



## ***Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, January 3, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center,  
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Kolenberg, McMullen, and Sherwood. Absent or excused were Reps. Lutz, Matherne and Pratt. Also present were Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; and Jennifer Calder and Deborah Miller, Health Department.

Chair Stella called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PS30.020</a>	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Setting fees for Day Care Facilities Plan reviews and annual inspections. 11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder 11/29/18 – Approved by Committee 6-1-0	<b>Approved 5-1-0</b>

Chair Stella opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Dr. Calder explained that the plan review fees are paid prior to the plan review being conducted. The annual inspections are required by the State, and there is no authority for the City to close down a facility for failure to pay the fee.

A motion to approve this resolution for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano, McMullen, and Sherwood in favor; Rep. Kolenberg opposed).

2. <a href="#">PS30.022</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 141 of the Code of Ordinances, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians Section 141-3 – Plan Review and Preoperation Inspection. 11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder 11/29/18 – Approved by Committee 5-2-0	<b>Approved 4-2-0</b>
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Chair Stella opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve this resolution for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano and Sherwood in favor; Reps. Kolenberg and McMullen opposed).

3. [PS30.021](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Setting Fees for Plan Review and Pre-operation Inspections of Barbershops or Hairdressing and/or Cosmetology Shop. **Approved 3-2-1**  
11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder  
11/29/18 – Approved by Committee 5-2-0

Chair Stella opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Reps. Morson and McMullen noted that they have asked the Law Department regarding the ability of the Board to impose fines on unpaid fees set by resolution

A motion to approve this resolution for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-2-1 (Reps. Stella, Morson and Giordano in favor; Reps. Kolenberg and McMullen opposed; Rep. Sherwood abstaining).

4. [PS30.019](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Setting Building and Associated Plan Review Fees Charged by the Health Department. **Approved, as amended, 4-2-0**  
11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder  
11/29/18 – Held in Committee 4-2-1

Committee members discussed this item with the guests as follows:

- The building additional plan review fee would only apply to residential items

A motion to eliminate the increase for building addition plan reviews was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano, Kolenberg, McMullen, and Sherwood in favor).

- The extent of the spa/hot tub plan review depends upon the size of the spa/hot tub, and might include septic review
- Review of water treatment units or devices can be complicated; these units may control salt or minerals and the ground water and neighboring wells would need to be protected from the discharge
- There were only 3 reviews last year; residents should be incentivized to have these reviews

A motion to change the increase for installing a water treatment unit or device plan reviews from \$100 to \$50 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano, Kolenberg, McMullen, and Sherwood in favor).

- Septic plan reviews take a great deal of an inspector's time; the soil, design, setback requirements, house, wells, neighboring lots and code must all be evaluated; the system may need to be redesigned
- Repairs are a different level of complexity than a new system
- A post-plan review would be due to a change in the plans after approval
- These fees were last changed in 2000

A motion to change the increase for repairing septic system plan reviews from \$125 to \$100 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Reps. Giordano, Kolenberg, McMullen, and Sherwood in favor; Reps. Stella and Morson opposed).

- Well abandonment and well construction are separate processes and don't necessarily go together
- The charges for apartment plan reviews are consistent with department costs; increasing the charge for 40 apartment or more plan reviews to \$425 would also be consistent

A motion to change the increase for 40 apartment or more plan reviews from \$325 to \$425 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano, Kolenberg and Sherwood in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano and Sherwood in favor; Reps. Kolenberg and McMullen opposed).

5. PS30.038      REVIEW; Fiscal Requirements of Department of      **Report Made**  
                          Public Safety, Health and Welfare and Opportunities  
                          for Process Improvements.  
                          12/05/18 – Submitted by Rep. Miller

Mr. Jankowski noted that he discussed improvements and cost cutting with the Chiefs and department heads every week. They will be presenting a realistic budget. Recent process improvements have been the outsourcing of the HIV and WIC units.

The department needs to improve its technology and data capabilities and would like to have additional health inspectors; hiring of SPD civilian staff would enable uniformed personnel to go out into the field.

***As a Secondary Committee:***

6. [LR30.046](#)      REVIEW; Exterior Lighting Regulations  
                          7/11/18 - Submitted by Rep. Lion  
                          08/02/18 – Held in Public Safety Committee  
                          10/09/18 – Moved from Public Safety Committee

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jeffrey Stella, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)