



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Phil Berns, Chair

Sean Boeger, Vice-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Phil Berns, Vice-Chair Sean Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, and Sherwood. Also in attendance were Reps. Camporeale and Summerville and Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health & Human Services. Absent or excused were Reps. Matheny, Miller, and Pierre-Louis.

Chair Phil Berns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR31.068</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for final adoption</u> ; Compensation for Acting Mayor under C3-10-4. 01/03/24 – Submitted by Rep. Stella 01/29/24 – Approved by Committee 7-2-0 <b>02/27/24 – Public Hearing held and Recommitted to Steering by Committee 6-0-0</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 4-2-0</b>

Rep. Cottrell discussed the suggestions received regarding compensation for an acting mayor:

- Make it a formula and do not attach a dollar amount.
- The per diem salary shall be defined as the Mayor's annual salary divided by the number of days in a given year.
- Implementing one of three pay rates:
  - Standby rate:  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the per diem rate of the Mayor. (\$134.60/day)
  - Having to perform mayoral duties:  $\frac{1}{2}$  the per diem rate of the Mayor. (\$269.19/day)
  - Fulfilling the full duties of the Mayor: Full per diem rate. (\$538.38/day)

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-2-0 (Chair Berns, Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, and Sherwood in favor. Reps. Fedeli and Jacobson not in favor).

2. [LR31.060](#)      REVIEW; Potential Ordinance to Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution (SLEEP).      **Motion to Hold 6-0-0**  
09/27/23 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson  
10/24/23 – Held by Committee  
11/28/23 – Held by Committee 7-0-0  
01/23/24 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
**02/27/24 – Held by Committee**

Rep. Jacobson discussed meeting with the following before moving forward with a potential actionable ordinance:

- The Department of Health to determine what effect noise pollution has on Stamford residents.
- The Director of Operations for Stamford Downtown.
- Restaurant owners and other stakeholders.
- Law enforcement.

Director Bishop-Pullan discussed recommendations from the CDC and the EPA regarding levels of noise:

- The EPA recommends environmental noise remain under 70 or 75 decibels.
- 120 decibels and above would have an immediate effect on hearing where it could cause hearing loss.

Reps. Cottrell and Jacobson confirmed that it is possible to some limited capacity to ban the sale of prefabricated muffler systems in Stamford due to health concerns.

A motion to hold Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Berns, Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Cottrell, Fedeli, Jacobson, and Sherwood in favor).

3. [LR31.072](#)      ORDINANCE for publication; Regulating the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores      **HELD**  
02/07/24 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and Camporeale  
**02/27/24 – Held by Committee**

Chair Phil Berns adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Berns, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).