



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

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 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. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood. Also in attendance were Reps. Campbell, de la Cruz, Figueroa, Pavia, Stella, Summerville, and Walston; Michael Toma, Assistant Corporation Counsel and Dana Lee, Attorney. Absent or excused was Vice-Chair Boeger.

Chair Phil Berns called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 04/30/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 <b>05/28/24 – Held by Committee 6-0-0</b>	<b>Motion to hold 8/0/0</b>

Attorney Lee discussed the Photo Noise Violation Monitoring Devices.

- On July 1, 2024 the new law will go into effect that allows municipalities to enact an ordinance for the installation of noise cameras.
- The camera is installed with a decibel reader and a photo or video camera.
- Any resulting ordinance will be similar to the speed camera ordinance passed by the Board.
- Violations will result in a fine similar to a parking violation.
  - The first violation is a warning.
  - The second results in a \$100 fine and any subsequent violation will result in a \$250 fine.
  - There is a \$15 processing fee.
  - There is a citation hearing.
- The City will enter into agreements with vendors to install, operate, and maintain the noise cameras.

- The law prohibits the vendors from tying their fee to the number of citations issued.
- Violation photos and videos will be reviewed by trained police officer or municipal employee to determine if there is a violation.
- The law requests municipalities to make the locations of the cameras random.
- The private information that is collected must be disposed of once the fine is paid however, can be held onto for the purpose of collections.
- The City is required to send an annual report to the State detailing the number of:
  - Violations.
  - Warnings.
  - Citations.
  - People who request hearings.
  - The amount of the fines collected.
  - The cost of the cameras.

A motion to hold Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood in favor).

2. <a href="#">LR31.075</a>	ORDINANCE, <u>for publication</u> ; Amending Chapter 137, Article VII, Non-Biodegradable Disposable Carryout Bags to Delete §137-65, Establishment of Charge, and §137-66, Exemptions. 06/05/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella	<b>Motion to hold 8/0/0</b>
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Rep. Cottrell discussed the reasoning behind the 10 cent bag fee.

- Representatives Stella and Figueroa wanted to eliminate the 10 cent fee on paper bags in Stamford.
- Plastic bags were banned in Stamford in 2018 and banned by the State in 2021.
- In order to deter residents from using plastic bags, a fee was imposed due to the City not being able to impose another tax on retailers.
- The ordinance is enforced by civil citation officers.
- A suggestion was made to simply eliminate and prohibit the use of paper bags at all as was done with plastic bags in 2018.

A motion to hold Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller, Pierre-Louis, and Sherwood in favor).

Chair Phil Berns adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Berns, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).