



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

April 27, 2011

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas F. Taylor	Chair	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Rebekah Gewirtz	Ward Six Alderman	Absent	
David Lutes	Environmental Programs Manager	Present	
Frank Wright	City Solicitor	Present	
Stephen Mackey	Chamber of Commerce	Present	
Ray Zonghetti	Chamber of Commerce	Present	

**189880 - That the Environmental Programs Manager investigate creating a paper/plastic recycling initiative at fast food establishments.:**

Mr. Lutes discussed ways to encourage businesses to recycle and said that although business owners would have to pay \$60 for a recycling container, the pick up would be free.

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**190686 - That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance requiring properties of a certain use and size, to obtain a permit before using an amplified sound system, and be soundproofed.:**

Mr. Wright informed the committee that the Law department is working with the Police Chief on this matter.

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**190758 - That this Board amends Ordinance Section 2-355, aka The Responsible Employer Ordinance, as noted within. (see attachment):**

Mr. Wright discussed this item in relation to the construction of schools in Malden. The committee wants to obtain information regarding the Privilege and Immunity clause of the

Constitution and also wants to review the policies of Cleveland, Ohio and Oakland, Palo Alto and Los Angeles, California.

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**190960 - That the City Solicitor advise this Board on the process for increasing the number of Beer and Wine licenses in the city.:**

The city is currently at its allowed quota of licenses and a Home Rule Petition would have to be approved by the legislature in order to add additional licenses. Mr. Zonghetti stated that businesses are deterred from coming to Somerville due to the lack of licenses. A motion *to ask the Administration to work with the Chamber of Commerce on a Home Rule Petition to increase the number of beer and wine licenses in the city*, was approved.

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**

**191029 - Assistant City Solicitor providing an opinion re: #190578, proposed amendments to the Responsible Employer Ordinance.:**

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**191068 - That the City Solicitor, the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD (ISD) draft amendments to the noise ordinance to deal with organizations using enhanced sound systems in RA and RB districts and report back to the Committee on Legislative Matters at its April 26th meeting.:**

**RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**191235 - Assistant City Solicitor responding to #190960 re: Increasing the number of beer and wine licenses.:**

**RESULT: WORK COMPLETED**