



CITY OF MELROSE
LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES • OCTOBER 20, 2025

Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall Committee Meeting
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

6:45 PM

The public should take notice that the Melrose City Council may, on certain occasions, have a quorum in attendance due to standing committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. Members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the standing committee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Devin Romanul	Vice Chair	Present	
Cal Finocchiaro		Present	
Mark Garipay		Present	
Kimberly Vandiver		Present	
Leila Migliorelli	Ex Officio Member	Present	
Maya Jamaledine	Chair	Present	

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Legal & Legislative - Committee Meeting - Sep 29, 2025 7:45 PM

Motion to Approve minutes made by Chair Jamaledine

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Romanul, Finocchiaro, Garipay, Vandiver, Migliorelli, Jamaledine

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open public Comment made by Chair Jamaledine at 6:46 PM

There were no comments on the floor or via Zoom

Motion to Close public comment made by Chair Jamaledine at 6:47 PM

IV. ORDINANCES

1. **(ID # 12951):** Proposed Ordinance relative to Food Truck Operations within the City of Melrose.

Sponsored by: Vice Chair Devin Romanul, Cal Finocchiaro, Ryan Williams

From: Legal & Legislative Committee

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Motion to Amend the order with the red-lined changes as proposed made by Councilor Vandiver
Seconded by Councilor Romanul
All were in favor and motion passed

Motion to Recommend as Amended to full council made by Councilor Garipay
Seconded by Councilor Vandiver
All were in favor and motion passed

Comments from the councilors on discussion:

-Councilor Finocchiaro gave a synopsis of the changes. The name was changed to Mobile Food Vendor. The Clerks office will manage the forms, intake and applications. There are 3 types of permit applications. Specific locations are removed and locations will be reviewed by various commissions in the city and added to the permit application from the clerks office as approved locations. Verbage was added for more detail on trash, recycling and pick-up. The enforcement section clarified that department heads can suspend a license for cause for 30 days, city council can suspend, revoke or modify a license with a hearing, and police can order to vacate or tow a vehicle that is violating a city law.

-Councilor Vandiver asked how to change a location in the future. Councilor Williams explained the clerks office will have a list of approved sites. For new sites the Traffic or Parks Commission will evaluate the proposed site and meet to discuss. A new global restriction was added that the mobile food vendor cannot be within 50 feet of a restaurant unless they have the restaurant's written permission. Councilor Finocchiaro explained that they must abide by current Melrose codes regarding trash and recycling and language from Melrose current codes was added to the ordinance.

-Councilor Garipay accepts the changes and requests a cleaner version of the ordinance for review. He is not opposed to accepting it and wants more time to review the 50 feet global restriction rule. He requests a clean version be added to the ordinance and Councilor Finocchiaro agreed and would keep the original documentation attached.

-President Migliorelli wants to see a cleaner document also before accepting it and voting on it. She likes it and is happy with the result. She clarified how to proceed with wording for the next motion.

-Councilor Stewart also wants to see a cleaner document along with the original.

RESULT:	RECOMMEND AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]Next: 10/20/2025 7:45 PM
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Romanul, Finocchiaro, Garipay, Vandiver, Migliorelli, Jamaledine

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by unanimous consent made by Chair Jamaledine at 7:03 PM
Meeting was adjourned