



# *City of New Bedford*

## IN COMMITTEE

March 8, 2018

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 Wednesday, February 21, 2018, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Rebeiro, Lopes, Council President Gomes, Morad and Oliveira, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, draft an Ordinance that would place an immediate ban on the use of medians for panhandling in the interest of public safety, medians are ADA compliant as dividers only, most are only 4 feet, whereas sidewalks are ADA compliant to travel and rest on and are 6 feet or more, any individual or organization should utilize sidewalks only. (Ref'd 12/17/15) (2/23/16-table for 30 days; 4/19/16-table for 90 days to allow Atty. Gerwatowski to explore the difference between closing Parks from dusk to dawn and applying the same to City medians; 3/21/17-remain in Committee)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Rebeiro, Lopes, Council President Gomes, Morad and Oliveira, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, draft an Ordinance that would place an immediate ban on the use of medians for panhandling in the interest of public safety, medians are ADA compliant as dividers only, most are only 4 feet, whereas sidewalks are ADA compliant to travel and rest on and are 6 feet or more, any individual or organization should utilize sidewalks only. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

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Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



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## CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 2015

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### WRITTEN MOTION

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Dana Rebeiro, Councillor Ward Four

Joseph P. Lopes, Councillor Ward Six

Brian K. Gomes, City Council President 2015

Linda M. Morad, Councillor at Large

James D. Oliveira, Councillor Ward One