



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Benjamin Lee, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lee, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Pia. Also present were Reps. Di Costanzo and Morson; Michael Toma, Law Department; and 4 members of the public. See the public hearing sign-in sheet.

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR30.056	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Ordinance No. 1243, Concerning Non-Biodegradable Disposable Carryout Bags by amending §3(D) to Increase Mil Thickness from 2.25 to 12. 10/17/18 - Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky 11/13/18 – Moved to Pending 12/10/18 – Split at Steering 01/22/19 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	Approved 8-0-0

Chair Lee opened the public hearing. Mr. Papa spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. There being no other members of the present, Chair Lee closed the public hearing. Since members of the public arrived a few minutes later, Chair Lee reopened the public hearing later in the meeting.

Committee members discussed issues that had been raised by retailers, as follows:

- There may be an issue with the requirement of “conspicuous notation” – would language of any kind be sufficient?
- Are the bags being distributed by Shop Rite consistent with the proposed increase to 12 mils; they are 10.25 mils and plastic but are washable and so would fit within that definition of reusable and the thickness of the plastic is not relevant

Rep. Nabel made a motion to change 12 mil to 10 mil which motion was seconded.

Chair Lee reopened the public hearing. Ms. Menendez and Ms. Love spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Rep. Nabel withdrew her motion to amend and the second was withdrawn.

A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

It was noted that the ordinance goes into effect on May 3, 2019.

2. [LR30.057](#) APPROVAL; Lease agreement between the City of Stamford and the United States Environment Protection Agency (EPA). Held 8-0-0
01/11/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
01/29/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
02/19/19 – To be considered by Board of Finance

A motion to hold this item in order to have a public hearing next month was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

3. [LR30.058](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Creating a Special Revenue Fund (“Lockbox”) for School Building Projects. Held 6-2-0
01/25/19 – Submitted by Reps. Lee, Jacobson, Quinones, Fedeli, Pia, Kolenberg, Di Costanzo, Stella, de la Cruz, Cottrell and Nabel

Chair Lee explained that this is a challenge fund, with the goal of motivating increased spending on school capital projects. A motion to hold this item in order to get input from the Law Department and OPM was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-2-0 (Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Lee and Coleman opposed).

4. [LR30.059](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to [Board of Representatives Rules of Order](#) to amend Section III.A.1, XIII State & Commerce Committee, from 7 to 11 members to 5 to 7 members.
02/06/19 – Submitted by Pres. Quinones and Rep. Miller

Rep. Miller explained that this is an attempt to solve the attendance problem the State & Commerce Committee has by reducing the number of members required to make a quorum. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

5. [LR30.060](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to [Board of Representatives Rules of Order](#) to amend Section III.C.2, to Require Members who Testify at a City of Stamford; Board, Committee or Commission public Hearing to Inform the Clerk of the Board.
02/06/19 – Submitted by Pres. Quinones

Committee member discussed the potential conflict where a member appears before a Land Use board and then the item is appealed to the Board of Representatives. A motion to approve

this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

6. [LR30.046](#) REVIEW; Exterior Lighting Regulations **HELD**
07/11/18 - Submitted by Rep. Lion
08/02/18 – Held in Public Safety Committee
10/09/18 – Moved from Public Safety Committee
10/16/18 – Held in Committee 6-0-0
11/29/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee 5-0-0
12/18/18 – Held by Committee 6-0-0
01/22/19 – Held by Committee 8-0-0

Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Lee, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).