



# *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, that requires the owners of non-owner occupied buildings to post the contact information of the property owner and manager or agent in a conspicuous place in the building's main public area. (Ref'd 1/11/18)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To amend the Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Other Structures, Section 6-5 Posting of Notice. #3 after (\$300.00) add, "after being provided with one (1) written warning, providing the thirty (30) days to post required signage as set forth in this ordinance, each day after the initial warning period." This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Other Structures, that requires the owners of non-owner occupied buildings to post the contact information of the property owner and manager or agent in a conspicuous place in the building's main public area. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

*Hugh Dunn*

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 6, Article 1, is hereby amended by inserting the following section after section 6-4:

**Section 6-5. Posting of Notice.**

- (1) Every owner of a non-owner occupied building located within the City of New Bedford shall post, and keep posted in a conspicuous place in a main public area in said building, a notice, at least six by eight (6 x 8) inches in size, setting forth the owner's name, address, and telephone number. If the owner is a realty trust or partnership, the name, address, and telephone number of the managing trustee or partner shall be posted. If the owner is a corporation, the name, address, and telephone number of the president of the corporation shall be posted. Where the owner employs a manager or agent who does not reside in such dwelling, such manager or agent's name, address, and telephone number shall also be included in the notice. Post office boxes do not satisfy the address requirement of this section.
- (2) Such notice need not be posted if a building is a one-family house, or if the building is a two- or above- family house, and the owner of the building resides in the building. However, the owner shall furnish each tenant with the information required in subsection (1) above.
- (3) Any person, firm, corporation or trust who violates, disobeys, neglects or refuses to comply with any of the terms of this section shall be guilty of a violation and be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.; after being provided with one (1) written warning, providing the thirty (30) days to post required signage as set forth in this Ordinance, each day after the initial warning period.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.