



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councillor Winslow, Chair
Councillor Linehan, Vice-Chair
Councillor Crowe
Councillor O'Malley
Councillor Taylor

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 108
Malden, MA 02148

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Roll Call

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 6:23 PM.

Also in attendance was Zaheer Samee, Nelson Miller, Laura Vlasuk, Craig Spadafora.

Present: 5 - Councillor Stephen Winslow, Councillor Amanda Linehan, Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley and Ari Taylor

Minutes to be Approved

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Minutes for the meeting of May 27, 2025

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

Business

[388-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 9, Chapter 20, Section 030 STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE be hereby amended by adding section K. All non-owner-occupied properties with 3 units or more must install year-round rodent control measures in proximity to the trash storage area to prevent rodent activity.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow, Craig Spadafora and Ryan O'Malley

Chair Winslow opened the discussion on Paper 388-24 with a brief history on how the need for a rodent control measure paper came about. He explained that other cities have entire multi-page ordinances that speak specifically to rodent control. He handed out an example of Somerville's extensive ordinance and suggested Malden research models from other cities and decide if the city should write a more complete ordinance instead of just the proposed Section K amendment.

Councillor Crowe expressed her concern about 'naked bags' being put outside on trash day throughout the city, meaning people aren't using covered trash receptacles to hold their bags, allowing rodents to rip open bags. When the new trash barrel program was rolled out, the understanding was that naked bags would no longer be allowed. The City gave time for the residents to get used to the new program but now is the time to start

enforcing the naked bag issue with warnings and then citations.

Councillor O'Malley suggested creating a new stream on See, Click, Fix just for reports on rodent activity, which over time can build a heat map that will help identify the areas of most need.

Councillor Spadafora stated available food sources, such as home gardens and overflowing dumpsters is a main issue leading to increased rodent activity. He agrees that city enforcement and community education is key in getting this situation under control. He also expressed his concern that the current sticker program may not be as efficient in reality as it was in theory.

Councillor Linehan is comfortable with tabling this paper for now pending further information on dumpster fees and writing an extended ordinance.

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

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.**

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