



CITY OF MELROSE
LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA • JANUARY 27, 2025

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

7:45 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Maya Jamaledine	Chair
Devin Romanul	Vice Chair
Cal Finocchiaro	
Mark Garipay	
Leila Migliorelli	Ex Officio Member
Kimberly Vandiver	

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

tcifuni@cityofmelrose.org is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: City Council Sub Committee Meetings

Time: Jan 27, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cityofmelrose-org.zoom.us/j/93496847123?pwd=fhYnmOqsbgIC18wCWaLakvotWGbcHZ.1>

Meeting ID: 934 9684 7123

Passcode: 310876

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Legal & Legislative - Committee Meeting - Jan 13, 2025 7:30 PM

IV. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

1. **(ID # 12404):** Proposed Revision of Rule 38A of the Rules of Order for City Council All appointments (new appointments and reappointments) made by the Mayor and subject to the confirmation of the Council shall include a written statement of interest and/or resume from the candidate.

Sponsored by: Kimberly Vandiver

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

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III. MINUTES APPROVAL

- Legal & Legislative - Committee Meeting - Nov 25, 2024 6:30 PM

Motion to accept the Nov 25th minutes made by Councilor Jamaledine and with no objections, the motion passes.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 13, 2025 7:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

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

IV. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

1. **(ID # 12279):** Replace current City Ordinance Section 177-12 Snow and Ice Removal with revised ordinance language to address property owner responsibilities for snow and ice removal

Sponsored by: Vice Chair Devin Romanul, Ryan Williams

From: City Council

ASSIGN TO COMMITTEE

Motion to hold in Committee made by Councilor Vandiver

Seconded by President Migliorelli

All were in Favor

Motion Passed

Discussion:

Chair Jamaledine turned this order over to Sponsor Romanul.

Councilor Romanul discussed best practices and reminded the council that there currently is not a snow removal ordinance for residential neighborhoods and pedestrians and cyclists would appreciate an ordinance in place for safety reasons.

Councilor Romanul would like to begin conversations about what DPW is currently responsible for in the City and what residents will have to be responsible for in the future if the ordinance is passed.

President Migliorelli thanked the sponsors of the ordinance and state she is also interested in the topic and believes that there are sidewalks that not walkable at times due to lack of snow removal.

President Migliorelli would like to work with the Councilors to increase the safety and the logistics of code enforcement must be defined.

Councilor Vandiver appreciates the thoughtfulness. She also would like to know what DPW is currently responsible for regarding snow removal throughout the city and would like to know what is currently expected of residents.

Councilor Vandiver would like to make sure that homes owned by the elderly are considered in the writing of the ordinance so that they are negatively impacted when it comes to enforcement.

Councilor Garipay mentioned he has a number of questions on how this would be enforced.

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He mentioned that this ordinance has been brought to the other Councils in the past multiple times and has never made to a final vote.
 He would like to know if this ordinance would be based on timing of the storm? how many inches? how would it be enforced?
 He also appreciates the discussion in the future.

Councilor Karamacheti (non voting member of the sub committee) she mentions that it is in the details of who, when and how this ordinance can benefit the residents as a whole.
 The timeline of a storm can make it tough to enforce.
 She would like safety but how code enforcement is impacted need to be considered as well.

Councilor Finocchiaro stated she wants to help the community and not burden them. Would like to see a balance.

Chair Jamaledine appreciates the efforts and how it is going to be rolled out.

Councilor Stewart would like to see equity and enforcement - common understanding of what that is.

RESULT: HELD IN COMMITTEE

Next: 1/27/2025 7:00 PM

2. **(ID # 12338):** Informational Update to City Council related to City Code Enforcement

From: City Council

ASSIGN TO COMMITTEE

Motion to place on File made by President Migliorelli
 Seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro

Councilor Vandiver asked when we could bring this order back to the subcommittee and then President Migliorelli withdrew her motion to place on file

Motion by President Migliorelli to withdraw the original motion to place on file
 Seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro
 All were in Favor

New motion to HOLD the Order in Committee made by President Migliorelli
 Seconded by Councilor Finocchiaro
 All were in Favor
 Motion passed

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Lauren Grymek and Solicitor Phillips were both present to answers questions regarding this order. Currently there are violation tickets that have been printed and handed out Police, Fire, BOH and Building department. At this time, there are no tickets that have been issued by a department.

Solicitor Phillips mentioned that there will be a warning first given out to a violator and if the violator is a reoffender than a violation with a fee will be issued.

If a violator does not pay the fee than we must serve them and have a clerk megistrate view the ticket and enforce the fee.

Councilor Williams asked how many tickets have been given out at this time? He suggested that the City Department please keep a record that lists out the number of citations given out.

Councilor Vandiver echoed Councilor Williams concerns.

Councilor Garipay asked who is supposed to issuing the fines? Who's jurisdiction is who? Is it defined? Are the police the enforcing authority during off hours?

Councilor Romanul excited to learn more about 40U. He would like to know how other communities handle enforcement and collecting of fines. Are there other tools that collect this data?

RESULT:	HOLD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/27/2025 7:00 PM
TO:	Legal & Legislative Committee	
AYES:	Jamaledine, Romanul, Finocchiaro, Garipay, Migliorelli, Vandiver	

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 made by Chair Jamaledine with no objections.

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