



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

June 23, 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, June 14, 2016, considered a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a HOME RULE PETITION to establish an Arts, Culture and Tourism Promotion Fund for the City of New Bedford from a portion of the proceeds of the City's hotel and lodging tax. (Ref'd 5/12/16)

Councillor Lopes made a motion to amend the language of the home rule petition to read as follows: Striking Section 2 in its entirety and adding the following new Section, "The City shall deposit up to 50% of the local room occupancy tax revenue into the Arts, Culture and Tourism Promotion fund. In the initial year a maximum amount of \$100,000 shall be deposited into the fund known as the Arts, Culture and Tourism Promotion Fund and future allocations will be adjusted annually based on the prior year's consumer price index. All interest earned from the fund shall be treated as general fund revenue. This motion was seconded by Councillor Abreu. This Amendment passed on a Roll Call vote of Yeas 7, Nays 1, with Councillor Carney opposed.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Morad, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the HOME RULE PETITION, AS AMENDED, to establish an Arts, Culture and Tourism Promotion Fund for the City of New Bedford from a portion of the proceeds of the City's hotel and lodging tax. This motion passed by a voice vote with Councillor Carney opposed.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Steven Martins
Councillor Steven Martins, Chairman

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