

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**September 2, 2008**

**Members:** Kathy Hummel, Chair  
Vince Rubino  
Ken Barnhart

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the July 21, 2008 and July 28, 2008 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Considered**

Temp. Ord. A-74

**Discussion:**

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An ordinance enacting Chapter 1336 of the Codified Ordinances, titled "Clandestine Drug Labs" and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hummel indicated that Ms. Jones had sent some materials on the subject to Council members over the break and recommended members read those documents before the matter is discussed again. Mr. Arrington added that Ms. Jones was still working on establishing some standards in terms of when a home is considered clean. He was not sure whether she would have her documents completed within the next two weeks. Mr. Hummel requested that Mr. Arrington have Ms. Jones communicate with her. She explained to the public that the issue is that there are no health standards available and added that the EPA is supposed to come up with some guidelines by the end of the year.

Ed Kempton, 1785 Bailey, stated with regard to websites that Summit County has a list of offenders and thought perhaps Cuyahoga Falls should have a list of houses that were meth labs so if someone wanted to buy a home, they would know. Mrs. Hummel stated that is part of the legislation. There were discussions regarding how long a property should remain on the list once it is deemed to be clean and what standards should be used to determine it is safe. The City wants to be fair to buyers and renters and also fair to property owners who may be landlords. To list a property on a site forever, whether it has been cleaned up or not, may be an undue hardship on the owner, especially if the property is actually clean. There really are no guidelines to assist in determining that. Mrs. Klinger stated Summit County has a task force and gave a copy of what the County has done to the Clerk to be copied and distributed to Council members. Mrs. Hummel stated the Minnesota paperwork indicated that businesses that are licensed by the State, such as hotels and restaurants, are being held accountable to the State because of the licensing in terms of clean-ups.

***Committee recommended holding Temp. Ord. No. A-74.***

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.