



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

March 12, 2020

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 19, 2020, held a public hearing on a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad and Council President Lopes, requesting that the City Council alter the Zoning Code under Chapter 9, Section 3147 to provide an option for alternate material to be used for parking/loading surface areas (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Planning Board.) (Ref'd 01/23/2020) (Duly advertised in The Standard-Times on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 and Wednesday, February 12, 2020.) and AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 3147 - Relative to Alternate Material for Parking/Loading Surfaces. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board.) (Ref'd 01/23/2020)

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 9, Section 3147 – Relative to Alternate Material for Parking/Loading Surfaces. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Dunn".

Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty

AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO ALTERNATE MATERIAL FOR PARKING/LOADING SURFACES

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

SECTION 1 Chapter 9, Section 3147, All parking spaces and loading areas or berths, is hereby amended by inserting, at the end thereof, the following paragraphs:

For any development under Site Plan review, the Planning Board may determine that an alternate surface proposed on plans submitted for Site Plan review is suitable based on the scope, use, character and nature of the property served by the subject parking or loading area and that the proposed surface is appropriate based upon its' relationship to the character and nature of the area and neighborhood in which the particular property is located. The Planning Board may allow a suitable alternative surface for parking areas provided such areas are graded and surfaced with a suitably stable material to prevent excessive dust, erosion, odor, unsightly conditions or inflow into the City's wastewater system or wetlands, and provided the perimeter of such parking areas shall be defined by bricks, stones, railroad ties or other similar material. Curbing shall be placed at the edges of surfaced areas, except driveways, in order to protect landscaped areas and to prevent the parking of vehicles within required setback areas. Entrance and exit driveways shall be clearly defined by curb cuts, signs, striping.

If an alternative surface is used, a written agreement and maintenance plan of City Right of Way adjacent to property shall be provided to the planning board for approval. Storm Water Management systems within private property need to be constructed and maintained in accordance with the City's Stormwater Management Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Laws.