



**Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement
Committee –
Board of Representatives**

Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair Keith Silver, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement Committee met at the above date and time. In attendance were Co-Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Co-Chair Silver and Committee Member Rep. Reeder. Also present were Reps. Pratt and Ryan; Dan Colleluori, Solid Waste & Recycling; David Vallalva and Jim Hricay, OPM; and Bob DeMarco, Chief Building Official.

Co-Chair Cerasoli called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. CS29.002	REVIEW; Discussion of Potential Fee Increases 01/07/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 01/29/15 – Considered by Committee	No Action Taken

The Committee took no action on this item.

¹ 2. CS29.003	RESOLUTION and <u>approval of public hearing</u> ; Concerning Building Permit Fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay	Approved, as amended, 7-0-0
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Secondary Committee: Operations

After a short discussion of Item No. 2, the Committee decided to take up Item No. 3 until Mr. DeMarco was present. After discussing Item No. 3, the Committee took a brief recess and then resumed. Mr. DeMarco explained that the current cost for a residential permit is \$12/\$1000 of expected cost, with a minimum charge of \$50. The current cost for a commercial permit is \$16/\$1000 of expected cost, with a minimum charge of \$50. Commercial includes 3 family homes and above. The Committee discussed whether to have different minimum charges for residential and commercial permits. In addition, the City charges \$0.26 per permit which goes to the State. The current proposal does not

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increase the permit cost from \$12/\$16. Mr. DeMarco distributed the Building Department's current cost estimates and what surrounding communities are charging. Committee members discussed whether the Building Department should also charge an application fee. A motion to increase the minimum charge to \$150 for commercial properties and \$75 for residential properties was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-0 (Reps. Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Cerasoli opposed). A motion to increase each permit fee by \$1 per \$1000 of estimated cost was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-2 (Reps. Cerasoli, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Quinones abstaining). A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Cerasoli opposed).

- ²3. [CS29.013](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Concerning Car And **Approved 7-0-0**
Truck Tire Disposal Fees.
02/05/2015 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
Secondary Committee: Operations

Mr. Colleluori explained that the Transfer Station currently does not accept tires, although the City does pick tires up off of the street. There is currently a cost of \$4.50 to the City to recycle these tires. The administration would like to be able to accept tires for a slight fee. This would hopefully reduce the number of tires on the Street. It was noted that the agenda item is described as an ordinance and the document is a resolution. The Board office will clarify whether this item should be an ordinance or resolution prior to the Board meeting. A motion to approve this item, either as an ordinance for publication or a resolution for public hearing, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Fedeli, Fountain, Mitchell, Okun, Quinones and Zelinsky in favor).

As a Secondary Committee:

- ³1. [LR29.041](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 214, **Failed 2-5-0**
Article V, Sidewalk Cafes, Section 214-46, Permit
Application, concerning permit fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay

The Committee discussed the proposed amendment to this ordinance recommended by the Legislative & Rules Committee to increase the current application fee from \$100 to \$200 plus \$3/ft². Several members of the Committee stated that they would support the Administration's recommendation to add a \$2/ft² fee to the current application fee. A motion to concur with the recommendation of the Legislative & Rules Committee was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2-5-0 (Reps. Mitchell and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Fedeli, Fountain, Okun and Quinones opposed).

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2. [PR29.025](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing;
Approving Fee Increases For Terry Conners Ice
Rink.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
3. [PR29.026](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing;
Concerning Beach Pass Fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
4. [PR29.027](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing;
Establishing Fees For Summer Camp Programs.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
5. [PR29.028](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing;
Concerning Recreation Program Fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
6. [PS29.030](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing;
Concerning Food Service Establishment License and
Service Fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
7. [PS29.031](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter
146, Article II, Apartments, Multiple Dwellings,
Rooming Houses and Hotels, Section 146-35, Fees,
Concerning Housing License Fees.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
8. [T29.029](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 231,
Article I, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 231-7,
Parking Violation Penalties, to Provide for New Fines
for Parking Violations.
11/20/14 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Franzetti
9. [T29.032](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing;
Establishing Fees For City Owned Garages.
02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay

Co-Chair Cerasoli adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Cerasoli, Co-Chair

This meeting is on video ([Pt. 1](#) and [Pt. 2](#))