



*City of New Bedford*  
IN COMMITTEE

November 10, 2022

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 Monday, October 24, 2022, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Dunn, Abreu, Baptiste, Giesta and Lima, requesting, that the City of New Bedford treat the Covid-19 deaths of all public safety personnel as a presumed line of duty death, thereby entitling the surviving spouse to a pension equal to the amount of regular compensation the member would have received had he or she been receiving the maximum salary for the position at the time of his or her death; and further should state legislation be required to extend this benefit, the New Bedford City Council is on record supporting said Legislation. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.) (Ref'd 07/15/2021) (09/22/2021 – tabled; Chair will negotiate with Atty. Gerwatowski and the Solicitor's Office to revise or amend the Home Rule Petition)

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Dunn, Abreu, Baptiste, Giesta and Lima, requesting, that the City of New Bedford treat the Covid-19 deaths of all public safety personnel as a presumed line of duty death, thereby entitling the surviving spouse to a pension equal to the amount of regular compensation the member would have received had he or she been receiving the maximum salary for the position at the time of his or her death; and further should state legislation be required to extend this benefit, the New Bedford City Council is on record supporting said Legislation. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

*Hugh Dunn*  
Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

July 15, 2021

### ***WRITTEN MOTION***

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Hugh Dunn, Councillor Ward Three

Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large

Derek Baptiste, Councillor Ward Four

Maria E. Giesta, Councillor Ward Two

Scott J. Lima, Councillor Ward Five