



Operations Committee - Board of Representatives

Joseph Coppola, Jr., Chair

John Zelinsky, Jr., Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Operations Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Coppola, Vice Chair Zelinsky and Committee Member Reps. Buckman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen. Excused or absent were Committee Reps. Adams, Coleman and Giraldo. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel; Michael Handler, Director of Administration and.:

Chair Coppola called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. O29.053	ORDINANCE <u>for final adoption</u> ; Amendment of §§ 214- 29 of the Code of Ordinances ; Excavation Permit Required. 11/05/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 11/24/15 – Approved by Committee for publication 12/07/15 – Returned to Committee at Board meeting 12/21/15 – Approved by Committee for publication, as amended 01/28/15 – Public Hearing Held and Held in Committee 02/23/16 – Held in Committee	Held 6-0-0
Chair Coppola stated that this item is being held at the request of the Administration because they are waiting for information. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Buckman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen in favor).		
¹ 2. O29.063	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amendment to Chapter 200, Sewers, Section 200-41 , Regarding the Levy of Sewer Connection Charges by the WPCA. 02/04/16 – Submitted by Mike Toma	Approved 6-0-0

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Ms. Emmett explained that

- this amendment is needed because the current ordinance contains a scrivener's error which needs to be corrected
 - There are two separate State statutes regarding the collecting of charges in connection with the laying and connection of sewers. CGS §7-249 deals with the collection of a benefit assessment relating to the laying of a sewer system and CGS §7-255 deals with the collection of a charge in connection with the connection to the sewer system and use of the sewer system.
 - The way the ordinance is currently drafted, subsection B refers to a connection charge but refers to CGS §7-249, the wrong statutory section.
- The proposed amendment creates a new section regarding the sewer connection charge and refers to the correct statutory section, CGS §7-255
- The remainder of the ordinance is amended to clarify that it refers to benefit assessments and sewer connection charges.

In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Handler stated that the City has been charging for connection to the sewers, which can be paid over 15 years without interest. All municipalities in Connecticut charge for this connection. The rate is approximately \$4250 per unit. This charge has been in existence for decades.

A motion to approve this ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Buckman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen in favor).

²³. [O29.064](#) APPROVAL; Proposed increase of Tipping Fee to **Held 6-0-0**
\$95 per ton, per [Code Section 137-10](#).
03/09/16 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera

There being no member of the administration present to discuss this, a motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Buckman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen in favor).

4. O29.062 REVIEW; Zoning Enforcement Procedures and **Held 6-0-0**
Status of Enforcement Activities Related to Current
Construction Projects.
02/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman
02/08/16 – Held at Steering

Mr. Cole being unable to attend, a motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Coppola, Zelinsky, Buckman, Liebson, Mahoney and McMullen in favor).

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Coppola, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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