



## ***Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair Terry Adams, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2014  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair DeLuca; Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Franzetti, Kooris, Moore and Pratt. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Giordano and Kolenberg. Also present were Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel and Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations.

Chair DeLuca called the meeting to order at 7:00.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
11. <a href="#">T29.009</a>	ORDINANCE for public hearing & final adoption; amending Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, adding Article X, Electric Vehicle Charging Station in City-Owned Garages and Surface Lots. 03/07/14 – Submitted by Director Orgera 03/20/14 – Held in Committee 07/02/14 – Approved 8-0-0 07/07/14 – Approved for Publication on Consent Agenda	<b>Approved 5-0-0</b>

Chair DeLuca opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, Chair DeLuca closed the public hearing. Director Orgera asked whether this would be a citation or a parking ticket violation. Chair DeLuca stated this would be a parking ticket violation. The enforcement officers use electronic violations, so that can be changed immediately. However, Police Officers use paper tickets, which would not contain this violation. They will be changed when new books are ordered. Until then, Police Officers will call enforcement officers to write the violation. A motion to approve this ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. DeLuca; Adams, Franzetti, Moore and Pratt in favor.)

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- <sup>2</sup>. [T29.014](#)      ORDINANCE for publication; amending Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, Sections 231-25, 231-29 and 231-30, to more effectively Regulate Truck Traffic by changing gross weight of regulated vehicles, by removing the commercial registration limitation and by increasing the monetary impact of violations.  
06/13/14 – Submitted by Rep. DeLuca
- Held in  
Committee**

Ms. Emmett explained that:

- The current ordinance allows regulation of trucks on roads based on weight
- The current weight limit is 6000 lbs and is limited to trucks with commercial registration
- The proposal is to amend it to 18,000 lbs and to remove the commercial registration requirement to include combination registration
- The signs on the roads would need to be changed to reflect this change and that it applies to trucks using the streets as through streets
- The change also increases the penalty to \$150, which is permissible
- The reason for this change is that the through truck is a state regulation, so the only change the City can make is the weight limit
- The state “through truck” statute only applies to trucks that don’t originate in Stamford and don’t have Stamford destination
- Each street would have to be approved for this weight limit by the City
- In addition, the state has input and restrictions on which streets can have weight limits (e.g., a street which permits through trucks can’t be subject to the weight limit) – the state doesn’t need to approve a street, but can disapprove it
- The weight limit can’t be used to create a de facto “no through truck” street
- All current weight limit signs would need to be changed
- Private SUVs can be over 6000 lbs
- This would not address small dump trucks
- This is an amendment to the current ordinance

Committee members discussed that:

- The City could not enforce local traffic truck restrictions without signs
- This may result in numerous sign requests as residents want to stop traffic coming past their houses
- Any street would have to be approved by the Traffic Authority
- This signage and weight limit may be arbitrary and difficult to enforce
- Street design changes may be a more effective and less expensive way to calm traffic (e.g. painting and planters may be a cheaper way to do this)
- There may be limited streets where this is appropriate
- The ordinance provides criteria for the Traffic Authority use to determine if the weight limit should apply (the Commission relies on the State for “no through truck designations”)
- The Traffic Authority would have to conduct an investigation
- What type of truck this would this apply to – Chassis and load would need to be over 18,000 lbs

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- This would not be a change to the no through truck sign, but would be a new sign

Mr. Orgera will identify for the Committee what type of trucks this will apply to, how many signs will need to be changed and what it will cost.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. DeLuca; Adams, Di Costanzo, Kooris and Pratt in favor.)

- <sup>3</sup>3. [T29.015](#) APPROVAL; Municipal Citation Solutions, LLC; **Approved 5-0-0**  
Agreement pursuant to RFP #624; Parking Ticket  
Management Services.  
06/17/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Orgera stated that

- there were 4 or 5 responses to this RFP
- The parking ticket processing company processes the tickets issued by the City, including sending out notices and overdue letters
- Under this RFP they will provide electronic beach permit processing
- The city will save \$.20 per ticket with this new company
- The current company had the contract for 8 years
- They picked the low bidder
- This company works for other municipalities in the State
- They will be using iPads so the information will be immediately transmitted to the company

A motion to approve this agreement was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. DeLuca; Adams, Di Costanzo, Kooris and Pratt in favor.)

***As Secondary Committee:***

1. [SC29.019](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Sense of the Board; Requested Additions to and Enforcement of State [Regulation](#) of Taxicab and Livery Services.  
07/08/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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