus dioica – Kentucky Coffeetree
- l. Asimina Triloba - Pawpaw
- m. Tilia Tomentosa – Silver Linden
- n. Picea Pungens – Colorado Blue Spruce

Planning & Development Department Updates:

None at this time.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- *Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce: A Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 7:30am, at C-Suites, 81 Mill Street – Suite 300.*
- *Olde Gahanna Community Partnership: A General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 8:15am, at the Olde Gahanna Sanctuary, 82 N. High Street.*
- *Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce: A Membership Lunch will be held on Thursday, August 11, 11:30am, at La Navona, 154 N. Hamilton Road. This will be an opportunity to meet Steve Barrett, the new Superintendent of Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools.*
- *Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation: A Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 7:30am, at Gahanna City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road.*