

Minutes of the Buffalo Ordinance Committee held on June 3, 2008.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Judy Hammons at 1 pm. Present were committee member Gina Guizar, Mayor John Carson, Councilmember Dana Jo Smith, City Clerk Bill Bowers, and Police Chief Gage Adam. Residents in attendance included Tony Mendez, Doug Klaman, and Sue Miller.

Ordinance 422 Minors in Taverns

The Committee discussed the ordinance which would bar minors from entering Taverns without their parents or guardians. Ordinance 422 would make it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to enter a tavern without their parents or guardians.

Motion by Hammons to recommend approval of Ordinance 422 to Council and to include the elimination of Section 2.1-302.19 (9) which also deals with minors in taverns
Seconded by Guizar and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 421 Tavern Doors

The Committee discussed the current law that requires Tavern door to remain shut at all times. Ordinance 421 states that the doors must remain closed during periods when there is excessive noise or music.

The use of decibel meters to monitor noise was discussed. Bowers said he found units for a little as \$25 each. Adams will check with the Davenport Police Department to see what type of meters they use.

Motion by Hammons to recommend Ordinance 421 to Council. Seconded by Guizar and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 423 Outdoor Service Areas

The Committee discussed the various methods to regulate outdoor service areas. Consensus of the committee was to treat all outdoor service areas the same and put the regulations in the form of an ordinance.

Motion by Hammons to amend Ordinance 423 to state the following:

1. Application for an outdoor service area must be made to the City Council
2. Hours for outdoor service are 7 am until 9 pm Sunday through Thursday and 7 am until 10 pm on Friday and Saturday
3. A 6' privacy fence is to be erected on 3 sides of the area. The 4th side is to have a 6' barrier which is subject to approval by the Building Inspector
4. All areas must have emergency exits which open out
5. Access to the outdoor service area must be through the bar or another controlled access

6. Application for outdoor or live music must be made to Council. Approval will be on an individual basis.

Seconded by Guizar and carried unanimously.

Parking Regulations

The Committee discussed parking regulations for commercial zoning districts. Current code bases parking regulations on building size, regardless of use. Consensus of the committee was that parking should be based on use and occupancy, versus the square footage of a building.

Bowers was directed to ask Fire Chief Terry Adams for the occupancy limits for Biscuits Bar and Grill.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm by Guizar. Seconded by Hammons and carried unanimously.

William Bowers
City Clerk