

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY, June 3, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Holly Swenk called the Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were Chairwoman Holly Swenk, Councilwoman Georgia Awig, and Councilman Martin DeVries.

Also present: Mayor Kevin Corcoran, President Jason Jacobs, Councilman Eric Shaffer, Councilman Bruce Abens, Councilman Clifford Winkel, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Holly Swenk asked if there were any corrections to the Safety Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 17, 2023. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

New Business:

2024-58 An Ordinance amending North Ridgeville Codified Ordinance Section 660.13
Smoking in Places of Public Assembly.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran explained the legislation, stating that it prohibits smoking in any public areas, including the use of marijuana. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

Chair Swenk raised a concern regarding individuals failing to adhere to the rule of not smoking within a 25-foot radius of a "No Smoking" sign.

Mayor Corcoran emphasized that the city's parks are currently designated as smoke-free zones. The Mayor proposed eliminating the 25-foot distance requirement.

Councilman Winkel expressed his understanding of maintaining a 25-foot distance for smokers in designated areas.

Chair Swenk called for additional comments or questions.

Councilman Jacobs expressed his support for removing the distance requirement from the "No Smoking" sign.

Councilman Shaffer posed a question regarding the legislation's coverage for city-run events.

Conversations were held to address two main subjects: the required distance for smoking near properties owned by the municipality and enforcing smoking regulations at events.

Councilman Abens stated that sidewalks are the property of the entity. This implies that the City still maintains ownership of the sidewalks and the tree lawn.

Councilman DeVries expressed the hope that the legislation would aid in enforcement, as there is a lack of awareness regarding regulations on no smoking in public places.

Moved by Awig and seconded by DeVries to amend Ordinance 2024-58 with the following changes.

“Under Section 660.13 (a) strikeout, "within 25 feet of No Smoking signs posted...”

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 3 No – 0

Council member Awig wanted to know where the “No Smoking” signs would be posted.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that it would be around the front of the parks.

Moved by Awig and seconded by DeVries to send 2024-58 back to the City Council to consider and amend with the following changes.

“Under Section 660.13 (a) strikeout, "within 25 feet of No Smoking signs posted...”

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.


Yes – 3 No – 0

No further business.

Adjournment:

Chair Swenk adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Date Approved: September 9, 2024



Fijabi Gallam, MMC
Assistant Clerk of Council