



To: Gahanna City Council
Raymond J. Mularski, Esq., City Attorney

From: Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: June 10, 2021

Re: Office of the Mayor Report to Council (June 14, 2021 COW Meeting)

UPDATES

See, June 9, 2021 Mayor's Report.

ACTION ITEM

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Last Fall, a Gahanna resident expressed concern over litter created by plastic-wrapped newspapers and other materials that are routinely scattered in driveways and on sidewalks without the request or permission of homeowners. The resident inquired whether the City could adopt an ordinance to restrict or otherwise prevent this type of distribution of such unsolicited materials.

After researching similar legislation in other peer communities and gauging the extent of interest and concern from other residents, the Administration agrees that such an ordinance would benefit the City by greatly reducing unwanted and unnecessary litter without prohibiting or unreasonably restraining distribution of information by businesses, organizations or individuals. (Note that this would not impact the ability to share information by leaving materials on porches, as a door hanger, in the door, etc.)

Based on the above, the Administration respectfully requests Council to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting the distribution of unsolicited written materials. A draft of the proposed ordinance is attached for your review.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: N/A
Vendor Address: N/A
Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): N/A