



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Time: 6:00 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 De Pina, Vice Chair Quinones and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Giraldo, Moore, and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Kolenberg. Also present were: Rep. Ryan; Dana Lee, Law Department; Assistant Chief Tom Wuennemann, Stamford Police Department; Parks & Recreation Commission Members Lyda Ruijter and David Winston; Sandy Goldstein, Downtown Special Services District; and seven members of the public.

Chair DePina called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS29.062	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Process For Food Truck Vendors To Request And Obtain Permission To Sell Food and Beverages in Stamford, and the Enforcement Procedures. 03/28/16 – Submitted by Reps. Quinones and DePina 04/11/16 – Held at Steering 06/13/16 – Held at Steering 07/21/16 – Held by Committee 08/18/16 – Held by Committee 10/19/16 – Held in Committee 01/19/17 – Held in Committee 03/02/17 – Approved by Committee for publication	HELD 8-0-0

¹Mr. Lee gave an overview of the ordinance, stating its purpose is to address:

- citizen safety in high demand areas;
- police enforcement;
- public welfare issues such as litter, parking and noise;
- promoting food truck vending while protecting brick and mortar establishments.

¹ Video time stamp: 00:00:22

A committee will be formed which can have the flexibility to deal with the issues that arise regarding food truck vendors.

²Chair DePina opened up the Public Hearing. Seven people spoke, and Rep. Adams read letters ([attached](#)) from constituents who could not attend the meeting. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Chair DePina closed the Public Hearing.

³There was Committee discussion about the ordinance. Various concerns include:

- unique issues in specific neighborhoods;
- the new committee to be established;
- parking in front of restaurants;
- boundaries of the food trucks;
- set up times/hours;
- involvement of the Downtown Special Services District.

Mr. Lee added that this is a revision of a current ordinance. It is being revised due to the increase of food truck vendors in the city.

⁴ Chief Wuennemann discussed that the proposed ordinance is important because the current ordinance does not give the police the authority to act on citizen complaints. Also, right now there are only unofficial agreements between restaurant owners and food truck vendors regarding parking and hours. There is nothing in the current ordinance that addresses this.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Giraldo, Moore, and Zelinsky in favor).

Chair DePina adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

² Video time stamp: 00:06:27

³ Video time stamp: 00:26:02

⁴ Video time stamp 00:36:57