



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

Steven Kolenberg, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, August 23, 2018

**Time:** 7:30 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 Kolenberg, Vice Chair Michelson, and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace. Excused was Rep. Moore. Also present were Rep. McMullen; Rep. Zelinsky; Jim Travers, Transportation Bureau Chief; and Mike Toma, Law Dept.

Chair Kolenberg called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">T30.016</a>	ORDINANCE for publication; Amend <a href="#">§ 231-15</a> Violation of Pedestrian Right of Way to Increase the Fine Amount. 07/10/18 – Submitted by Rep. Kolenberg 07/26/18 – No Action Taken	<b>Approved, as amended, 7-1-0</b>

Mr. Toma gave an overview of the proposed change to the existing ordinance, which increases the fine from not exceeding \$100 to not exceeding \$250.

There was discussion on the item:

- There has been feedback that the Stamford Courts are unable to keep up with the pedestrian safety cases in addition to all the other cases
- Civil citation process provides for a local appeals process
- Pedestrian safety is a big concern in Stamford, and this adds another avenue for enforcement
- The civil citation issuer has discretion to decide the amount of the fine
- No written guidelines exist for the ticket issuers

A motion to eliminate the discretion of a \$250 fine was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 1-5-2 (Reps. Spadaccini in favor; Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Patterson and Wallace opposed; Giordano and Pendell abstaining).

A motion to amend sections B and C to \$100 and sections D, E, F and G to \$250 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-1 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Pendell, Spadaccini, and Wallace in favor; Patterson opposed; Kolenberg abstaining).

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A motion to approve the ordinance as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor; Patterson opposed).

2. T30.017 ORDINANCE for publication; Amending §231-45.1, Residential Parking Program, to Add One-Day Event Residential Parking Exception. **Approved, as amended, 7-1-0**  
08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. Michelson and Zelinsky

Vice Chair Michelson explained that some constituents want to be able to have events at their homes without guests being ticketed. People have been ticketed for parking at tag sales, family gatherings, and parties. A one-day event exception could alleviate this problem. Mr. Travers explained that it is a very challenging situation.

There was discussion on the item:

- Residential parking is enforced when residents call with complaints
- Until Stamford becomes more technologically advanced with parking, this builds a path to a simpler solution
- Residents who pay for their parking permits might not be able to find a place to park within a reasonable distance from their home during an event
- Perhaps there should be a traffic study before this goes into effect
- Not all streets in this program have a parking problems, but some streets have very tight parking

A motion to amend proposed Sec. D.2 to read “shall” instead of “may” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor).

A motion to add Sec. D.6 to read “Each household will be limited to one exception per month” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor).

A motion to add language to Sec. D.3 to read “within 24 hours” after the word “remove” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Pendell, Spadaccini, Wallace in favor; Patterson abstaining).

A motion to approve the ordinance as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor; Patterson opposed).

Chair Kolenberg adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Kolenberg, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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