

May 5th 2026
Laws, rules and ordinances committee
City of Cheviot, Ohio

This meeting took place after the main council meeting on May the 5th at 20:01. This was the 2nd meeting of this committee for the physical year and was slated address changing parking from a criminal to a civil infraction.

Committee members Hugo Petermann
In attendance: Amy Richter
 Eileen Borgman
 Charles Watt

Other Council members Stefanie Hawk
 Troy Borgmann
 Nick Jackson

Additional attendees: Law Director Kimberlee Erdman Rohr
 Mayor Sam Keller
 Kevin Leidecker
 Nicole Kastner

- The committee discussed setting the standard fine at \$50, with a \$50 late fee (total \$100), to allow referral to the Ohio Attorney General (AG) for collections.
- The handicap parking fine will remain \$250, as set by the state.
- For collections eligibility, the fine must total \$100, and court costs do not count toward the \$100 threshold.
- The committee discussed extending the initial payment/response window to 14 days and sending a follow-up notice before applying a late fee or referring the matter to collections.
- The committee noted that adding time before a meter expires will not be treated as a violation.
- The service method for notices (certified mail versus regular mail) will be confirmed.
- The committee recommended designating the Clerk of Courts as the clerk for the parking violations process.
- For contested tickets, the committee discussed using a civil process, holding hearings during Mayor's Court time, and the potential role of a hearing examiner.
- As other business, the committee discussed follow-up regarding a food truck using handicap spaces.