INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Office of the Assistant City Administrator

Springdale, Ohio

March 1, 2013

To: Mrs. Marjorie Harlow
    President
    Springdale City Council

From: Jerry Thamann
    Assistant City Administrator

Re: Report on Pending and Future Legislation

Item I
An Ordinance Amending Section 153.533 of the City’s Zoning Code to Permit Temporary Special Event Banners

In 2009, in an effort to assist the business community during the tough economic times, the City relaxed its policy regarding the use of temporary banners for a period of one year. For the last three years, Council has extended the policy for an additional year. The most recent extension is due to expire on May 20, 2013. The Planning Commission has yet to address the issue this year; however, if we plan to continue the practice, a Public Hearing and second reading of the legislation must take place no later than the 04/17/2013 meeting of Council. In order to avoid a lapse in the policy, the effective date must be no later than May 20, 2013.

As you may recall, prior to the amendment, a business could have a temporary banner on display for no more than a two-week period four times a year. The amendment allows a business to display a temporary banner for a period of up to thirty days. At the end of the thirty days, a thirty-day extension can be granted if the banner is being well maintained and properly displayed. The business can continue this practice for the entire twelve-month period the law is in effect.

These temporary banners must be related to a special event associated with the business and may not be used to announce such things as “now hiring” or “space available.” In addition, multi-tenant buildings such as a strip mall are not permitted to display more than two banners at any one time.
Item II
Special Recognition –
Introduction of New Employee in the Public Works Department (Logan McAvinchey) at the 03/06/2013 meeting.

Item III
Potential Future Legislation
Legislation Regulating the Size (height and length) of RV’s and 5th Wheels in the City of Springdale

In late 2012, a resident came before City Council indicating his 5th Wheel trailer was in violation of the City’s Zoning Code because of its height. At the meeting, Mayor Webster indicated the Administration would research the issue based upon industry standards as well as what is permitted in neighboring jurisdictions. On Monday, January 28, a copy of the results from the Building Department’s research was sent to each elected official via email. As a result of the discussion at the February 6, 2012 Council meeting, the issue has been forwarded to the Planning Commission to consider and provide Council with a recommendation.