



Committee on Ordinances

February 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances invite the Chief of Police to a meeting regarding Livery Licenses in the City of New Bedford, as some Livery Licenses are being substituted for Taxi Licenses and not carrying the proper liability and/or insurance coverage; and further, that the discussion include what options the City has when Livery Licenses are used (abused) in this manner. (Ref'd 8/21/08, 9/29/08 – tabled, 10/27/08 RFT and refer to Legal Counsel to review with Police Chief for purpose of drafting an Ordinance to correct this problem, 12/15/08 – tabled ask Gerwatowski to bring the Committee another proposal at the next meeting)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Police Chief Ron Teachman; City Clerk Rita Arruda; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

2. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the City of New Bedford Zoning Code, with regard to modifying the off-street parking requirements for new and/or expanding businesses in existing Commercial-use Districts. (Ref'd 9/11/08, 10/20/08 - tabled until JANUARY)

INVITEES: Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; City Planner David Kennedy; Zoning Board Chairman Barry Sylvia; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

3. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances look at creating an Ordinance to accept and/or license Pedicabs in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 5/22/08, 10/28/08 - Refer to Legal Counsel to draft a set of rules and regs w/ fee of \$25 dollars per Pedicab, 12/15/08 – Clerk of Committees to research the minimum Pedicab Liability Insurance for Boston, Providence, and PTown)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Police Chief Ron Teachman; City Clerk Rita Arruda; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

4. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Pimental, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances meet to establish an Ordinance that would issue Citations to those who litter on our beaches, due to the amount of trash that is being left on the beaches and beach parking lots during the summer season; and further, that signs be posted along the east and west side of the beach, notifying beach goers of the Ordinance, further, that if this Ordinance is to be established, that signage be a condition of said Ordinance. (Ref'd 6/12/08, 10/28/08 – severed from NFA, remain in Committee)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action”, on the following items:

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances meet to discuss the possibility of establishing a City Ordinance that would fight computer bullying against teens and others, in light of the ongoing complaints of computer bullying happening within our City area. (Ref'd 1/10/08)
6. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances look into drafting an Ordinance that would require landlords to provide tenants with one trash barrel per apartment for however many apartments are contained in any given building. (Ref'd 1/10/08)

7. Written Motion, Council President Gonsalves, requesting, on behalf of concerned residents, that the Committee on Ordinances consider instituting an Ordinance that would require notification process whenever the Sheriff is going to send an inmate crew to work in the City of New Bedford, so that neighbors are not surprised by their presence; and further, that neighbors be invited to said meeting to voice their concerns. (Ref'd 2/28/08)