

October 10, 2013 Safety & Licensing Committee

City Clerk Report:

1. **SB-297 Proposed Legislation:** There was a Senate hearing on October 3rd for this bill, which I was unable to attend. However, I reached out to the senators and representatives with a letter to discuss how this would impact the City of Appleton and bring forth a few questions for consideration before a decision is made.

For the City of Appleton, we have 5 nursing homes and in November 2012, our SVD's made 2 to 3 visits per nursing home. In addition, our SVD's go to 4 elderly housing facilities**. It appears proposed SB297, would potentially require us to add sending our SVD's to possibly 16 CBRF's, 1 adult day care and 5 adult family homes that are also within the City. This would add 22 additional facilities and we would need to train additional SVD's to reach all these facilities and comply with posting and publishing notice requirements. We pay two SVD's \$50 each/visit/facility. This would be an extreme burden with increasing our cost immensely and coordinating all these facilities and we are already stretched very thin.

The following questions I offered to them for consideration: 1) Why is there a proposed change being made to this law? Have there been problems that the public is not aware of? I have several such facilities located here and there are a number of permanent regularly mailed out absentee ballots to those who apply without any issues. 2) This will be an additional expense for all municipalities at a time when budgets are extremely tight. In our case, depending on the size of the publication ad, it would cost an estimated \$600 per year for the required notices, and a large increase per year for the Special Voting Deputies (SVD's) wages/sending them out to all the facilities as well as coordination of the notices. 3) Will this prohibit people who reside in those facilities from doing in person absentee voting in the clerk's office? 4) Will only people who file an application with the clerk in advance of the date be eligible for voting at the facility? Will people be able to complete an absentee application at that time and vote, if properly registered? 5) This could also pose a problem for some residents in these facilities who are not registered, and may not have the appropriate proof of residency. 6) There are many municipalities without a website to post on the internet. This isn't being uniform and it's making absentee voting more difficult and burdensome when the process in place is working most effectively. 7) Has the constituency been asked for feedback on this matter (i.e. a survey or conduct public listening sessions around the state and publicize them effectively)? It would be very beneficial to have answers to these questions to assist in understanding the thought process behind this proposed bill. The feedback would be very valuable in making an informed decision. I shall keep you posted on this bill.

2. **Granicus/Legistar Update:** Attached is a "Citizen Traffic Report" that I will be able to generate on a monthly basis which provides statistics on number of visits and number of visitors to our in-site page at <http://cityofappleton.granicus.com> along with visitors by location. That concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

CITIZEN TRAFFIC REPORT for <http://cityofappleton.granicus.com>

September Overview Statistics

Total Page Views	Total Visits	Total Unique Visitors
1091	298	261

Statistics by Day

Date	pageviews	visitors	visits
9/1/2013	4	2	2
9/2/2013	19	4	4
9/3/2013	37	6	6
9/4/2013	110	23	25
9/5/2013	21	10	12
9/6/2013	37	12	17
9/7/2013	4	4	4
9/8/2013	0	0	0
9/9/2013	27	12	14
9/10/2013	46	14	19
9/11/2013	31	12	14
9/12/2013	58	14	14
9/13/2013	2	2	2
9/14/2013	0	0	0
9/15/2013	2	2	2
9/16/2013	23	12	12
9/17/2013	4	4	4
9/18/2013	118	21	25
9/19/2013	103	17	21
9/20/2013	37	14	14
9/21/2013	0	0	0
9/22/2013	0	0	0
9/23/2013	37	6	8
9/24/2013	31	17	17
9/25/2013	85	23	27
9/26/2013	77	10	10
9/27/2013	46	4	4
9/28/2013	0	0	0
9/29/2013	0	0	0
9/30/2013	12	2	2
10/1/2013	120	14	19

Visitors by Location

Location	Visitors
Appleton	114
San Francisco	8
Chicago	8
Neenah	4
Green Bay	2
Frankfort	2
Frederick	2
Eagle River	2
Kaukauna	2
Mequon	2
De Pere	2
Oakland	2
Platteville	2
Charlottesville	2
Waterbury	2