



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Giraldo. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Kathy Emmett and Dana Lee, Law Department; Anne Fountain and Ronald Miller, Health Department; Bill Buckley, BLT/HP; Richard Warren, O&G; and Jackie Kaufman, Carmody, Torrance, Sandak, Hennessey LLP (see [public hearing sign-in sheet](#)).

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. PS29.016	<u>ORDINANCE for Public Hearing & Final Adoption;</u> Proposed change to Sec. 164-5, Noise - Restrictions on Sunday demolitions 06/04/14 – Submitted by Reps. Cerasoli and Coppola 06/09/14 – Held at Steering 10/02/14 – Held in Committee 11/20/14 – Approved by Committee 12/01/14 – Held in Committee by BOR 12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee 01/22/15 – Approved by Committee for publication 02/04/15 – Held in Committee by full Board 02/19/15 – Approved by Committee	Approved 8-0-0

Chair DePina opened the public hearing. Jackie Kaufman spoke on behalf of , Carmody, Torrance, Sandak, Hennessey LLP in favor of the proposed ordinance. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

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- ². [PS29.023](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed Amendment to Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance. **Held in Committee 8-0-0**
 10/07/14 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones
 11/20/14 – Held in Committee
 12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee
 01/12/15 – Held at Steering
 02/19/15 – Held in Committee

Mr. Lee explained that this proposed change is the result of recent challenges to blight determinations because the current ordinance is not in accord with State law, particularly the requirement that the blight procedure be subject to the civil citation process, which would eliminate the substantive role of the blight committee. The Law Department determined that the ordinance needed to be revised and made more effective. Ms. Emmett noted that Rep. DeLuca had also asked that the ordinance be revised to clarify when the City may enter blighted properties to fix them. Mr. Lee stated that this ordinance is based on the New Haven ordinance and would eliminate the Blight Committee. These changes would ensure that property owners receive the notice and opportunity to be heard required by State law. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Lee noted that the composition of the Blight Committee would not be in consistent with State law. Rep. Ryan requested that the draft be amended to include a definition of dangerous to public health. A motion to hold this ordinance was made, seconded and approved by vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

- ³. [PS29.030](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; **Approved 6-2-0**
 Concerning Food Service Establishment License and Service Fees.
 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
 02/19/15 – Held in Committee

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

The Committee next took up Item No. 5. Committee members reviewed the revised fee proposal and income projections with Mr. Miller and Ms. Fountain. Committee members discussed whether these fee increases are justified, given the work of the Health Department. A motion to approve the resolution for public hearing was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-2-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams and Coppola opposed.)

- ⁴. [PS29.031](#) ORDINANCE for Public Hearing and Final Adoption; **Approved, as amended, 8-0-0**
 Amending Chapter 146, Article II, Apartments, Multiple Dwellings, Rooming Houses and Hotels, Section 146-35, Fees, Concerning Housing License Fees. **Waiver of Republication approved 8-0-0**
 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay
 02/19/15 – Approved by Committee, as amended

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

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The Committee next took up Item No. 6. Chair DePina opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Committee members discussed whether the increases to the hotel fees approved at the last Committee meeting were justified. A motion to amend the ordinance to change the increase in the hotel fee to \$350 instead of \$500 and \$85 per unit instead of \$100 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.) A motion to waive republication of the ordinance was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.) A motion to approve the ordinance, as amended, for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor.)

- ⁵3. [PS29.024](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Proposed change to Sec. 164-6, Noise - to prohibit idling for more than three minutes. **Approved 7-1-0**
12/02/14 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee
01/22/15 – Held in Committee
02/19/15 – Held in Committee

Mr. Lee explained that the language of this ordinance comes from the State statute. In response to questions from the Committee, he explained that this would be enforced through the civil citation process, not by the police. It would apply throughout the City. A motion to approve this ordinance, for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Adams opposed.)

4. [PS29.025](#) REVIEW; Construction-Generated Persistent and On-Going Polystyrene Foam Pollution in the West Branch of the Stamford Harbor and the City's Law-Enforcement, Environmental and Land Use Authorities' Response to Mitigate Such Hazard. **Held in Committee**
12/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Ryan
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee
01/22/15 – Report Made & Held in Committee
02/19/15 – Held in Committee

Chair DePina stated that this item would be held.

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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