



## **Operations Committee - Board of Representatives**

Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Place:** This meeting was held remotely

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair de la Cruz, Vice Chair Boeger, and Committee Members Reps. Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins. Excused was Rep. Stella. Absent was Rep. Baxter. Also present was Rep. Mays; Dana Lee, Law Dept.; and seven members of the public.

Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
11. <a href="#">O31.010</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 146 Article III of the Code of Ordinances, Blighted Properties, to add Section 146-46.1– Managed Natural Meadow Landscape. 03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Jacobson 03/21/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0 (correction of scrivener’s error)	<b>Approved as Amended 7-0-0</b>

Chair de la Cruz opened the Public Hearing. Four members of the public spoke in favor of the Ordinance; one member of the public had a [statement](#) in favor read during the meeting; and four members of the public submitted written [statements](#) in favor. There being no one else from the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Lee explained that the University of Connecticut does not allow its master gardeners with active certifications to hire themselves out to the public. They also cannot do this work free of charge. Therefore the section about the University of Connecticut Master Gardener needs to be removed. This is non-substantive revision to the ordinance.

A motion to Amend Sec. 146-45 (10) *Landscape Professional* by removing “**or a Certified Master Gardener with an active certification issued by the University of Connecticut;**” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins in favor).

Chair de la Cruz and Rep. Sherwood thanked everyone involved in working on this ordinance.

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A motion to approve Item #1 as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins in favor).

- <sup>2</sup>2. O31.011      ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter      **Held 7-0-0**  
146 Article III of the Code of Ordinances, Blighted  
Properties, to Clarify Notice Requirements.  
03/09/22 – Submitted by Rep. Berns  
03/21/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0

Mr. Lee explained that at this time there is no ordinance to review. The anti-Blight ordinance was revised a few years ago to make it more responsive and effective to community concerns. Changes to the notice procedures could make enforcement more cumbersome and difficult. The Law Dept. has invited the sponsor BOR Representative Berns to have a meeting with the Law Dept. and the Operations team to discuss the policy changes. That meeting has not yet happened, but hopefully what comes out of that will be something of substance to discuss with the Operations Committee and for the community to consider.

A motion to hold Item # 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins in favor).

- <sup>3</sup>3. O31.001      REVIEW; Administration plans to Develop Short and      **Held 7-0-0**  
Long Term Plan to Mitigate the Impact of Severe  
Storm and Rain Events as expressed in [Resolution](#)  
[4113](#).  
12/08/21 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz and Berns  
12/20/21 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
01/31/22 – Held by Committee  
03/03/22 – Held by Committee 5-0-0  
03/11/22 – Moved to Pending

Chair de la Cruz stated that the Administration has requested this be held until there is greater clarity on the funding that will be available from the City and from FEMA.

A motion to hold Item #3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins in favor).

- <sup>4</sup>4. O31.012      REVIEW; Increasing the Number of Building      **Held 7-0-0**  
Inspectors.  
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella

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5. O31.013      REVIEW; The Use of Body Cameras by Building  
Inspectors While Conducting Inspections on Multi-  
Families, High Risers, And Multi-Unit Complexes.  
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Curtis and Stella

**Held 7-0-0**

Chair de la Cruz stated that one of the invited guests, Mr. Gami, was unavailable for tonight's meeting.

A motion to hold Items #4 and #5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. de la Cruz, Boeger, Coleman, Ley, Sherwood, Tomas, and Watkins in favor).

Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virgil de la Cruz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).