



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

*Councillor Linehan, Chair*  
*Councillor Crowe, Vice-Chair*  
*Councillor O'Malley*  
*Councillor Sica*  
*Councillor Simonelli*

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street  
Room 108  
Malden, MA 02148

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### Roll Call

*Chair Linehan called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.*

*Also in attendance were Maria Luise, Alicia McNeil, Paul Weston and Councillors Colon Hayes, Condon, McDonald, Spadafora, Taylor.*

**Present:** 5 - Councillor Amanda Linehan, Councillor Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica and Chris Simonelli

### Minutes to be Approved

[67-24](#)

Minutes for the meeting of January 30, 2024

**A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[68-24](#)

Minutes for the meeting of February 6, 2024

**A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### Business

[46-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 2, Chapter 16, Section 100 B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION be hereby amended to address the composition of said Commission by the following:

**Sponsors:** Amanda Linehan

**Attachments:** [Current Ordinance- Human Rights MCC 2.16.100 B](#)  
[Proposed Revisions to MCC 2.16.100 B](#)  
[Committee Amendments to MCC 2.16.100 B](#)  
[Final Paper: 46-24](#)

*In attendance, to speak on behalf of this ordinance change, were Maria Luise and the Commission Chair Paul Weston.*  
*The need to change this ordinance stems from the difficulty of filling seats on the Human*

*Rights and Fair Housing Commission because the criteria as written in its current form are too specific. Making quorum has become a problem to the point that meetings have had to be cancelled due to lack of membership.*

*A majority of the Commission's complaints are regarding fair housing so the addition of a licensed attorney would be a welcome addition to fill a very real need. There were questions as to why, in the original ordinance, the resident representative was a one-year appointment when the other representatives do not require re-appointment. It was decided that all the seats shall have a term expiration date, and the resident members will be subject to Council confirmation.*

*Councillor O'Malley recommended the addition of 'for a term of three (3) years' between 'shall serve' and 'until their successor' in lines 2, 3, 4, and 5.*

*Councillor McDonald recommended the addition of language stating, 'Collectively, the members shall be representative of the most recent Census demographics of Malden in terms of race, gender, age, immigration status, and other relevant factors' to the first paragraph just before, 'The composition shall be as follows:'*

*Councillor O'Malley recommended the addition of 'subject to Council confirmation' to line 3 after 'residents at large' and before 'who shall serve'.*

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be amended by adding 'for a term of three (3) years' between 'shall serve' and 'until their successor' in lines 2, 3, 4, and 5. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be amended by adding 'Collectively, the members shall be representative of the most recent Census demographics of Malden in terms of race, gender, age, immigration status, and other relevant factors' to the first paragraph just before, 'The composition shall be as follows:' The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be amended by adding 'subject to Council confirmation' to line 3 after 'residents at large' and before 'who shall serve'. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be recommended favorably as amended to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## Tabled Papers

### [459-23](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.08.110 VEHICLES FOR HIRE; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS is hereby amended by the following:

-In Section D.1: striking 'office' and replace with residence

-In Section D.2: after 'City of Malden and' strike 'shall include adequate off-street parking for all licensed vehicles' and replace with 'are allowed one parking permit per household. Any additional vehicles over that one requires adequate off-street parking for all licensed vehicles.'

-Sections D.3 and D.4: strike in their entirety

-In Section F.1.b: strike '1.5"' by 1.5"' and replace with '2" by 2."'

**Sponsors:** Jadeane Sica

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.