

City of Parma
Planning Commission Meeting
July 30, 2025
4:30 p.m.
Open Meeting

Mayor: I would like to call the July 30, 2025 City of Parma Planning Commission meeting to order. Madam Secretary please call the roll.

Kathy McLaughlin:

- Andy Schofield - Here
- Joe Giamio – Here
- Tony Vannello – Present
- Mayor Tim DeGeeter – Present

Mayor: We do have a Quorum. If everybody could please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Everybody: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.”*

Mayor: In your packets Planning Commission members you should have received a copy of the May 28, 2025 minutes. If there are no objections the minutes will be deemed approved. Hearing no objection. The minutes are approved. We have nobody to swear in in the audience. Unless our security personnel is planning to testify. No response so we will move onto the first order of business.

Kathy McLaughlin: First item on the agenda P.C. 25-20; Ordinance No. 131-25; An Ordinance to Amend Section 1197.13 “Required Trash Collection Areas” within Chapter 1197 “Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities” and Section 1707.17(C) “Garbage and Rubbish Disposal” within Chapter 1707 “Basic Standards for Property Maintenance” regarding gate closures and addition height in general business trash collection areas in the Codified Ordinance of the City of Parma.

Request Favorable Recommendation to Council

Mayor: Melissa I know this for the record this went through our Property Maintenance Task Force.

Melissa Morrow: That is correct.

Mayor: That was vetted out. This isn’t looking in the rearview mirror. This is only moving forward. I know we had something similar before us on there. So, if you want to give us a brief explanation...

Melissa Morrow: Sure.

Mayor: To the Commission members. We will defer to you at this point.

Melissa Morrow: So, this is existing code that we are updating. Dumpster enclosures are required around dumpsters. This will improve those aesthetics and increase regulations when one is modifying or altering their property more than 50%. Existing conditions can remain until such time in which alterations are occurring. The intent is for the dumpster enclosures to be a minimum of 6ft. in height, always have a gate. The gate to be closed unless the trash is being disposed of and that it needs to be constructed out of materials that are maintainable.

Mayor: So, obviously Joe you are the longest serving current member. You have always wanted to whenever anything has come before this board. You have always required a closer and upgraded materials and not chain link fence. So, how is this different from what they did previously.

Melissa Morrow: Previously.

Mayor: I know, really quick. I know Katherine came up with the concept about 50% or changes to structures so we weren't imposing non-business friendly measures to like State Road.

Melissa Morrow: Agreed.

Mayor: Where there is forty of them and there is no space for them. So, obviously we want to be business friendly. That's how we get paid by our business communities.

Melissa Morrow: So, this give the administration latitude and we can administratively review these to help be business friendly as they are improving their properties. It does now give guidelines as to where to put them on the property. So, that they are not right up against residents anymore. Particularly in those tight areas along State and Ridge and Broadview. Where they abut up directly to single-family districts. In addition, the previous code the height requirement was a minimum of 4ft. we've now increased that to six as dumpster's have physically larger. There are physically more of them. This also does take into account the trash compactors and the bailors and the grease traps that are sitting outside. So, we will have additional enclosures around those to improve the aesthetics of the overall sites.

Mayor: Excellent. Any questions from Planning Commission members? Mr. Schofield.

Andy Schofield: Mr. Chairman. Just a comment I think this is going to be wonderful and it's probably overdue. As you know if you go up State Road I think that is Ward 3 side, some of those bars businesses looks pretty bad when you drive by so this will really spruce it up a little eventually. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Anybody else? Hearing none. I will make a motion to make a Favorable Recommendation to City Council on Ordinance No. 131-25.

Joe Giamio: Second.

Mayor: I've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion on the motion and the second. Hearing none. Madam Secretary call the roll.

Kathy McLaughlin:

- Andy Schofield – Yes
- Joe Giamio – Yes
- Anthony Vannello – Yes
- Mayor Tim DeGeeter – Yes

Mayor: With no further business. Planning Commission is adjourned at 4:41 p.m.