



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

April 12, 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 Tuesday, March 27, 2018, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Other Structures, which lowers the number of valid police complaints necessary for a property to be designated a problem property from eight to four. (Ref'd 1/11/18)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Other Structures, which lowers the number of valid police complaints necessary for a property to be designated a problem property from eight to four. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 6. Buildings and Other Structures

31- 509

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:—

SECTION 1. Chapter 6, Article VII., Section 6-125 **Chronic problem properties**, is hereby amended by striking the word “eight (8)” from subsection (a) *Definitions*, paragraph (1), so the paragraph reads as follows:

- (1) The term “problem property” is a residential or commercial property for which there have been no fewer than four (4) valid complaints in the preceding twelve (12) months for any misdemeanor or felony under Massachusetts law that occurred in a dwelling unit within the property, on the property, or on an immediate sidewalk or street or abutting property, involving tenants, occupants, residents, or persons allowed on the property, including offenses involving the disturbance of the peace. In designating a property as a problem property, the City shall take into consideration the nature of the activity, the number of dwelling units on the property, the nature of the use of the property, and the history of police complaints at the subject property and at properties owned by the same property owner or managed by the same management company.

Section 2.

This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.