



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, May 27, 2025

5:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street
The Anderson Room
Malden, MA 02148

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Roll Call

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Also in attendance were Glen Cronin and Christopher Mooney.

Present: 4 - Councillor Stephen Winslow, Councillor Amanda Linehan, Peg Crowe and Ryan O'Malley

Absent: 1 - Ari Taylor

Minutes to be Approved

[258-25](#)

Minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2025

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

Business

Committee will discuss a timeline to review outstanding papers currently in committee.

The committee set the schedule for the remainder of June R&O meetings.

June 3 - will take up Papers 28, 29, 30, 249 Series of 2025. All of these papers are on topic of the Council Rule Book.

June 10 - Paper 388 Series of 2024 regarding residential trash/rodent control. Clerk Desiderio will invite Laura Vlasuk to attend the meeting.

June 17 - Paper 215 Series of 2025 regarding the proposed Do Not Knock Registry.

June 24 - There will be no Ordinance meeting scheduled this evening.

Tabled Papers

[288-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 12 Chapter 20 Section 010 PARKING, LOADING, AND SCREENING REGULATIONS - Table of Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations is hereby amended by striking

the values from the "Minimum Number of Parking Spaces" column for the corresponding "Use" rows and inserting in their place the following values:

Dwelling single family: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling single family with two kitchens: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling two family: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling three and four family: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling town or row house: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling, cohousing: 0.5 per bedroom

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Current Ordinance 12.20.010](#)

[Purpose of Amendments to 12.12.090 and 12.20.010](#)

215-25

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.20.010 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS is hereby amended to add Subsection 3. DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY to 6.20.010.B PERMIT REQUIRED.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Proposal](#)

[Application](#)

For the purposes of discussing the implementation of a Do Not Knock Registry, the Committee invited Chief of Police Glenn Cronin to sit in attendance at this evening's meeting. The need for this registry is to counteract the aggressive nature of licensed and unlicensed door to door solicitors throughout the city. The ordinance aims to reduce the stress and inconvenience caused by these aggressive solicitations thereby improving the overall quality of life for residents.

Based on state law, the solicitors' restrictions do not pertain to those individuals canvassing for non-commercial activities such as political campaigning, educational, or religious outreach.

It was explained the enforcement mechanism for the Do Not Knock Registry includes a \$300 fine for violations and the potential for a one-year revocation of permits for repeat offenders. The penalties would be imposed on the companies rather than individual solicitors, ensuring accountability at the organizational level. The primary goal of the enforcement mechanism is to serve as a deterrent to prevent aggressive solicitation practices.

There was a discussion regarding residents owning the responsibility of placing 'no soliciting' signs on their properties in addition to use of the registry. There were questions whether these signs should be optional, strongly recommended, or mandatory to be on the registry. Many options were considered including the city providing placards to give to the homeowner when they sign up for the registry. A motion was made to table the paper pending further consideration on amending this language.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Order be taken from the table. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Order 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 by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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