



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025
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, Vice-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Strain, Summerville, Walston, and Weinberg; Peter Gould, Park Police Coordinator; Greg Stackpole, Tax Assessor and Jonathan Gottlieb, President, Rippowam Corporation. Absent or excused was Representative Sherwood.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR31.088	ORDINANCE for <u>public hearing and Final Adoption</u> ; Concerning a Tax Abatement Agreement among the City of Stamford and Oak Park 2 Limited Partnership and the Housing Authority of the City of Stamford for 43 Below-Market Units Located at Ursula Place, Stamford, CT. 10/16/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 11/26/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	Motion to approve 8/0/0
<p>Members of the public voiced their opinions during the public hearing.</p> <p>A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Vice-Chair Boeger, Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, and Vandervoort in favor).</p>		
2. LR31.077	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and Final Adoption</u> ; Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of Motorized Recreational Vehicles 07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger and Curtis 07/15/24 – Held at Steering 08/12/24 – Held at Steering 10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering 10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0 11/26/24 – Amended by Committee 8-0-0 11/26/24 – Approved as Amended for Publication by Committee 8-0-0	Motion to approve 8/0/0

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Park Police Coordinator Gould elaborated on the legal framework for addressing underage operators of motorized recreational vehicles in comparison to adults.

- Underage (under the age of 16) operators will receive a juvenile summons then referred to the juvenile court.
- The fines could apply equally to both passengers and operators.
- The ordinance addresses the type of equipment in addition to the enforcement under the ordinance.

Vice-Chair Boeger addressed the issue of defining a part of the vehicle in relation to seat height and motioned to amend and insert the revised language.

A motion to adopt the amended language of Chapter 231, Article VI concerning motorized recreational vehicles and electric personal assistive mobility devices was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Vice-Chair Boeger, Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, and Vandervoort in favor).

Motion to adopt language 8/0/0

Vice-Chair Boeger addressed the monetary levels of the fines and other possible deterrents.

- The fines are set at the state maximum.
- The second half of the ordinance allows for the seizure of the vehicles after multiple violations.

A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Vice-Chair Boeger, Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, and Vandervoort in favor).

3. [LR31.076](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and Final Adoption;
Concerning the definition and regulation of the use of
External Loud Speakers
07/09/24 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger
07/15/24 – Held at Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/01/24 – Recommitted to Steering
10/29/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0
11/26/24 – Amended by Committee 7-0-0
11/26/24 – Approved for Publication by Committee 7-0-0

Motion to approve 8/0/0

Park Police Coordinator Gould explained that while the statute lacks a seizure provision, the State has granted municipalities the authority to implement one through an ordinance.

- The ordinance is designed within a state framework to target individuals operating the loudspeakers, rather than those selling them.

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A motion to approve Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Chair Phil Berns, Vice-Chair Boeger, Reps. Blank, Cottrell, Fedeli, Matheny, Pierre-Louis, and Vandervoort in favor).

Chair Phil Berns adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Berns, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).