



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

June 22, 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	
William M. Roche	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Walter F. Pero	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Sean T. O'Donovan	Ward Five Alderman	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Ed Bean	CFO	Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., ISD	Present	
Matthew Dias	Director, T&P	Present	
Jason Grossfield	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	

191649 - Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 1-11(b) regarding penalties for violations of Commercial Trash and Cutting of Grass on Sidewalks ordinances.:

Mr. Nuzzo reviewed the changes to the fine structure and discussed how a determination that a violation exists will be made. Alderman Trane's motion to amend the fine structure to \$25 for the 1st offense, \$35 for the 2nd offense and \$50 for the 3rd offense, was approved.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
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191654 - Requesting an amendment to Ordinance 1-11(b) regarding the Traffic and Parking Regulations penalties for violations for Expired Vehicle Registrations and Inspections.:

Alderman Sullivan was recused from this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Dias explained the proposal and assured the members that efforts would be taken to advise residents of this new policy in advance of its implementation. It has been projected that these new fines would bring in approximately \$940,000 per year. Mr. Dias noted that there was a

typographical error on the item's attachment, i.e., the correct amount of the fine is \$50, (not \$25 as shown on the attachment).

Mr. Grossfield told the members that since state regulations don't mention these offenses as moveable offenses, they would not be surchargeable. Deputy Police Chief Upton stated that the city collects \$20,000 to \$30,000 per month as its share from the state as a result of moving violations. Since these new fines would not be for moving violations, the city is entitled to retain the full amount of the fines.

Alderman Trane requested clarification as to whether the offenses would be surchargeable, if written by a Parking Control Officer.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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