



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Matherne, McMullen and Palomba. Absent or excused were Chair Stella and Committee Member Reps. Lutz, Pratt and Sherwood. Also in attendance was Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director, Health Department, and one member of the public.

Vice Chair Morson called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. <u>PS30.025</u>	RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Concerning Food Establishment Plan Review. 11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder 11/13/18 – Moved to Pending 05/30/19 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 06/10/19 – Moved to Pending	Approved 5-0-0

Vice Chair Morson opened up the Public Hearing at 6:34 pm. There being no one from the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Dr. Calder explained the request for the increase in fees and there was discussion.

- Plan Reviews and Revisions are extremely time consuming for City employees.
- The Plan Review is a one-time fee. Plan Review Revisions are necessary when business owners make changes after the initial Plan Review without telling the Health Department.
- Many food establishments are including CBD additives in the products. This requires a lot of communication with the State because these ingredients are not yet standardized.
- The Plan Review fees have not been increased since October, 2015.
- Is it possible the fees were set too low in October, 2015?
- Stamford charges significantly less than neighboring towns. ([See attached p.4](#)).
- New Canaan and Bridgeport charge for Plan Review Revisions.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Morson, Giordano, Matherne, McMullen and Palomba in favor).

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| 2. | PS30.043 | REVIEW; Possible Requirement of Commercial and Industrial Buildings and Structures that Utilize Truss Type Construction to be Marked by a Sign or Symbol That Informs People Conducting Fire Control and Other Emergency Operations of the Existence of Truss Construction.
06/05/19 – Submitted by Reps. Stella and Pratt
09/26/19 – Held by Committee 4-0-1
10/15/19 – Held at Steering
12/09/19 – Held at Steering
01/13/20 – Held at Steering | Held |
| 3. | PS30.047 | REVIEW; Plan Regarding the Position of Fire Safety Officer.
10/08/19 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
10/21/19 – Held by Committee 5-0-0
12/09/19 – Held at Steering
01/13/20 – Held at Steering | Held |
| 4. | PS30.048 | REVIEW; Lack of the Fire Commission Meeting Minutes and Video on the City Website.
11/07/19 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
12/09/19 – Held at Steering
01/13/20 – Held at Steering | Held |
| 5. | PS30.049 | REVIEW; Fire Hydrant Testing Procedures.
11/07/19 – Submitted by Rep. Stella
12/09/19 – Held at Steering
01/13/20 – Held at Steering | Held |

As a Secondary Committee – February 19, 2020:

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| 6. | P30.045 | APPROVAL; Amendment of an Agreement between the City of Stamford and PINACOM, INC for Administrative Services for Police Department Extra Duty Employment.
02/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/13/20 – Held by Board of Finance
02/19/20 – Held by Personnel Committee | No Action Taken |
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Vice Chair Morson adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Morson, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).