



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair DePina, Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Caterbone, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Moore and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Adams and Coppola. Also present were Rep. Mitchell; and Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS29.063	REVIEW; Noise Ordinance, Chapter 164 of the Code of Ordinances , and its Effect on Private and Public Trash Removal Operations. 03/28/16 – Submitted by Reps. Quinones, Mitchell and Figueroa	Report Made

Representative Quinones stated that he put this item on the agenda because under the current ordinance trash pickup is not exempted and there have been complaints regarding noise collection.

Mr. Orgera discussed the following with the Committee:

- the City gets complaints because trash pickup starts at 4 a.m.
- the City can't get trash pickup completed on main roads unless they start at 4 a.m.; there are problems with additional traffic and school busses later
- they received a complaint from the new building across Tresser Boulevard from the Government Center, regarding the back-up noise from the truck when it picks up the trash between 4 and 5; they are now picking it up at 7, but that presents a problem with traffic
- the ordinance currently excludes trash collection during daytime hours in Section 164-5.E (9); he suggests deleting the requirement that this apply only during daytime hours
- The noise ordinance would also apply to private collection
- Maybe the ordinance should permit solid waste and refuse collection beginning at 4:00 a.m. and dusk

- Very few officers have the ability to measure decibel levels

Committee members discussed issues with enforcement of the noise ordinance generally.

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).