



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

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Phil Berns and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, and Sherwood. Absent or excused were Reps. Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, and Pierre-Louis.. Also in attendance were Reps. Summerville and Walston; and Michael Moore, Vice President of Operations for Stamford Downtown.

Chair Phil Berns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR31.060</a>	REVIEW; Potential Ordinance to Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP). 09/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson 10/24/23 – Held by Committee 11/28/23 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 01/23/24 – Held by Committee 9-0-0 02/27/24 – Held by Committee <b>04/30/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0</b>	<b>Held 6-0-0</b>

Mr. Moore discussed the economic development impact of noise pollution in downtown Stamford. He suggested developing a task force to monitor areas most affected by modified exhaust systems and to enforce the noise pollution ordinance that is currently in place.

- During COVID, restaurants/bars were allowed to expand outdoor dining onto street parking spaces through an executive order from the Connecticut Governor's office.
- There are over one hundred bars and restaurants in downtown Stamford.
- About a third of the restaurants/bars take advantage of outdoor dining on the streets.
- Patrons as well as business owners have complained about the noise and pollution from modified exhaust systems.
- Washington Blvd., the Summer/Broad St. intersection, and the Bedford/Spring St. intersection, which is Stamford's central dining area, were identified as areas that were most impacted by those systems.
- The systems are usually heard during evening hours primarily after 7 p.m. and during the warmer weather months.

A motion to hold Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, and Sherwood in favor).

Chair Phil Berns adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Berns, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).