



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

Steven Kolenberg, Chair

Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Vice Chair Michelson and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, and Spadaccini. Excused were Chair Kolenberg and Committee Member Rep. Wallace. Also present were SPD Asst. Chief Thomas Wuennemann; Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers; and three members of the public.

Vice Chair Michelson called the meeting to order at 7:38pm

Vice Chair Michelson opened the Public Hearing for Item #1 at 7:40pm. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was suspended and Item #2 was taken up out of order.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 2. T30.016	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amend § 231-15 Violation of Pedestrian Right of Way to Increase the Fine Amount. 07/10/18 – Submitted by Rep. Kolenberg 07/26/18 – No Action Taken 08/23/18 – Approved by Committee, as Amended, 7-1-0 09/04/18 – Held by Full Board	Held 7-0-0

There was discussion on this item, and the following was stated:

- In the court system applicable State statutes tend to override local ordinances. There are existing state statutes which have lower fines.
- The SPD uses the State statutes as the guidelines. This ordinance will be used mostly by Civilian Citation Officers.
- A ticket for over \$250 requires a court appearance.
- Civil Citation Officers do not have the authority to conduct a motor vehicle stop.
- Tickets can now be challenged online.
- The reason for the change in this ordinance was to make it known that pedestrian safety is very important in Stamford.
- What is the legality of a Civil Citation Officer to uphold this ordinance?

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, and Spadaccini in favor).

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- ²1. [T30.017](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Amending [§231-45.1](#), Residential Parking Program, to Add One-Day Event Residential Parking Exception. **Approved, as amended, 7-0-0**
08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. Michelson and Zelinsky
08/23/18 – Approved by Committee, as Amended, 7-1-0

Vice Chair Michelson re-opened the Public Hearing at 8:06pm. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

There was discussion on this item, and the following was stated:

- There is concern with this proposed change because people are paying for permits and they potentially will not be able to park on their street during exception days.
- There are options to the Residential Parking Program, such as specific days/hours. Each residential zone can be different depending on the needs.
- If the Exception Program were to be maxed out, it would be used less than 15% of the year.
- This ordinance is enforced when residents call regarding violations.
- There will always be potential issues with the Residential Parking Program because while it helps one problem, it restricts other things for residents.

A motion to amend the ordinance by adding Sec. D.7 that reads “Sixty-five (65) percent of the zone must agree to the one day Exception Program at the beginning of the Residential Parking Program, or as a change to an existing program” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, and Spadaccini in favor).

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

Vice Chair Michelson adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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