



## ***Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives***

Eileen Heaphy, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Mitchell, Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Day and Okun. Also present were Mike Toma, Law Department; Michael Handler, Director of Administration and Chief Tim Shaw, Police Department.

Chair Heaphy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR29.041</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amending Chapter 214, Article V, Sidewalk Cafes, Section 214-46, Permit Application, concerning permit fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/17/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended 03/23/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended 04/29/15 – Public Hearing Held; Failed in Committee, as amended 05/06/15 – Returned to Committee by full Board 05/19/15 – Held in Committee 06/01/15 – Held by Full Board <i>Secondary Committee: Cost Savings &amp; Revenue Enhancement</i>	<b>Held in Committee 6-0-0</b>
3. LR29.051	REVIEW; Status of Ethics Training of Employees and Elected and Appointed Officials. 04/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy 05/19/15 – Held in Committee 06/01/15 – Held by Full Board	<b>Held in Committee 6-0-0</b>

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky).

Chair Heaphy noted that Mr. Williams was unable to attend this evening and asked that this item be held.. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote (Reps. Heaphy, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Nabel, Ryan, Silver and Zelinsky).

- <sup>1</sup>2. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 111. **Held in Committee**  
Public Safety and Animal Welfare. **6-0-0**  
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. .  
Heaphy

*Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health*

Chair Heaphy outlined the highlights of the proposed changes to the Ordinance, based upon the work of the Animal Control Task Force with input from the administration, the animal welfare groups and members of the public. The main changes are a switch from an agricultural focus; tightening up the language of the language on enclosures of livestock; ( took out including) a section on tethering of dogs; more details on dangerous dogs; the addition of a section on cats, including feral cats; also a new section to address some of the concerns raised about rabbits; a new section on the animal control and care center, including a surrender policy; a new section on the responsibility of pet owners; and a new section on breeding of domesticated pets.

- Committee members discussed the various changes with Chief Shaw and Mr. Toma, including:
- The slaughtering of rabbits for food
- whether 111.8.C should be broken into separate parts
- the provision prohibiting the sale of baby rabbits, which only applies to public property
- enforcement issues
- The exemption in 111-4.C.2 is intended to deal with emergency situations
- 111-6.C.3.b. may need to be reworded to remove the word teasing
- 111-11.D should be eliminated
- An ambiguity in the penalty provisions – e.g., the \$100 fine in 111-7 and the civil citation process in 111-13 makes sense – the phrase “unless otherwise provided herein,” should be added to the beginning of 111-13

Without objection, this item was held in committee.

- <sup>2</sup>4. [LR29.023](#) REVIEW; Planning Board’s latest triennial list of **Report Made**  
City-owned and City-leased properties (Code §9-4)  
06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Reeder and Ryan  
06/16/14 – No Action Taken  
07/21/14 – Held by Committee  
08/11/14 – Held at Steering  
09/08/14 – Held at Steering  
10/14/14 – Held at Steering  
11/24/14 – Held by Committee  
12/15/14 – Held by Committee

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Mr. Handler stated that the Charter requires this review and that the information in the report is a compilation of information from various departments. This list is not final, but is a best effort based upon the information the Law Department was able to access. He would like input from any Board members regarding properties that may not be included on the list.

They expect to have a final list in a few months. Committee members discussed:

- Including the acreage or zoning of vacant land in the final report
- Tagging the City-owned properties on a map
- Some of the lease terms have expired and are now month to month
- The very long lease terms are due to government requirements or leases by non-profits
- That this list includes school properties
- Including the category of property

***As a Secondary Committee:***

1. F29.116 REVIEW; Financial Controls, Reporting Requirements and Other Contractual Obligations between the City of Stamford and Funded Third-Party Organizations  
06/03/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
06/09/14 – Held at Steering  
08/11/14 – Held at Steering  
09/29/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
10/14/14 – Held at Steering  
11/17/14 – Held in Committee  
12/22/14 – Held in Committee  
01/12/15 – Held at Steering  
03/30/15 – Held in Committee  
04/27/15 – Held in Committee

Chair Heaphy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Heaphy, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).