



# 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 Written Motion, Councillor Martins, Bousquet and Abreu, requesting, on behalf of the Commission on Human Relations, that the Committee on Ordinances, amend Chapter 2, Article IX – Human Relations Commission, Section 2-131, said Ordinance has not been amended since October 1995; the amendments should mirror the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination’s declaration of protected classes to include, physical and mental disability, age, ancestry and gender identity (Ref’d 4/14/16) and a Communication, Councillor Martins, submitting a copy of a letter from the Commission on Human Relations to Mayor Mitchell, regarding amendments to the City Code, Chapter 2, Article IX, Commission on Human Relations, Section 2-131 PURPOSE. (Ref’d 4/14/16)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To refer the Human Relation Commission’s Letter to Attorney Gerwatowski for drafting the amendments and submitting the amended Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article IX – Human Relations Commission, Section 2-131 to the City Council for APPROVAL and to be passed to a second reading. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Councillor Steven Martins, Chairman

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