



Committee on Ordinances

April 22, 2013 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**
City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

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1. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliveira, Gomes, Lopes, Council President Martins, Councillors Gonsalves, Coelho, Bousquet, Alves and Duarte, requesting, that the City Council revisit the Ordinance that describes the activities of hawkers and peddlers for the purpose of modifying its current language to allow food trucks and so called food trailers to conduct business within the City, much like the recent Ordinance fashioned by the City of Boston, the City of New Bedford could benefit by receiving revenue for space dedicated to food trucks and also introduce a new dimension of food vendors that would provide variety and convenience to its residence that otherwise would not occur.

INVITEES: Chamber of Commerce Director Roy Nascimento; Greater New Bedford Industrial Foundation Executive Director Thomas Davis; North End Business Association President Ed Pereira; South End Business Association President Tony Kopaczewski; City of Boston Permitting Director; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

2. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 18, PARKS AND RECREATION, inserting Section 18-9, RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT and Section 18-10, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 10/23/12)

2a. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 2, Article XVI, Section 2-203 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, which redirects Parks and Recreation related responsibilities from the Department of Community Services, to the Recreation and Parks Department. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 10/23/12)

INVITEES: Community Services Director Cynthia Wallquist; Acting DPF Commissioner Kenneth Blanchard; Director of Parks and Recreation Mary Raposa; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

3. Written Motion, Council President Martins and Councillor Coelho, requesting, that the City Council look into the leash laws of the City of New Bedford, relative to enacting a law following the guidelines of the following "Dogs may be let off leash providing the dog has an operating electronic collar and is under control of it's owner or keeper who is responsibly operating the electronic training system for the dog and has the dog under their full control at all times"; and further that Animal Control Officer be invited to said meeting. (Ref'd 10/25/12)

INVITEES: Animal Control Officer Emanuel Maciel; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Fred Schwartz

4. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting that with the passage of Ballot Question 3, the Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Initiative, that the City of New Bedford start discussions and develop a City Ordinance to define how marijuana dispensaries and/or growing facilities might operate; and further, that the Committee on Ordinances research other Ordinances that have been passed in States that already have legalized medical marijuana (such as, Cottonwood, Arizona, Denver, Colorado, Seattle, Washington, etc.) and that we consider security measures, hours of operation, location/allowable zones for licensing, distance regulations (Parks, schools, Churches, daycares, residential neighborhoods; and further, that we work with the Department

of Public Health and City Solicitor's Office in pursuing a local Ordinance that will help protect and benefit the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 12/27/12)

INVITEES: Health Department Director Dr. Brenda Weis; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

5. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-61- RELATIVE TO THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES AND THE CITY CLERK. (Ref'd 12/20/12)

INVITEES: City Clerk/City Council Clerk Rita Arruda; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

6. Communication, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the City to accept M.G.L. Chapter 148, §26H, which requires the installation of sprinkler systems in lodging and boarding houses in which rooms are let to six (6) or more persons, the statute does not apply to fraternity houses or dormitories, rest homes or group residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the Commonwealth. (Ref'd 2/14/13)

6a. AN ORDER, (Ref'd 2/14/13)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski