

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: City Council Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee

Date: January 16, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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11-27-2017 – **Order No. 17-1007097-1A & -2A**: Communication from Mayor Vigeant regarding Proposed Lodging House Ordinances to comprehensively regulate lodging houses.

-Refer to Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee and Planning Board

-Public Hearing: January 8, 2018

01-08-2018 – **Order No. 18-1007147**: The City Council Urban Affairs Committee meet with DPW Commissioner Ghiloni and Police Chief Giorgi to consider replacing the seasonal (winter) all night parking ban in the City of Marlborough with an ordinance providing for a Declaration of a Snow Emergency during which no parking of vehicles would be allowed on any streets or ways that are plowed by the City. The objective would be to make life easier for city residents by allowing them to park on the streets during the winter season, except during snow events or other hazardous conditions requiring that the streets be clear of vehicles.

-Submitted by Councilors Juaire and Delano

-Refer to Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee and Traffic Commission

THE LISTING OF TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. NOT ALL TOPICS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED, AND OTHER TOPICS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

The public should take due notice that the Marlborough City Council may have a quorum in attendance due to Standing Committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. However, members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the Standing Committee.

Electronic devices, including laptops, cell phones, pagers, and PDAs must be turned off or put in silent mode upon entering the City Council Chamber, and any person violating this rule shall be asked to leave the chamber. Express authorization to utilize such devices may be granted by the President for recordkeeping purposes.



IN CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 18, 2017

Marlborough, Mass., _____

ORDERED:

Suspension of the Rules requested - granted

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(Chapter 421)

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The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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§ 421-3 Application for a New or Renewed License

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§ 421-4 New or Newly Renovated Facilities and Existing Licensed Facilities:

- A. New and renovated lodging houses must comply with all applicable State and Local Codes, Rules and Regulations in effect at time of construction.
- B. Consistent with and as may be permitted by Building Code, Fire Code, and Health Code, respective City officials may establish more flexible standards than certain provisions of this ordinance, applicable to existing facilities previously licensed as lodging houses, so long as they conform with applicable code requirements in effect at the time of construction or rehabilitation.

§ 421-5 Responsibilities of Licensee:

The Licensee shall be responsible for the proper supervision, operation, and maintenance of the lodging house in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance and all other pertinent laws, regulations and ordinances. The appointment of an agent shall in no way relieve the Licensee from responsibility for full compliance with the law.

§ 421-6 Agent(s)

- A. If the Licensee, because of health, other employment, non-residence on the premises of the lodging house, frequent or extended absences from the lodging house or other reason, is unable to exercise proper supervision of the lodging house, he/she shall designate one or more agent(s) to carry out all or part of his/her responsibilities.
- B. If, for any reason, an agent ceases to exercise his/her responsibilities, the Licensee shall at once notify the Licensing Board, Board of Health, Building Department, Fire Department and Police Department and take immediate steps to provide proper interim supervision and obtain a suitable replacement.
- C. The agent(s) shall be available on a 24-hour basis and must post his/her telephone numbers (including cell phone number) and beeper number, as applicable, in a location accessible to lodgers.



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ORDERED:

§ 421-7 City Inspections

- A. City inspections of licensed lodging houses shall be made on an annual basis by authorized inspectional departments to determine compliance with applicable state and local laws, regulations and codes, and upon request pursuant to §25 of M.G.L. c. 140, as amended.
- B. Annual inspections shall be made on week-days during normal City business hours. In addition, inspections may be made at other times (including but not limited to evenings and weekends) to investigate complaints or non-compliance issues. Inspections may include all areas occupied, used or controlled by the Licensee and within the structure containing the licensed premises, including rented and unrented units and other occupied and non-occupied space.
- C. Inspections shall be conducted in conformity with applicable federal, state and local law. Facilities requiring re-inspection are subject to applicable re-inspection fees.
- D. City officials shall, pursuant to an inspection under this ordinance or any other regulation or law, refer all violations of this ordinance and any other ordinance, regulation or law, whether federal, state, or local, which said officials are authorized to enforce, to the Licensing Board. All referrals to the Licensing Board shall also be mailed by first class mail to the Licensee and to the Licensee's agent, if any.

§ 421-8 Minimum Standards

- A. These regulations are minimum standards intended for the maintenance and enforcement required for the protection of health, safety and welfare of all persons concerned. If there is any conflict with state or local law, the stricter provision shall apply.
- B. All lodging houses shall comply with the requirements of Article II of the State Sanitary Code, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation, which is incorporated herein by reference, and with the requirements of these regulations, whenever they are in addition to or more stringent than the requirements of Article II of said code.
- C. Licensees must have inspections performed by a licensed pest control operator (PCO) every 6 months (unless ordered to do so more frequently by the Health Department). PCO inspection reports must be kept on file for review. Inspections must include, but not be limited to, bed bugs, insects, and rodents. The licensee must take appropriate action to address any findings by the PCO. Licensees that can demonstrate long-term occupancy by a majority of the residents (greater than one year continued occupancy) may request a waiver of this inspection requirement. Waivers will be applied for and approved by the Director of Public Health.



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ORDERED:

D. The Licensee and his/her agent(s) shall comply with Chapter 406, Littering, of the City Code, and all other state or local regulations and laws pertaining to the proper storage, collection and disposal of waste. Responsibilities of the Licensee and agent(s) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Storing garbage and trash in watertight, rodent-proof receptacles with tight-fitting covers;
- (2) Providing to lodgers as many receptacles as are sufficient to contain accumulation of all garbage and trash before collection for disposal;
- (3) Locating garbage and trash containers in an area where objectionable odors will not enter any boarding or lodging unit;
- (4) Removal of dumpster waste as frequently as necessary to prevent overflow, windblown trash and garbage, rodent infestation, and odors.

§ 421-9 Supervision

Licensees and their agent(s) shall:

- (1) Exercise due care in the selection of lodgers;
- (2) Inspect all common areas at least daily and all occupied rooms at least monthly and at every change of lodger to ensure that all such areas are in a clean and orderly condition and in compliance with Licensee's electrical use policy and regulations pertaining to obstruction of egress, cooking in rooms, and other health and safety hazards;
- (3) Post a schedule of inspections, for the purposes of notifying lodgers, at least forty-eight hours prior to said inspections. Posting of the schedule for inspections shall not apply in the case of an emergency;
- (4) Ensure that lodgers dispose of trash and garbage properly, and that lodgers store food items in a sanitary manner;
- (5) Ensure cleanliness of rooming units and common areas, if any;
- (6) Ensure an unobstructed path of egress from entry door to fire escape, particularly in exit rooms, stairs and hallways;
- (7) Ensure compliance by lodgers with Licensee's electrical use policy, and prohibit the use of candles and other items that requires burning to be used (incense, odor oils, etc.);
- (8) Prohibit the use of portable heaters;
- (9) Take whatever steps are necessary to prevent lodger(s) from repeatedly violating Licensee's rules or the requirements of this ordinance, or any other law or regulation, up to and including eviction; and
- (10) Comply with any other provisions or requirements as may be required by any department or board of the City of Marlborough.



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ORDERED:

§ 421-10 Automatic Fire Alarm System, Sprinkler Systems, Carbon Monoxide Protection

- A. All lodging houses shall be equipped with automatic smoke or heat detectors, an automatic sprinkler system, carbon monoxide alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and combination smoke/carbon detectors. The design, installation, and performance of said systems, alarms and detectors shall be in accordance with the state Building Code, the state Fire Code, NFPA and all applicable laws and regulations.
- B. The Licensee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all fire protection systems, including equipment and devices, to insure the safety and welfare of the lodgers. Installation of, or modification to, any automatic fire protection system shall require a permit from the Fire Department.
- C. Fire protection systems shall not be disconnected or otherwise rendered unserviceable, for purposes including but not limited to repair and maintenance, without first notifying the Fire Department.
- D. As part of the annual Fire Department inspection, all lodging houses must submit to Fire Department annual Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System tests.

§ 421-11 Penalty

- A. Refusal, neglect or failure to comply with any section of this ordinance shall be cause for a fine imposed pursuant to and in conformity with Chapter 315 of the City Code, and/or to the penalties imposed by M.G.L. c. 140 § 22, *et seq.*, as amended, where applicable, and/or such other provisions of law including but not limited to the state Sanitary Code, Fire Code, and Building Code, ordinances of the City of Marlborough and other regulations and fines applicable to the particular violation.
- B. The Licensee's refusal, neglect or failure to comply with any federal, state or local law, regulation, or ordinance including, but not limited to, this ordinance and any other ordinance of the City of Marlborough, the state Sanitary Code, Fire Code, and Building Code, and any other local codes and regulations may be cause for denial, suspension or revocation of a license by the Licensing Board, and/or a fine as above.

Be and is herewith **IN URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CARRIED OVER TO THE 2018/2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

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ORDER NO. 17-1007097-1A



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Delete from Article IV, §328-4 of the Code of the City of Marlborough, entitled Fee Schedule for Other City Departments, the fee amount of "\$50.00" respecting Lodging Houses (M.G.L. c. 140, § 34) and insert in place thereof the fee amount of "\$500 for first 20 lodging units" and "\$50 per additional lodging unit over 20".

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ORDER NO. 17-1007097-2A



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November 21, 2017

City Council President Edward J. Clancy
Marlborough City Council
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Lodging House Ordinance

Honorable President Clancy and Councilors:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval two proposed ordinances to more comprehensively regulate lodging houses in the City of Marlborough. These proposals are based on ordinances in communities such as Salem and Brookline and they will increase the yearly licensing fee as well as the standards and safety of rooming houses that operate in Marlborough.

As you are well aware, a fire, which has been deemed arson, closed the McDonald House. After firefighters and inspectors had the opportunity to inspect the building, code violations were identified for repair.

Our rooming houses must be held to a higher standard in order to provide safe living quarters to their guests. The enclosed ordinance proposes to do this by clearly identifying a set of minimum standards that they must meet to receive their license to operate. These standards will be inspected on a regular basis by City inspectors in Inspectional Services, the Fire Department, the Board of Health, and other departments as necessary.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to discussing with you further. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Vigeant
Mayor

Enclosure

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ADOPTED
In City Council
Order No 17-
Adopted

Approved by Mayor
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Date:

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Marlborough, Mass., JANUARY 8, 2018

ORDERED:

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Submitted by Councilors Juairé and Delano

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 17-1007147

SNOW EMERGENCIES - VEHICLE PARKING & TOWING

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In order to facilitate snow plowing and removal operations, Ordinance No. 288-06 of the City Code provides for declaration of a snow emergency during which no parking of vehicles is allowed on City streets:

ORDINANCE NO. 288-06

Editor's Note: This ordinance also repealed former § 169-35, Seasonal all-night parking restricted, as amended.

- A. Whenever the Mayor, or his designee, declares a snow emergency exists in the City in regard to snow plowing or snow removal by giving at least six hours' notice, it shall be unlawful for the owner, operator or person in charge of any vehicle (other than one acting in an emergency) to park such vehicle or permit or suffer the same to be parked on any public street in this City for the duration of the emergency. A snow emergency so declared shall continue for a forty-eight-hour period which may be extended by the Mayor or his designee as circumstances require. During said snow emergency, the Commissioner of Public Works shall conduct snow plowing, removal, and sand and salt operations.
- B. The Mayor or his designee may remove the restrictions imposed in any snow emergency for areas of the City as they become cleared.
- C. The Commissioner of Public Works shall notify the Fitchburg Police Department, local TV, radio stations, newspapers and others as said Commissioner deems appropriate of any snow emergency declared under this section.
- D. Any violation of this section will result in a fine of \$25 and, upon the authority of a police officer, the Commissioner of Public Works or the Superintendent of Street, any vehicle parked in violation of a snow emergency declared under this section may be towed and the owner of such vehicle shall be liable for any charges incurred for the removal and storage of such vehicle.
- E. The provision of this section shall not apply to handicapped parking areas located in residential zones.
- F. Metered parking may be used from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during a snow emergency unless specifically prohibited in the declaration of such snow emergency under this section.

A snow emergency shall be declared by the Mayor in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Works. The Commissioner shall notify the following via e-mail when a snow emergency is declared:

- All city employees
- Fitchburg Access Television
- Fitchburg Police Department
- Police, Fitchburg State University
- President, Fitchburg State University
- Sentinel and Enterprise
- Worcester Telegram and Gazette
- WPKZ Radio, 1280

Policy for City Parking Lots and City Parking Garages During a Snow Emergency

Snow Emergency

In a snow emergency when a parking ban is declared, vehicles may be left in city parking lots, the first floor of the Putnam Street garage, the center of the upper level Mill Street lot, and in the metered spaces under the MART Station garage. Vehicles must be removed within five hours of the end of the parking ban or by the next noontime, whichever is later.

For example, if the ban ends at midnight, then vehicles must be removed by noon; if the ban ends at 7:00 AM, then vehicles must be removed by noon; if the ban ends at 7:30 AM, then vehicles must be removed by noon the next day; if the ban ends at 7:00 PM, then vehicles must be removed by noon the next day.

Park N Pay and metered parking are free only after the start of the parking ban. Prior to the start, fees must be paid.