



# Committee on Ordinances

August 17, 2015 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

1. Written Motion, Councillors Alves and Martins, in an effort to better support local businesses that have opened “brick and mortar” businesses in the City, pay real estate taxes and hire our residents, and in light of the number of street vendors and peddlers that have infected our streets selling flowers, plants and miscellaneous items without a valid license and are in violation of the current City Peddlers Ordinance, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances review any and all similar Ordinances currently in effect in such communities as Haverhill and Somerville, and any other community in the Commonwealth that has one, to see what we can do to improve our City Ordinances to address the issue of unlicensed or out of town peddlers on our City streets. (Ref’d 6/25/15)

***INVITEES: Attorney David Gerwatowski***

2. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho and Martins, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances review its current Ordinances on Hawkers and Peddlers, due to small business owners complaining about people using public sidewalks to set up tables and sell flowers without a valid license; and further, that the Police Department enforce the Ordinances currently on the books; and further requesting, that Ms. Connie Pereira, owner of Abracadabra Flower and Gift Service, Inc., be invited to attend the Committee on Ordinances meeting. (Ref’d 6/25/15)

***INVITEES: Attorney David Gerwatowski; David Provencher, Police Chief; Connie Pereira, Owner of Abracadabra Flower & Gift Service, Inc.***

3. Written Motion, Councillors Martins, Lopes, Coelho, Carney, Rebeiro and Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the Ordinance from Worcester regarding prohibiting aggressive begging, soliciting and panhandling in public places, to enact a similar Ordinance in the City of New Bedford. (Ref’d 6/11/15)
- 3a. AN ORDINANCE, (Submitted by Councillor Martins) from the City of Worcester regarding prohibiting aggressive begging, soliciting and panhandling in public places. (Ref’d 6/11/15)

***INVITEES: Attorney David Gerwatowski; David Provencher, Police Chief***

4. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances meet for the purpose of putting together a permitting process for panhandling in the City of New Bedford with the exception of Public Safety Officials; this will guarantee their organizations will be permitted in safe areas of the City; and further, to address the out-of-control panhandling that is occurring on every major intersection and highway exit throughout the City. (Ref’d 7/16/15)

***INVITEES: Attorney David Gerwatowski; David Provencher, Police Chief***

5. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the current procedures and regulations as related to the granting of renewals for Private Livery Licenses, to consider what actions that may be taken against those companies who are operating in the City of New Bedford with an expired Livery License. (Ref’d 04/09/15)

***INVITEES: Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk***

6. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the current laws related to the granting and renewal of Private Livery Licenses in the City to ensure that policies are in place in order to ensure the public's safety and benefit by enforcing timely renewals by livery license holders; and further, that the City Clerk and the Chief of Police be invited to attend the Committee on Ordinances meeting in order to provide their input as it relates to this issue. (Ref'd 6/25/15)

***INVITEES: Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk; David Provencher, Police Chief***

7. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, in conjunction with the City Clerk, Commissioner of Inspectional Services and the Police Chief review the City's options as it relates to enforcing the annual Livery License renewal process and/or the City's options available to revoke said Livery Licenses. (Ref'd 5/28/15)

***INVITEES: Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk, Dan Romanowicz, DIS Commissioner; David Provencher, Police Chief***

8. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City of New Bedford establish an Ordinance adopting M.G.L. Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, "An Act Reforming the Administrative Procedures Relative to Criminal Offender Record Information and Pre- and Post-Trial Supervised Release", of which Chapter 6, Section 172B ½ creates an "umbrella statute under which municipal officials may enact specified occupations", by adopting such an Ordinance, the City will be authorizing the New Bedford Police Department, Massachusetts State Police and the FBI to provide criminal background history of Taxi and Livery License applicants to the City Clerk and City Council in order to ensure the safety of our City's residents. (Ref'd 4/23/15)

***INVITEES: Attorney David Gerwatowski; David Provencher, Police Chief***