



Committee on Ordinances

December 15, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, and Morad, requesting that the City Council consider drafting an Ordinance that would prohibit City employees from serving on City Boards and Commissions except otherwise specified by Ordinance. (Ref'd 5/28/09; 9/14/09 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting; 11/9/09 – tabled)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

2. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances explore the creation of an Ordinance similar to that passed by the City of San Francisco regarding plastic bag reduction. (Ref'd 6/11/09, 9/14/09 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting)
- 2a. Communication, Councillor Gonsalves, submitting Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance from San Francisco. (Ref'd 6/11/09, 9/14/09 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting)

INVITES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Recycling Coordinator Marissa Perez-Dormitzer

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances amend Noise Ordinance, Chapter 11, Section 7, to include a buffer zone for commercial areas within one (1) City block of a residential zone. (Ref'd 9/10/09; 11/9/09, tabled)

INVITEES: Police Chief Ron Teachman; Police Captain Joseph Cordeiro; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Area Residents: Cathryn Brower, Joseph & Carol Maslanka Abraham, Arthur & Jean Bennett, Joseph & Andrea Blanchette

4. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, Lawrence, Alves, Saunders, Gomes, Dehner, Morad, Martins, Pimental, Duarte, and Coelho, on behalf of Safe Zones, that the Committee on Ordinances consider drafting an Ordinance to create a monetary penalty for anyone who is found to violate the rules in a Safe Zone location. (Ref'd 10/22/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Safe Zones Director Jerry Pinto

5. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Council Committee on Ordinances consider the proposed recommendations to the City of New Bedford's "Responsible Employers Policy" submitted by Councillor Alves, and attached to this Motion, since the Responsible Employers Policy has not been review by Council for some time, and, in light of the current economic situation faced by the City of New Bedford and other cities in the Commonwealth, with the goal to further encourage and ensure local employment opportunities for the residents of New Bedford; and further, that Representatives of the Southeastern Massachusetts Building Trades, Organized Labor Groups, and Independent Contractors be invited to all meetings held to discuss the issue in order to present their observation and recommendations, as well as to voice the current concerns with the present Ordinance and to assist the City in developing a model for other Communities in the Commonwealth. (Ref'd 10/22/09)

INVITEES: Various Organized Labor Group/Individual Contractors