

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO.	C-240608
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	TRIAL NOS.	C/24/CRB/13261/A/B C/24/CRB/13261/C/D
vs.	:		
BRIAN HAIGH,	:	<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY</i>	
Defendant-Appellant.	:		

This court sua sponte removes this cause from the regular calendar and places it on the court’s accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court. *See* Rep.Op.R. 3.1; App.R. 11.1(E); Loc.R. 11.1.

In his sole assignment of error, Haigh challenges the trial court’s entry convicting him. The challenge relies entirely upon conclusory statements and is unsupported by any legal authority.

“An appellate court may disregard an assignment of error presented for review ‘if the party raising it fails to identify in the record the error on which the assignment of error is based.’” *Fontain v. Sandhu*, 2021-Ohio-2750, ¶ 14 (1st Dist.), citing App.R. 12(A)(2); App.R. 16(A). While we afford pro se litigants leeway in putting forth legal arguments, we do not absolve these litigants of their burden to put forth a cognizable argument, nor will we create arguments on their behalf. *Borthwick v. Dept. of Bldgs. and Inspections*, 2022-Ohio-1335, ¶ 7 (1st Dist.). Because Haigh’s brief fails to comply with App.R. 16, we decline to consider his arguments and dismiss his appeal.

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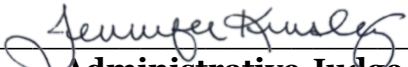
Even if Haigh had complied with App.R. 16, Haigh's appeal is not meritorious. Specifically, Haigh asserts that he was not properly served. But, he appeared at arraignment and pled not guilty. Therefore, he waived any personal-jurisdiction argument. *State v. Blair*, 2010-Ohio-6310, ¶ 14 (1st Dist.). Further, as a matter of law, municipal courts have subject-matter jurisdiction over zoning violations within the jurisdiction in which they sit. R.C. 1901.20(A)(1). Finally, Haigh fails to develop any argument to support his claim that the township lacked probable cause to bring the action. Therefore, even if we had considered that Haigh put forth a cognizable argument, Haigh's appeal would fail.

The court further orders that 1) a copy of this Judgment constitutes the mandate, 2) the mandate be sent to the trial court for execution under App.R. 27, and 3) costs shall be taxed under App.R. 24.

ZAYAS, P.J., BOCK and MOORE, JJ.

To the clerk:

Enter upon the journal of the court on 7/2/2025 per order of the court.

By:  _____
Administrative Judge