



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

April 28, 2016

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Ordinances at a Meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, considered a Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, establish an Ordinance restricting door-to-door solicitation, aimed at protecting the public from obtrusive and perhaps unscrupulous door-to-door solicitors; and further, that the Ordinance should include a stipulation that solicitors should be licensed on an annual basis by the Chief of Police or his designee; and further that the aim of this Ordinance is to address the real problem in the City with solicitors asking residents for personal information that they have no right to have an companies pretending to be from other companies; and further, that with a license, this will give our public safety officers a broader authority to deal with an increasing problem that other major Cities have already dealt with. (Ref'd 2/12/15, 5/11/15-tabled until Atty. Gerwatowski looks into the CORI issue and possibly enacting an Ordinance that creates some evidence about trespassing and making it easier when private property owners call the Police, 11/19/15- table)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Bousquet, the Committee VOTED: To strike in Section 15.52.1 everywhere it says "Chief of Police or the Chief's designee" and replace with the "City Clerk". This passed on a voice vote.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To amend in 15.52.1 B after the words "discretion of the City Clerk" add the words "after a CORI check review and a fingerprint scan." Also increase the fee to \$50 and the fine to \$100. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDINANCE AS AMENDED, Relative to Door to Door Sales and pass it to a second reading. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Steven Martins
Councillor Steven Martins, Chairman

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