



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Gloria DePina, Chair

Matthew Quinones, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015

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. Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg, Moore, Quinones and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Rep. Giraldo. Also present were Reps. Figueroa and Ryan; Anne Fountain and Ron Miller, Health Department; Dana Lee, Law Department; Bob Robitaille, Smith House, and several members of the public. (See the [public hearing sign-in sheet](#)).

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
12. PS29.030	RESOLUTION and <u>approval of 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 <i>Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement</i>	Approved, as amended 7-1-0

The Committee first considered Item No. 2 on the Agenda. The Committee members discussed the newest proposals from the Health Department, to do a straight 5% or 10% increase to the current fees over the next 5 years, eliminating the previously proposed fees by Class and an additional seating charge. The additional gross revenue to the City over the 5 years would be \$150,816 for the 10% increase and \$48,282 for the 5% increase. Some members expressed concerns as to whether these increases are now too small. A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 4-4-0 (Reps Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams and Moore opposed). A motion to approve the form of the resolution with the 10% increase phased in over 5 years was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-

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1-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams, Caterbone, Coppola, Kolenberg and Moore in favor; Rep. Zelinsky opposed).

- ²4. PS29.044 REVIEW; Frequency of Market and Marqueta Inspections by Health Department. **Report Made**
06/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Figueroa
06/08/15 – Held at Steering

The Committee next considered Item No. 4. Ms. Fountain and Mr. Miller responded to questions from Rep. Figueroa regarding the inspection of Markets and Marquetas as follows:

- Inspections are currently done once a year, although the Department is hoping to increase that to twice a year
- There are 144 markets inspected each year, and 850 food establishments, which are all inspected by 8 inspectors
- If a market fails inspection, they do a repeat inspection; if it fails a second time, the Department provides training on how to correct the failures; if it fails a third time, the market is closed
- The protocol if a complaint is received is to assign the market to an inspector, record the complaint in the database and respond the next day (or the same day if the complaint is an emergency)
- Inspectors observe hand washing and glove use. If an inspector notices that hand washing is not being done appropriately, that would result in a closing.
- Any establishment that cooks food or holds food for more than 4 hours has to have a trained, certified food handler
- The Department will follow up with any complainant who so requests

- ³1. [PS29.023](#) ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption; Approved, as amended
Proposed Amendment to Sec. 146-50, Blight Ordinance.
10/07/14 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones
11/20/14 – Held in Committee
12/18/14 – No action taken, held in Committee
01/12/15 – Held at Steering
02/19/15 – Held in Committee
03/19/15 – Held in Committee
04/13/15 - Held at Steering
05/28/15 – Held in Committee
06/17/15 – Approved by Committee for publication

Chair DePina opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. Mike Papa spoke about blight. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Lee reviewed changes that needed to be made to the ordinance, including changing the term cars to motor vehicles, changing “Mayor or his designee” to “Anti-Blight Officer” and clarifying a cite reference within the ordinance. Committee members discussed changing the wording to specify that violation of a zoning regulation could be blight, and Mr. Lee agreed that this amendment would work. He stated that none of these changes are significant enough to require republication. A motion to approve the

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Ordinance, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-2 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Caterbone, Moore and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams and Coppola abstaining).

- ⁴3. [PS29.047](#) APPROVAL; agreement with Preferred Therapy Solutions LLC for Rehabilitative Services at Smith House. **Approved 6-0-0**
07/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/13/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Lee explained that Preferred Therapy Solutions was chosen through the RFP process this contract expires on September 30, 2015, with 2 options to renew for 1 year. The compensation is approximately \$42,000 per month. This agreement still needs to be approved by the Board of Finance. A motion to approve the Agreement was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DePina, Quinones, Adams Caterbone, Moore and Zelinsky in favor).

- ⁵5. [PS29.048](#) REVIEW; Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, City Owned Property. **Report Mad**
07/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Lee explained that the Law Department plans to submit a revised ordinance in order to protect Police Officers from disclosure of their addresses and to prevent a safety risk. This is consistent with the Freedom of Information Act.

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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria DePina, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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