

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
City Hall – Meeting Room 1-1
111 North Main Street
Bristol, CT

ATTENDEES: Mark Dickau, Susan Tyler and Steve Seymour

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 Dickau. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. January 6, 2026

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026, seconded by Chairman Seymour. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Old Business

a. Draft amendments to Sec. 4-8 Roosters – Penalty

Chairman Dickau read a text message from Jay Becaur, 18 Fontana Road regarding a complaint of a rooster in his neighborhood. He stated that there were a couple roosters on Brook Street and Lynn Street. He made 2 inquiries to Animal Control in late August and he didn't receive a response from them. He knows of 4 other people that know of the roosters and are upset about it but didn't want to give their names. The roosters are crowing at 4:00 am and 1 woman is 92 and it's waking her up.

Zoning Enforcement Officer, Brandon Peate did not attend the meeting.

Councilwoman Tyler asked about the 10 day requirement to remove roosters, specifically where the roosters would be taken to. Chairman Dickau stated that they needed more information from Brandon Peate. Councilwoman commended Brandon for bringing this up and stated that the collars are antiquated and inhuman, but feels more needs to be put in the language. She asked if

we could get more information from the Department of Public Health? The Committee wanted to know if they had to table the meeting or could they have a Public Hearing, and would they have to make a decision following the Public Hearing. Attorney Conlin stated that she could have a Public Hearing and it would spark new ideas and get publicized. You wouldn't have to make a decision after the Public Hearing. You could take all the information received at the hearing and possibly change the language based on the information you receive and make a decision at the following regular meeting.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to refer this matter to the City Council for a Public Hearing to be scheduled at the conclusion of the next Ordinance Committee meeting, seconded by Councilman Seymour. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

b. Section 17. Peddlers and Solicitors – continuing discussion

Chairman Dickau asked Attorney Conlin if he received new information from the Police Chief and he stated that he did not.

The Committee discussed a cut off time for peddlers and solicitors to stop knocking on doors. It was suggested to be at dusk or by 7:30, whichever comes first by Chairman Dickau. The Committee members discussed daylight savings time and whether that language would suffice. Chairman Dickau stated that is why he put, whichever comes first.

The members then discussed the amount of times peddlers and solicitors could come to people's houses and they agreed on no more than twice in 6 months. The fine for a violation would be \$250 according to the Town of New Haven. Councilwoman Tyler stated there would be no way to enforce that.

This item was tabled.

c. Report from Public Hearing Sec. 18 Planning/Transportation Commission

There was no attendance at the meeting either in person or on Zoom.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to refer this matter to the City Council for adoption, seconded by Councilman Seymour. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

d. Continue discussion of vape shops

Chairman Dickau stated that he and the Mayor had a discussion on the current ordinance of New Haven that we could send to the Zoning Commission. Some language that was included in New Haven's language was that vape shops couldn't be within 3,000 feet from each other, and could not be closer than 1,000 feet from a school or place of worship.

The Mayor entered the meeting at 5:27 and the Chairman asked her if we currently have a licensing arrangement for vape shops. She stated that Section 7-148 of the New Haven ordinance requires this, but Bristol does not have this in place. She stated we need to let the Zoning

Commission know that this is their avenue to take up and we need to make recommendations to them for their review.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to refer to the City Council to make recommendations to the Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilman Seymour. They would like to invite Youth and Community Services, Police, Fire and Bristol-Burlington Health District to the Council meeting for their input. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

5. New Business

a. Sec. 5-22 Plot Plan Requirements

Ray Rogozinski, Director of Public Works submitted a letter to the Mayor and Board of Public Works regarding DPW Plot Plan Review Requirements and adding provisions to the language which was approved by the Board. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to refer to the City Council to set a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Seymour. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

b. Secs. 21-12, 21-24.5 Ice & Snow Removal; Removal of obstructions/vehicle sightlines

Ray Rogozinski, Director of Public Works submitted a letter to the Mayor and Board of Public Works regarding Ice and Snow Removal; Removal of obstructions/vehicle sightlines and adding provisions to the language which was approved by the Board. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to refer to the City Council to set a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Seymour. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

c. Sec. 21-31 Illicit Discharge: Illegal Connections to City storm water sewers

Ray Rogozinski submitted a letter to the Mayor and Board of Public Works regarding Illicit Discharge: Illegal Connections to City storm water sewers and adding provisions to the language which was approved by the Board. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Tyler made a motion to refer to the City Council to set a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Seymour. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

d. Proposal – General Discussion of Section 12-1, Housing

Councilwoman Tyler stated that she is meeting with the Arch Diocese of Hartford on Monday to discuss making changes to the ordinance to allow for transitional housing.

No action taken.

6. Additional Public Participation

None.

7. Committee Member Comments

8. Adjournment

Councilman Seymour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Tyler. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary