

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
City Hall – Meeting Room 1-1
111 North Main Street
Bristol, CT

ATTENDEES: Sebastian Panioto, Cheryl Thibeault, Mark Dickau

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Thomas W. Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Panioto. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. September 2, 2025

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

Brandon Peate, Zoning Enforcement Officer addressed the Committee regarding the ordinance section 4-8 – Roosters – Penalty. He has made some changes to the existing ordinance as he feels it is outdated and inhumane for roosters to wear noise reduction collars. He would like to remove roosters altogether.

Councilwoman Thibeault asked if the collars were proven to be harmful and cruel. Brandon showed Councilwoman Thibeault a video of where the rooster was still crowing and you could hear him but he was straining.

Councilwoman Thibeault asked if there was an appeal process for the tickets. Brandon stated that it would go before the Citation Appeal Hearing Officer just as any other code enforcement matter would.

Ralene Short, 88 Divinity Street spoke to the Committee. She was of the understanding that there was going to be discussion about the parking ban as she saw it on Bristol Talks on Facebook. Councilwoman Thibeault stated that she posted the agenda and stated that it wasn't on the agenda for tonight, but that anyone was more than welcome to bring it up and share their concerns.

Ms. Short stated that she lives on the 3rd floor with her two adult daughters and receives a lot of parking tickets during the ban as they have no where else to park. There is only one spot in the driveway. She was thinking of parking in a commuter garage in New Britain and taking the Fastrack bus back to her house. It is a real inconvenience to have a parking ban on her street.

4. Old Business

a. Referral from Zoning Commission – regulation of tobacco retailers a/k/a “Vape Shops”

This matter was referred to the Planning Commission and they refused to take it up at the September meeting. Councilman Dickau stated that the Commission stated it should be an ordinance and that other towns have it in their ordinances.

No action taken.

b. Review of draft ordinance section 8-2 Flood Erosion Control Board

Attorney Conlin prepared a draft of the ordinance and shared it with the Committee. He removed the designation of the City Council and replaced it with Public Works Board which consists of City Council members.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to approve the draft language to Section 8-2 and forward to the City Council to set a date for a hearing, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

5. New Business

6. Additional Public Participation

None.

7. Committee Member Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m., seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary