



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councillor Crowe, Chair
Councillor Linehan, Vice-Chair
Councillor Sica
Councillor Spadafora
Councillor Winslow

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

6:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 108
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Chair Crowe called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Also in attendance was Zaheer Samee and Councillors Condon, McDonald, and O'Malley.

Present: 4 - Councillor Peg Crowe, Councillor Amanda Linehan, Jadeane Sica and Craig Spadafora

Absent: 1 - Stephen Winslow

Minutes to be Approved

[492-23](#)

Minutes for the meeting of December 12, 2023

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

Business

[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

Discussion on this paper opened with Councillor Sica, who is the Chair of the License Committee and sponsor of this paper, seeking a moment to reconsider if the change to Section D.2 would bring any unintended consequences.

Originally, this ordinance amendment was though necessary to bring the ordinance up to date with a new policy in the city, allowing livery vehicles one parking permit per household if the license holder does not have off-street parking. Now, because of an

issue Councillor Sica is having on Claremont Street with an extreme number of cars from one house and three livery vehicles, none of which are registered in Malden, if the parking permit policy should be rethought. Councillor Sica requested to table this paper to give some further thought to the issue at hand.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Ordinance be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[460-23](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.16.040 REGULATION OF SALE OF FLOWERS, FLOWERING PLANTS AND CHRISTMAS TREES is hereby amended by striking "AND CHRISTMAS TREES" from the title. Be it further amended by striking Section C in its entirety and renaming Section D "Section C".

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Proposed Christmas Tree License Ordinance Amendment](#)

Councillor McDonald sponsored this paper because he found \$750 for a license to sell Christmas trees excessive. He called around to surrounding cities and discovered that most cities do not require licenses to sell Christmas trees. Everett and Saugus do but they only charge \$250 and \$45.

Councillor McDonald did clarify that he wanted to amend his paper to strike 'or Christmas trees' from Section A as not including that instruction in the original paper was an oversight.

Councillor Sica would entertain the idea of dropping the cost of the license but thinks the City should continue to issue licenses for the sale of the trees. Councillor O'Malley inquired if this ordinance change would actually have the effect intended by encouraging more Christmas tree sales within the city.

The paper was tabled for the opportunity to give further review as to whether Section C should be struck in its entirety or if the license price should simply be reduced.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Ordinance be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.**