



Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives

Benjamin Lee, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lee and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Nabel and Zelinsky. Absent or excused were Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Miller and Pia. Also present were Reps. Cottrell and Sherwood; Jane Von Trapp, Bartlett Arboretum; Amy Jesse and Annie Hornish, Humane Society of the United States; and State Rep. David Michel.

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LR30.073	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amendment to Section 21-1 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow the Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. to Name Areas, Facilities and Structures of the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens. 06/05/19 – Submitted by Reps. Nabel and Fedeli 06/18/19 – Approved by Committee 6-0-0	Approved 5-0-0

Chair Lee opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion and Nabel in favor).

2. LR30.068	ORDINANCE for publication, Amending Chapter III of the City Code of Ordinances to Prohibit the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores. 05/07/19 – Submitted by Reps. Kolenberg, Sherwood, Stella and Jacobson 5/13/19 – Moved to Pending 06/18/19 – Held by Committee 6-0-0	Approved 6-0-0
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Ms. Hornish, Ms. Jesse and Mr. Michel discussed this item with the Committee:

- This began several years ago with a grass roots movement and has expanded to the state level
- This type of ordinance protects consumers from purchasing sick animals and protects animal welfare
- The Connecticut state law allows pet stores to obtain animals for sale from USDA-licensed breeders; it is no longer possible to obtain USDA inspection reports and the USDA standards are not being enforced
- This ordinance would not affect private breeders or adoptions through shelters at pet stores

- The CDC has warned people about the health dangers of buying puppies at pet stores, thereby demonstrating the public health benefit of the proposed ordinance.

A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

3. [LR30.065](#) **ORDINANCE for publication**, Concerning the Use of **Held 6-0-0**
 Single-Use Plastic Straws and Stirrers by Food or
 Beverage Establishments.
 04/22/19 – Submitted by Reps. Jacobson, de la Cruz,
 Kolenberg, Stella. Cottrell, Morson and Zelinsky
 05/21/19 – Held by Committee 5-0-0
 06/18/19 – Held by Committee 6-0-0

Due to the unavailability of the invited guests, a motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

4. [LR30.070](#) **ORDINANCE for publication**; Concerning Polystyrene **Held 6-0-0**
 and Retail Vendors.
 06/05/19 – Submitted by Rep. Jacobson de la Cruz,
 Kolenberg, Lion, Morson and Cottrell
 06/18/19 – Held by Committee 6-0-0

Due to the unavailability of the invited guests, a motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Fedeli, Jacobson, Lion, Nabel and Zelinsky in favor).

As a Secondary Committee:

1. [PR30.025](#) **RESOLUTION and public hearing**; Approving
 Amended and Restated Lease Agreement and
 Assignment of Rights of a Portion of the Premises
 Known as John J. Boccuzzi Park a/k/a Southfield
 Beach Park a/k/a Boccuzzi Park by the City of
 Stamford to Soundwaters, Inc.
 06/03/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 06/04/19 – Approved by Planning Board
 06/19/19 – Approved by Parks & Recreation
 Commission
 07/08/19 – Approved by Harbor Management
 Commission
 07/11/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Benjamin Lee, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).