



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT

The Public Safety & Health Committee will meet as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Quinones, and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Giraldo and Kolenberg. Also present were Reps. DeLuca and Di Costanzo; Chief Wuennemann, Stamford Police Department; Frank Fedeli, Cashiering; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety Health & Welfare; Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; John Ruotolo, DSSD; Conal McDonough, Tigin Irish Pub; Tony Desjardin, Jr, Bradford's Grill & Tavern; Linda & Darius Jamshidian, Subway; Josh Lira, Crazy tacomex, Little Taste of Peru .

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS29.030	RESOLUTION and <u>public hearing</u> ; Concerning Food Service Establishment License and Service Fees. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/19/15 – Held in Committee 03/19/15 – Approved by Committee 04/06/15 – Returned to Committee by full Board 04/23/15 – No Action Taken 05/28/15 – Held in Committee 06/17/15 – Held in Committee, as amended 07/30/15 – Approved, as amended	Approved, as amended, 5-0-1

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

Chair DePina opened the public hearing. Mr. Ruotolo spoke in favor of the resolution, noting that restaurant owners in the Downtown District he has spoken with are grateful for the compromises made. There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to amend the resolution to have an effective date of October 1, 2015 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola and Moore in favor; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining). A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Coppola and Moore in favor; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining).

2. [PS29.052](#) REVIEW; Process for Food Truck vendors to request and obtain permission to sell food and beverages in the Downtown area, the ordinance(s) that regulate it, and the enforcement procedures. **Report Made**
08/05/15 – Submitted by Reps. Heaphy and Quinones

Mr. Fedeli provided an overview of the current procedure, which is set out in Chapter 179 of the Code.

- He stated that the current ordinance is flawed and needs to be revised. The current permitting process for a food truck is as follows:
 - Obtain a permit from the health department, which is a rigorous inspection and costs \$525. Passing this inspection only permits food vending on private property
 - Obtain a vending permit from Cashiering & Permitting, either a street permit (\$200) or a park permit (\$700) in order to vend on public property
 - Can only obtain a permit if no criminal record
- He is proposing to change the current ordinance to create food truck zones, limit the number of permits and provide a stationary location
- The current ability to revoke a permit is too limited (false information in application)
- He suggests areas away from current restaurants when vendors apply for permits, but cannot require it

Committee members discussed with Chief Wuennemann and Mr. Fedeli;

- The need for pedestrian and vehicle safety around trucks. Chief Wuennemann distributed the [attached photos and letter](#) he sent to truck owners regarding pedestrian safety.
- Responsibility for littering
- Current difficulties in controlling location of trucks
- Requiring the service window to face the sidewalk
- Of the 80 food trucks with permits from the Health Department, only about 15 have Street permits

Mr. Fedeli and Ms. Emmett stated that they are creating a committee to work on these revisions, including representatives from the Police Department, Cashiering, the Health Department, the Law Department and DSSD and would like to have a representative from the Public Safety & Health Committee.

3. [PS29.053](#) REVIEW; update on Matrix Report of Police Department. **Report Made**
11/18/13 – Submitted by Chair Fountain

Mr. Jankowski stated the report provided a benchmark to the Department. Of the 42 recommendations listed beginning on page 3 of the report, 14 have been totally implemented (#s. 2, 3, 7, 10-15, 17, 19, 20, 23 and 34); 2 have been partially implemented (#s 22 and 33); 2 are in progress (#s 37 and 41); 3 were rejected as not appropriate for Stamford (#s 4, 21 and 30), and the remainder have been held in abeyance due to union negotiations or costs.

4. [PS29.047](#) APPROVAL; agreement with Preferred Therapy Solutions LLC for Rehabilitative Services at Smith House.
07/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
07/30/15 – Approved by Committee (**no further action needed**)
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance
- No Action Taken**

Chair DePina noted that this item was approved by the Committee last month and no further action is needed. It is on the agenda because the Board of Finance had not yet approved it.

As a Secondary Committee:

1. [LR29.052](#) ORDINANCE, for publication; Amending Chapter 111. Public Safety and Animal Welfare.
06/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin and Rep. Heaphy

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).