

Attachment 1

1. Parking limitations;

On street parking is an issue within the City. Many citizens have to park in the street, because there is limited access for multiple cars for each property. This is a bigger issue in the older parts of the City. The Mayor, City Planner and Code Department are looking at the thoroughfare policies in town, in order to designate additional parking. We are hoping to get recommendations from the City Council, on how best to serve our community's needs for parking.

2. Garbage cans;

Cans being left at the curb, cans losing garbage onto neighbor's property, people leaving garbage next to cans on the curbs, are all issues that citizens have been voicing concerns about. Our current code allows citizens to place their cans out 24hrs before pick up. Litter and debris are definitely a growing issue in the City. With as many concerns that the Mayor and Code Department have received about litter etc., Council recommendations to fix some part of this problem are needed.

3. Power chairs and e-bikes

This issue is about safety for those that have mobility challenges when it comes to power chairs, and pedestrian safety when it comes to E-bikes.

Having mobility scooters on major thoroughfares is unsafe for those on a small scooter / wheelchair. They are less visible and slow moving. Our concern is to keep their accessibility to free travel while maintaining their safety.

Having e-bikes on City sidewalks is a safety hazard for pedestrians as they walk. These bikes can move at a rate of speed that is much higher than a regular bike and the braking abilities are limited. Many people walk in the City of Butler, their safety must be insured.

Suggestions on how to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable as well as the everyday pedestrian are needed in these cases.

4. Leashing of dogs/pets, off of owners property "At Large" animals

At large or roaming animals are not permitted in the City of Butler. The Code Department has received multiple calls regarding pets not being contained on their own property, damage of property, safety

of citizens, and Council has heard direct testimony of a mail carrier being attacked by a dog. The issue is pet owners. Every dog will bite, every cat will scratch, and every animal will mark territory; plain, base instincts. People are talking to the Mayor and the Code Officer about animals invading property and threatening other pets and people, destroying property by digging holes, and undermining fences, creating issues in the community and a general lack of responsibility in pet owners. Suggestions on ways to help our citizens be responsible pet owners, and creating safety for the citizens, are needed badly.

5. Feral cats

Feral cats are a growing issue. These are cats that have no owner, no medical care and, spread disease and pests like fleas and ticks in our City. There are a few well intentioned citizens that are feeding these wild cats. They do not own them or provide any care other than food and sometimes shelter. Without spay and neutering regulations they multiply quickly, which is unsustainable. The costs of trapping, medical procedure and re-release is not a small concern. The Mayor and Code Department have looked into options and would like the Council to do the same. Suggestions for a way to curb the out of control breeding of feral cats and spread of pests, as well as ways to cover these options costs, are needed badly before it gets even more out of hand.

6. Minimum housing standards

Housing in our City is an area of great concern. The lack of housing options, the expense of housing, and the close proximity of houses in our community creates a unique and challenging situation. The Mayor and the Planning Commission are working on various options, but these things take some time. Setting a minimum housing standard through local code is a great option to keep everybody's living conditions better in the long run. We are asking Council to work with the Mayor, the Planning Commission and citizens to come up with some standards for our City. Other cities have this type of standard in place to provide a starting point for the Council to review.

7. Snow removal into streets

Removing snow into, or across a street, has become an issue for the Street Department. It causes road conditions to become worse and more difficult to deal with. The Mayor and the Street Dept. have asked the Code Dept. if there were any regulations, and there were none. We are asking council to discuss the options for a local ordinance, to address the situation, if they believe it is in the best interest of the citizens and the City.

In the end everything has a cost involved. Our Clerk Treasurer will need to be involved in all of the Council's deliberations, individual research, and eventually, recommendations. Knowing where the funds can be allocated from is an important piece of this puzzle. As these concerns, brought to us by various Department Heads, citizens, and leaders, are being addressed by Council, we are looking forward to a spirit of leadership that focuses on unity of purpose, making our City the best place to live in Indiana.