



Committee on Ordinances

June 14, 2016 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

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

1. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, Bousquet and Abreu, requesting, on behalf of the Commission on Human Relations, that the Committee on Ordinances, amend Chapter 2, Article IX – Human Relations Commission, Section 2-131, said Ordinance has not been amended since October 1995; the amendments should mirror the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination’s declaration of protected classes to include, physical and mental disability, age, ancestry and gender identity. (Ref’d 4/14/16)
- 1a. Communication, Councillor Martins, submitting a copy of a letter from the Commission on Human Relations to Mayor Mitchell, regarding amendments to the City Code, Chapter 2, Article IX, Commission on Human Relations, Section 2-131 PURPOSE. (Ref’d 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Marci Pina- Christian, Executive Director Human Relations Commission

2. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the current laws related to 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, 10/19/15- table 60 days, 12/14/15- Remain in Committee, 1/26/16-tabled, 4/19/16-table to May Agenda allowing City Clerk Farias, Atty Gerwatowski & Police Chief Lizotte to include additional language for the Council to review.)

INVITEES: Dennis Farias, City Clerk; Joseph Cordeiro, Police Chief; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney

3. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a HOME RULE PETITION to establish an Arts, Culture and Tourism Promotion Fund for the City of New Bedford from a portion of the proceeds of the City’s hotel and lodging tax. (Ref’d 5/12/16)
- 3a. HOME RULE PETITION,
- 3b. Communication, Council President Morad, submitting an email from Rick Kidder, President & CEO, New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, regarding the Mayor’s submission of a Home Rule Petition to establish an Arts, Culture and Tourism Promotion Fund for the City of New Bedford from a portion of the proceeds of the City’s hotel and lodging tax. (Ref’d 5/12/16)

INVITEES: Ari Sky, CFO; Dagny Ashley, Director of Tourism

4. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 10 Finance; Taxation; Property, Article III regarding demand fees for tax bills. (Ref’d 4/14/16)

4a. AN ORDINANCE,

INVITEES: Ari Sky, CFO; R. Renee Fernandes, Treasurer/Collector

5. Communication, Councillor Abreu submitting a copy of the Board of Health's DRAFT Regulations for Synthetic Drugs. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Dr. Brenda Weis, Director of Health Department