



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

Time: 6:30 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 Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Kolenberg, Matherne, McMullen and Sherwood. Absent or excused were Reps. Lutz, Pratt and Stella. Also present were Rep. Spadaccini; Dr. Jennifer Calder, Deborah Miller and Jim Federici, Health Department; Jay Fountain, OPM; and Ellen Bromley, Director of Social Services.

Vice Chair Morson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS30.018	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Setting Fees For Miscellaneous Health Inspections and Testing. 11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder 11/29/18 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 6-1-0 12/02/18 – Held by Full Board 12/10/18 – Held at Steering	Failed in Committee 2-2-1
<p>Vice Chair Morson opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.</p> <p>A motion to approve this resolution for final adoption was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2-2-1 (Reps. Morson and Giordano in favor; Reps. Kolenberg and Matherne opposed; Rep. McMullen abstaining).</p>		
2. PS30.019	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Setting Building and Associated Plan Review Fees Charged by the Health Department. 11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder 11/29/18 – Held in Committee 4-2-1 01/03/19 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 4-2-0	Approved by Committee 3-1-1

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

A motion to approve this resolution for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-1-1 (Reps. Morson, Matherne and Giordano in favor; Rep. Kolenberg opposed; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

3. [PS30.029](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Setting Fees for Use of Public Scale and for Weighing and Measuring Device License. **Approved by Committee 3-1-2**
11/08/18 – Submitted by Dr. Calder
11/13/18 – Moved to Pending

Dr. Calder explained that the Health Department is charged with ensuring the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices. These fees were last increased in 1996. The increases will bring them in line with other municipalities. A “retail motor fuel meter” is a gas pump. A “vehicle tank meter” is the meter for a truck delivering home fuel oil.

The State would charge the City if the City did not check gas pumps.

A motion to approve this resolution for publication was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 3-2-1 (Reps. Morson, Matherne and Giordano in favor; Rep. Kolenberg opposed; Reps. McMullen and Sherwood abstaining).

4. PS30.011 REVIEW; Suicide Prevention Initiatives by the City of Stamford. **Report Made**
06/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. Kolenberg, Stella, Lion and Morson
10/09/18 – Moved to Pending

The Committee discussed suicide prevention services available in the City with Ms. Bromley. She noted that her department does not offer mental health services but does make referrals

Services available are:

- The United Way 211 hotline
- The Mobile Crisis Vehicle
- DCF for children

The most comprehensive services are through the school based health clinics – which are located in the High Schools, Dolan and Cloonan. They do see children for mental health issues and assess all of the students they see for suicidality. They also provide education in the other schools

Other services are provided by Den for Grieving Kids and Child Guidance.

Rep. Spadaccini noted that the following services are available:

- *For children and young adults below the age of 18 enrolled in school*
EMPS Mobile Crisis Intervention Services 860-550-6393
This team offers a free of charge service that will send a mobile crisis prevention team to any person under 18 that is enrolled in school within 45 minutes of their call. ALL calls and identities are kept private.

- For persons over the age of 18:
Nation Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255
The group offers a national network of local crisis centers that provides free anonymous and confidential emotional support to any suicidal person.

It was suggested that this information should be readily available on the City website.

As a Secondary Committee:

3. [LR30.046](#) REVIEW; Exterior Lighting Regulations
7/11/18 - Submitted by Rep. Lion
08/02/18 – Held in Public Safety Committee
10/09/18 – Moved from Public Safety Committee

Vice Chair Morson adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Morson, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).