

Memo

To: Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Councilman
From: David W. Kuhn, City Solicitor
CC: City Council, Mayor, Auditor, City Council Clerk, Police Chief,
Fire Chief, Department Heads
Date: February 21, 2007
Re: Your Memos Copied to City Solicitor

In your capacity as Councilman representing the interest and concerns of the citizens in the Third Ward, you have voiced and exhibited conscientious concerns with respect to various subjects during your term in office. For this, you are complimented.

Many times, your memos to various City officials and departments, are copied to me as the City Solicitor. I appreciate your efforts to keep me advised on those subjects which are copied to me. I have always responded to all relevant communications which are directed to me in writing, as well as to all verbal contacts; however, I do not reply to memos which are directed to others and which are on subjects, or matters, which are unrelated to my duties as City Solicitor.

I am communicating with you now on this subject, because recently your memos have utilized language like "I requested the appropriate actions by our Mayor and Solicitor....." which conveys the impression that I may have failed to respond to a direct request. Further, some of your recent memos have been on the subjects of "seeking to understand the relationship between the City of Portsmouth and the current Southern Ohio Growth Partnership" and "request for disclosure of public information and records."

I will always reply to all relevant communications directed to me, which contain specific requests or questions, involving specific legal matters or issues, which specifically relate to the City of Portsmouth.

Thank you, again, for your conscientious approach to matters relating to the operation of City government.