



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

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair   Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, March 2, 2017

**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: Vice Chair Pratt and Committee Members Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, and Patterson. Absent or excused were Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Rep. Franzetti. Also present were Reps. Cerasoli, Kolenberg, and Zelinsky; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Jim Travers, Transportation Bureau Chief; and 10 members of the public.

Vice Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 2. <a href="#">T29.068</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for Publication</u> ; Amending Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, Article X, Blocking the Box, <a href="#">Section 231-73.A</a> to delete High Ridge Rd at Bull's Head Plaza. 01/24/17 – Submitted by President Skigen	<b>Held 5-0-0</b>
<p>Item # 2 was taken up first. Vice Chair Pratt explained that a call was received from the Connecticut DOT that the existing state statute is being changed. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore and Patterson in favor).</p>		
<sup>2</sup> 1. <a href="#">T29.063</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for Public Hearing and Final Adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 231, Vehicles And Traffic, Section 6, Prohibited Stopping, Standing Or Parking, To Prohibit Parking On City Streets For More Than One Hundred and Twenty Hours. 11/15/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 01/26/17 – Approved by Committee	<b>Approved 5-0-0</b>

Director Orgera explained that there have been issues for several years with vehicles parked in the same place for weeks and months. This causes problems with pumping out catch basins and getting streets cleaned. The City has not been able to move these vehicles unless emergency notices are posted for cleaning, because as of now most are legally parked.

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Mr. Travers explained this type of ordinance is a standard practice, and also helps to identify vehicles that are not properly registered. It is in place in several other cities around the country. Mr. Orgera and Mr. Travers explained the process of how this ordinance will work, which begins with a citizen's call to the Citizen Service Center.

Vice Chair Pratt opened the Public Hearing. Seven members of the public spoke in favor of the ordinance. With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Vice Chair Pratt closed the Public Hearing.

The committee discussed the issue of people on vacation, etc., who need to leave their cars parked for longer periods of time on the street. Mr. Orgera discussed looking into the possibility of citizens being able to park their cars at a reduced rate in the city parking garages while they are away.

Rep. Di Costanzo would like other towns investigated to see what kinds of ordinances they have, and how this issue is dealt with.

Mr. Travers explained that the ordinance cannot address every possible issue, and we need to be careful not to ticket citizens who are not doing anything wrong, but this is a good start.

A vote to approve this item was made, seconded and approved with a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Pratt, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore and Patterson in favor).

Vice Chair Pratt adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

*This meeting is on [video](#).*