



# Committee on Ordinances

April 19, 2016 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

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

1. 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, 10/19/15- table 60 days, 12/14/15- remain in Committee, 1/26/16- tabled)

***INVITEES: Dennis Farias, City Clerk; David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief***

2. Written Motion, Councillors Rebeiro, Lopes, Council President Gomes, Morad and Oliveira, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, draft an Ordinance that would place an immediate ban on the use of medians that are ADA compliant as dividers only, most are only 4 feet, whereas sidewalks are ADA compliant to travel and rest on and are 6 feet or more, any individual or organization should utilize sidewalks only. (Ref'd 12/17/15, 2/23/16- table for 30 days)

***INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney***

3. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, establish an Ordinance restricting door-to-door solicitation, aimed at protecting the public from obtrusive and perhaps unscrupulous door-to-door solicitors; and further, that the Ordinance should include a stipulation that solicitors should be licensed on an annual basis by the Chief of Police or his designee; and further that the aim of this Ordinance is to address the real problem in the City with solicitors asking residents for personal information that they have no right to have an companies pretending to be from other companies; and further, that with a license, this will give our public safety officers a broader authority to deal with an increasing problem that other major Cities have already dealt with. (Ref'd 2/12/15, 5/11/15- tabled until Atty. Gerwatowski looks into the CORI issue and possibly enacting an Ordinance that creates some evidence about trespassing and making it easier when private property owners call the Police, 11/19/15- table)

***INVITEES: David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief; Dennis Farias, City Clerk; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney***

4. 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 a 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, 9/15/15- table to March 2016 so NBPd has time to enforce the licenses and that enforcement is being properly addressed, 12/14/15- remain in Committee)

***INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Connie Pereira, Owner of Abracadabra Flower & Gift Service, Inc., Garlington Florist; Mendonca's Florist Shop; Sowle The Florist; Treeland Florists & Greenhouses; Hawthorn Florist & Gift Shop; Friendly Flowers***

5. 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, 9/15/15-table to March 2016 so NBPD has time to enforce the licenses and that enforcement is being properly addressed.)

***INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney***

***Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action" on the following item:***

6. Written Motion, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting that Lynn Coish of Operation Clean Sweep and Mary Lou Nicholson of the Organization Be the Solution to Pollution meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to educate the Council and Citizens about the adverse effects of balloon releases on our ocean life specifically seals, sea turtles and birds. (Ref'd 9/24/15, 10/28/15- refer this matter to Committee on Ordinances for further review)