



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

October 14, 2021

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, September 22, 2021, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 12, Health and Sanitation, Article II, Littering Generally, by adding Section 12-41.1, Duty of Property Owners to maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas. (Ref'd 04/08/2021)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 12, Health and Sanitation, Article II, Littering Generally, by adding Section 12-41.1, Duty of Property Owners to maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas. This motion passed on a voice vote of all ayes.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Hugh Dunn

Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 12, Health and Sanitation

31- 509

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Health and Sanitation, Article II, Littering Generally, is hereby amended by adding Section 12-41.1, Duty of Property Owners to Maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas:

Sec. 12-41.1- Duty of Property Owners to Maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas

- (a) The owner of any private property shall not allow grass or vegetation to reach a height of more than 8 inches on the property or on any adjacent sidewalk grass ribbons. "Vegetation" shall mean grass, weeds and other ground cover.
- (b) Any owner who violates, disobeys, neglects or refuses to comply with the terms of this section shall be guilty of a violation and be subjected to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per offense. In addition to criminal and civil court actions, this section may be enforced through non-criminal dispositions as provided in M.G.L.A. c. 40 § 21D & M.G.L.A. c. 40U. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a sperate offense.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.