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To: Debra Hines
Council Liaison: Ordinance Review Committee Date: December 7, 2023

From: Jim Miller

Re: Committee Issues

Debra:

Just to bring you up to date on issues, this is the list of items or ordinances that the ORC has addressed while I have been there (I have no record of what transpired in the past):

- Chapter 95: HEALTH AND SANITATION
- 156.061: HOME OCCUPATION CRITERIA
- 156.065: COMMUNITY HOMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- 156.080: BUSINESS USE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS
- Chapter 90: ANIMALS
- Chapter 93: FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
- Chapter 94: FIREWORKS
- Chapter 70: SCHEDULE IV. - CITY PARKING

We will need some new ideas to work on in the future, I would ask the Council to consider authorizing or directing the Committee to work on some items.

Chris mentioned that there was a flaw in our Ordinance (Chapter 30.70 – 30.76) wherein the term descriptions do not keep the Member seated until the replacement arrives. This could be a general flaw removing most Committees of their quorum past December. We could have had a December meeting had I known the term shown on the City website for Joe was incorrect; we might have had a quorum.

Also, the staff seems to want to rewrite the ordinance governing our Committee, I think we need to clarify just what their authority is in doing so. I have simply held the line that I will act according to our Ordinance which describes the Committee, until directed otherwise by Council. So far, I have been told to change procedures using Robert's Rules and State Law as justification, neither of which were correct. I am sure they will lobby for change anyway. I would still like to address the limitations that were put on us (mistakenly so, I believe) by the Council in contradiction to our Ordinance. Those are the issues facing this Committee in the new year.

