

**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES – MARCH 12, 2019
MEETING @ 7:00 PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214
AGENDA**

1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting THREE ORDINANCES, amending Chapter 12 Health and Sanitation, Section 12-39.5 Unattended Clothing Donation Containers, amending Chapter 17, Section 17-8 Noncriminal Disposition of violations of certain Ordinances, rules and regulations and amending Chapter 17, Section 17-28 Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws. (Ref'd 10/25/18)
 - 1a. AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 12 Health and Sanitation, Section 12-39.5 Unattended Clothing Donation Containers. (Ref'd 10/25/18)
 - 1b. AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17, Section 17-8 Noncriminal Disposition of violations of certain Ordinances, rules and regulations – violating Section 12-39.5 Unattended clothing donation containers, fine \$300.00. (Ref'd 10/25/18)
 - 1c. AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17, Section 17-28 Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws - violating Section 12-39.5 Unattended clothing donation containers, fine \$300.00. (Ref'd 10/25/18)

INVITEES: Damon Chaplin, Director, Health Department; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services

2. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Coelho, Abreu, Lopes, Giesta, Dunn and Lima, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances revisit the Ordinance, Chapter 17, Section 14, pertaining to false alarm calls placed throughout the City to the Police Department to update said Ordinance, to reduce the number of 911 calls that are placing a strain on Police Department resources. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.) (Ref'd 7/19/18) (9/17/18-tabled 30 days)

INVITEES: Joseph Cordeiro, Chief of Police; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor

Chair Suggests 'No Further Action' and 'Report Out to the Full City Council'

3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Carney, Abreu, Lopes, Martins, Winterson and Rebeiro, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances, implement a policy that all licenses issued by the City of New Bedford which require a criminal background check known as a CORI, also require that fingerprinting also be added to the process, which will give the City notification of a felony committed in other States; and further, that any additional expenses incurred by the fingerprinting process be reflected in the cost of the license. (Ref'd 4/28/16) (3/21/17-remain in Committee)
4. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson and Abreu, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, draft an Ordinance similar to the Seattle's Municipal Code 12A.12.015 (B) (1) that establishes penalties for intentionally obstructing or interfering with pedestrian or vehicle traffic as a means of addressing panhandling. (Ref'd 11/21/17)

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City and the State Department of Transportation take immediate action on the new Route 18 railroad overpass to install fencing and temporary surveillance cameras for the purpose of catching those that choose to graffiti the railroad crossing; and further, that the Committee on Ordinances once more look at the laws pertaining to graffiti in the City in New Bedford and see if there's anything we can do to strengthen them in order to prosecute and hold accountable those persons who put graffiti in the City in New Bedford. (Ref'd 12/14/17) (11/13/18-tabled)
6. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the City Code, specifically Section 22-15; Snow and Ice - Removal From Sidewalks; Required, in an effort to determine if changes should be made to said Code Section as currently written. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.) (Ref'd 4/12/18) (5/15/18-tabled 60 days) (10/23/18-tabled 60 days) (2/19/19-per LMM, take NFA on next agenda)

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