



Legal & Legislative Committee

Monday, November 10, 2025, 7:10 PM
 City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Attendees

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jamaledine at 7:10 pm

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Devin Romanul	Vice Chair	Present	
Cal Finocchiaro	Ward 6	Present	
Mark Garipay	Ward 4	Present	
Kimberly Vandiver	Ward 5	Present	
Leila Migliorelli	President, Ex Officio Member	Present	
Maya Jamaledine	Chair	Present	

Non-voting members Councilor Williams (co-sponsor), Councilor Karamcheti and Councilor Stewart were also present.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting October 20, 2025 6:45 PM

Motion to unanimously Approve the minutes without reading made by Chair Jamaledine.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Devin Romanul, Cal Finocchiaro, Mark Garipay, Kim Vandiver, Leila Migliorelli, Maya Jamaledine
NAYS:	None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. When: Nov 10, 2025 07:10 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Topic: Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:
<https://cityofmelrose-org.zoom.us/j/95877605408?pwd=16gbmteNHwooPOQayMfygaGAvluhas.1>
Passcode:311318
Webinar ID: 958 7760 5408

Motion to Open public comment made by Chair Jamaledine at 7:11 pm.
There were no comments on the floor or via Zoom.
Motion to Close public comment made by Chair Jamaledine at 7:11 pm.

IV. ORDINANCES

- A. Food Truck Operations within the City of Melrose Ordinance. Proposed Ordinance relative to Food Truck Operations within the City of Melrose. (ID# 12951)

City Solicitor Phillips explained the changes made to the previous version, including clarifying exemptions and simplifying the permit application process. Councilor Garipay proposed amending the distance to existing restaurants from 50 to 200 feet, which was seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro, though there was some debate about whether this should be temporary until approved locations are identified. The committee also discussed the need for written consent from restaurant owners and agreed that enforcement would be complaint-based through various city departments, with food trucks required to display their licenses in a conspicuous location. They debated language about providing or allowing dining furniture, with concerns raised about enforcement and inclusivity. The committee ultimately decided to hold the ordinance in committee for further review at their next scheduled meeting.

Motion to Recess to start the Appropriations & Oversight meeting made by Councilor Garipay at 7:27 pm
Seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro
All were in favor and meeting was recessed.

Meeting was reopened by Chair Jamaledine at 7:29 pm.

Motion to amend Section 127-14 regarding parking distance to a restaurant to be changed from 50 feet to 200 feet within the entrance of the restaurant.
Seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro
Motion passed.

RESULTS:	ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [5-1]
AYES:	Devin Romanul, Cal Finocchiaro, Mark Garipay, Leila Migliorelli, Maya Jamaledine
NAYS:	Kim Vandiver

Motion to approve the Solicitors changes and the amended changes proposed by Councilor Garipay and passed earlier in this meeting made by Councilor Vandiver.
Seconded by Councilor Garipay.
All were in favor and motion passed.

RESULT: CHANGES ACCEPTED AND PASSED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

AYES:	Devin Romanul, Cal Finocchiaro, Mark Garipay, Leila Migliorelli, Maya Jamaledine, Kim Vandiver
NAYS:	None

Motion to Approve the ordinance made by Councilor Romanul
 Seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro
 Upon discussion Councilor Garipay prefers to hold it and probably will not support this.
 Motion to Approve was withdrawn by Councilor Romanul
 Seconded was withdrawn by Councilor Finocchiaro.

Motion to Hold in Committee made by Councilor Finocchiaro
 Seconded by Councilor Vandiver
 Motion passed

RESULTS:	ACCEPTED [5-1]
TO:	Hold in Committee
AYES:	Kim Vandiver, Cal Finocchiaro, Mark Garipay, Leila Migliorelli, Maya Jamaledine
NAYS:	Devin Romanul

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by unanimous consent made by Chair Jamaledine at 7:55 pm.
 Meeting was Adjourned.