



# *City of New Bedford*

IN COMMITTEE

September 22, 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, September 20, 2016, considered a Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances draft an Open Consumption Ordinance that would make it illegal to smoke, roll or ingest marijuana in public. (Ref'd 3/22/16)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Morad, the Committee VOTED: To amend Sec. 17-10.1 (a) by striking the word "ingest" and adding the word "to"; and in (c), striking it entirely and adding in its place the following: "Whoever violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a criminal arrest and/or a fine as provided in section 1-9 of this code. The provisions of this ordinance shall also be enforced by criminal indictment or criminal complaint. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council, ADOPTION of the ORDINANCE AS AMENDED, Relative To The Use of Marijuana In Public. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nay 2, with Councillors Oliveira and Rebeiro opposed.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

*Steven Martins*  
Councillor Steven Martins, Chairman

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