

# City of Fall River Massachusetts

## Office of the City Clerk

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### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, One Government Center

**PRESENT:** President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;  
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,  
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte  
Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Sampson

**ABSENT:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ryan Lyons, Chairperson, Board of Election Commissioners  
Seth Thomas Aikten, City Administrator  
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services  
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

### **PRIORITY MATTERS**

*On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was voted 9 yeas to lift item 4b from the table.*

4b. Mayor and order for the Bank Street Armory Proposal Review and Recommendation  
(tabled 10-24-2023)

*A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart to adopt the order authorizing the sale of the Bank Street Armory Councilor Ponte expressed concern as he didn't have any information regarding this item readily available and requested that the relevant information be provided to him prior to a vote occurring. Councilor Kilby stated that he was in support of this item being lifted from the table but would support delaying the vote until the two new City Councilors had time to review the item. Councilor Kilby also explained that he supports the contractor who would like to purchase the property and that, without renovation, the property will continue to deteriorate. Vice President Pereira agreed with Councilor Kilby regarding delaying the vote to allow Councilors Ponte and Hart to review the documents. On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to revisit this item after item 18 on the agenda was heard.*

1. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Bacon to Fire Chief  
*Councilors Kilby and Cadime made brief remarks congratulating Mr. Bacon on his appointment. Councilor Cadime also requested that the administration provide a list of updated supervisory ranks with salaries within the Fire and Police Departments. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was voted 9 yeas to confirm the appointment.*
2. Mayor and request to deliver "State of the City" on March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.  
*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the request be accepted and placed on file.*
3. Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 2 Budget Report  
*On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Finance.*
4. Mayor and Five Year Financial Forecast  
*On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Finance.*

#### **PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS**

5. Board of Election Commissioners and re-submitted orders authorizing the Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and the Biennial State Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and designating polling places and changes to polling places for such elections  
*A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Sampson to accept and place on file the communication and adopt the order. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Ryan Lyons, Chairperson of the Board of Elections, to answer questions. Councilor Raposo requested an update regarding transportation that will be provided for elderly and disabled voters to their new polling places. Mr. Lyons explained that the Veterans' Services Officer will be loaning an ADA-compliant bus on election days to allow these voters access to the polling places. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Raposo and Mr. Lyons regarding ways to relieve traffic congestion around schools being used by voters and Mr. Lyons stated that he would continue researching alternative areas to be used in the future. Vice President Pereira complimented Mr. Lyons on the progress being made to improve polling locations.*

*Councilor Ponte requested information regarding how voters would be notified of the changes and President Camara emphasized the need for poll workers to redirect people to their new polling locations. Mr. Lyons stated that he would do a mailed notice, as required by law, and would work with the Administration to obtain funding for additional advertising, such as newspapers and television notices. Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding the possibility of a decrease in voter turnout due to the changes. Mr. Lyons provided information regarding mail-in ballots and reiterated that based on general election data, the number of voters who go to the polling places on election day is continuously decreasing, except for presidential elections. A brief discussion was held regarding private insurance policies within new polling places and Mr. Lyons stated that those who operate the polling places had not expressed concern regarding that matter. Following this discussion, it was unanimously voted to accept the communication and place it on file and adopt the orders.*

*Approved, January 25, 2024 (authorization of elections) and January 26, 2024 (polling places)  
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

6. Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners and copy of certified results from the Municipal Election held on November 7, 2023  
*On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the results be accepted and placed on file.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

**ORDINANCES** – None

**RESOLUTIONS**

7. Committee on Finance meet with the Board of Park Commissioners to discuss the staffing needs of the Parks Division  
*Councilor Raposo made brief remarks regarding the needs of the Parks Division, such as additional staffing and funding. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.*
8. Committee on Economic Development and Tourism meet with community arts organizations to provide 2023 year in review and plans for 2024  
*A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte to adopt the resolution. A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira and Councilors Raposo and Sampson regarding the concept of combining items 8 and 10. It was determined that since they addressed two different topics and were being sent to two different committees, they would remain separated. On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, to answer questions. Mr. Aitken provided a brief overview of the different categories of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and Councilor Dionne emphasized the need to discuss all groups and projects utilizing ARPA funding. Councilor Sampson expressed concern that a discussion of all types of ARPA funding would be extensive and the resolution she filed was to specifically address funding being used for arts and culture groups. Councilor Ponte emphasized that if the arts and culture groups worked more cohesively everyone would benefit. After this discussion, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.*
9. Request for Proposals for Real Estate Brokerage Services be solicited for marketing and selling of city-owned real estate  
*A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte to adopt the resolution. Councilor Ponte stated that the current process of selling city-owned real estate was non-transparent and needed to be updated to more modern methods. Councilor Ponte also emphasized that, while he works in the real estate industry, he has no intention of being included in this updating process. Councilor Cadime explained that there are Massachusetts General Laws regarding the Uniform Procurement Act which require the current process of selling, but that he does support the Administration working harder to obtain more bids. Councilor Kilby agreed with Councilor Cadime and suggested that the resolution be referred to either the Committee on Finance or the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation. A further motion was subsequently made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Sampson to refer the resolution to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation. Vice President Pereira stated that the resolution should be referred to the Committee on Real Estate and Councilor Cadime agreed. On yet a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to refer the resolution to the Committee on Real Estate.*

10. Committee on Finance meet with City Administrator and representatives from the One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce and Viva Fall River to provide update on ARPA funding

*A motion was made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart to adopt the resolution. Councilor Sampson emphasized that she only wanted information on the two groups listed in the resolution. Councilor Raposo stated that it was a priority to identify all groups and projects that were utilizing ARPA funding. Vice President Pereira recommended a separate resolution be created to include all groups and projects. Councilor Sampson supported the suggestion and stated that a meeting including all groups and projects would be very lengthy.*

*On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 8 yeas, 1 nay to adopt the resolution, as amended, by inserting "and be it further resolved, that a presentation be made by the Administration to review all ARPA projects and funding and to provide a status where they stand.", with President Camara voting in the negative.*

11. Committee on Finance meet in executive session with City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and Director of Financial Services to provide update on financial impact of high profile lawsuits

*Vice President Pereira stated that there are many high-profile lawsuits that are ongoing, and this resolution would allow for a better understanding of the effect they will have on the budget. President Camara stated that he does not support executive session meetings and believes all meetings should be open to the public. A brief discussion was held between President Camara, Vice President Pereira and Councilor Kilby regarding past executive session meetings that have occurred. On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted to adopt the resolution, with Council President Camara opposed.*

**CITATIONS** – None

**ORDERS – HEARINGS** – None

**ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

12. Police Chief's report on licenses:

Taxicab Drivers

Alyssa Lafferty                      Lisa Padula

Private Livery Drivers

Wayne Delisle

*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.*

13. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal:

Richard R. Torres d/b/a Empire Hyundai, Inc. – 428 Pleasant Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.*

*Approved, January 25, 2024*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

## **COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

### **14. Claims**

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted that the claims be referred to Corporation Counsel.*

### **15. Drainlayer license – RMT Excavation Inc.**

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer license.*

*Approved, January 25, 2024*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

## **City Council Minutes:**

### **16. Meeting of the City Council and Organization of City Government – January 2, 2024**

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes.*

## **BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES**

### **17. Taunton River Stewardship Council 2023 Annual Report and Fall River delegate Position**

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.*

### **18. Communication from city residents re Charter recommendations from the Special Charter Review Committee**

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file.*

## **PRIORITY MATTERS**

### **4b. Mayor and order for the Bank Street Armory Proposal Review and Recommendation (tabled 10-24-2023)**

*On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 9 yeas to waive the rules to allow the City Administrator to provide additional information regarding this proposal. Councilor Ponte inquired as to whether the proposed buyer would be applying for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) if the sale were to occur and Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, stated that no specific details had been negotiated regarding that possibility. Mr. Aitken provided information regarding the most recent appraisal that occurred for the Bank Street Armory and that based on the data presented within that appraisal, the property did not have any value. Councilor Ponte emphasized that the land underneath the property would still have value even if the building was demolished and President Camara explained that it would most likely cost more to demolish the structure than the land was worth. Councilor Ponte also asked about the potential types of housing that would be developed if the sale were to occur. The City Administrator stated that the units would be rented or sold at the current market rate and there would be a portion of affordable housing with preference, but not guarantee, for military veteran applicants. Councilor Ponte expressed concern regarding the financing of this purchase by the potential buyer. Mr. Aitken reassured Councilor Ponte that the Administration has been working with an outside attorney to verify funding sources. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Ponte and the City Administrator regarding whether the City Council had the legislative authority to review the terms of sale for the Bank Street Armory.*

Councilors Dionne and Sampson emphasized the Council's need to meet with the Historical Commission before approving the sale of the Bank Street Armory. Councilor Dionne also emphasized that at a recent meeting of the Historical Commission the potential buyer did not make mention of any affordable housing units being included. Councilor Dionne explained that the potential buyer provided information regarding the direct repairs needed for the property to become weather-proof, which included repair or replacement of the roof, windows, heating and pointing of the chimney. Councilor Dionne explained that the City could fund those types of repairs. Councilor Sampson referenced a letter that was sent to the City Council earlier in the afternoon from the Chair of the Historical Commission, following their recent meeting, which provided an official opinion from the Historical Commission regarding the sale of the Bank Street Armory. Councilor Sampson explained that the letter stated the proposed plan to create housing units does not meet the requirements of the preservation deed restriction on the property and questioned the legality of the sale. Mr. Aitken stated that he couldn't answer questions regarding the preservation deed restrictions without reviewing the documents.

Councilor Cadime emphasized that the renovation of this property is not a priority for the Administration and the City does not have the funding to do extensive repairs. Councilor Cadime stated that while he believes the property should be sold, it should not be used for housing exclusively and suggested that it be developed into a mixed-use property. Vice President Pereira expressed concern regarding the potential TIF or TIE applications that the buyer may apply for if this sale is approved, as it would reduce tax collection for the City funds. Vice President Pereira also emphasized the importance of having a location for youth programs and that the Community Preservation Committee could, potentially, help to fund repairs.

A lengthy discussion was held between Councilors Cadime and Ponte regarding whether the City could fund any restoration of the Bank Street Armory as the current budget being used for priority projects is limited. Councilor Cadime emphasized that the City could fund this project if it was prioritized by the Administration. Councilor Ponte made a motion to reject the current Request for Proposal (RFP) and urge the Administration to submit a new RFP to hire a real estate broker to liquidate the property, but there was no second. Councilor Ponte stated that he would not support the current proposal.

Councilor Hart asked the City Administrator for an estimate of the cost of repairing the Bank Street Armory. Mr. Aitken provided an estimated cost of at least \$15,000,000. Councilor Hart stated that he agreed with Councilor Kilby and that the property needed to be sold. Councilor Kilby emphasized that the property will not be restored by the current Administration. On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 3 yeas, 6 nays, to adopt the order, with Councilors Hart, Kilby and Sampson voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.

#### **ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JANUARY 23, 2024**

#### **PRIORITY MATTERS**

- 4a. Mayor and request to amend the fee schedule with adoption of new fees relative to Farmer Brewer Distillery Pouring Permits for wine and spirits as well as All Distillery Pouring Permits

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:**

#### **All readings with Emergency Preamble:**

- 6a. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, handicapped parking
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|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alden Street  | Buffinton Street | East Main Street |
| Hunter Street | London Street    | Mason Street     |
| Middle Street | Robeson Street   | Whipple Street   |

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained.*

*Approved, January 25, 2024*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

#### **First Reading:**

- 6b. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, miscellaneous

##### **Section 1**

Stop intersections

Branch Street, Eastbound, John Street

West Street, Southbound, Propper Lane

##### **Section 2**

One-way streets

Anawan Street, Easterly, from Water Street to Pond Street

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##### **Section 3**

Parking prohibited at all times

Whipple Street, West, 125 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 57 feet southerly

##### **Section 4**

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French Street, South, 43 feet west of Highland Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet westerly, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. / Monday through Friday

##### **Section 5**

Handicapped parking removals

Ninth Street	Anawan Street	Bank Street	Bay Street
Franklin Street	Fulton Street	Jefferson Street	John Street
Maria Street	Montaup Street	Pearce Street	Robeson Street
Stetson Street	Swindells Street	Tecumseh Street	

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.*

- 6c. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, All-night parking of commercial vehicles

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.*

6d. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Prohibited parking due to impeding emergency vehicles  
*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.*

6e. Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to Sec. 50-305, Salary schedules for EMS  
Local 1202 AFSCME personnel  
*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.*

6f. Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to Sec. 50-302, Salary schedules for contract personnel in the Emergency Medical Services and Law Departments  
*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.*

6g. Proposed Ordinance – Panhandling restrictions  
*Councilor Ponte expressed concern regarding the proposed ordinance due to the lack of staffing within the Police Department to enforce the restrictions. Vice President Pereira stated she had spoken with the Police Chief, who stated that he had created a plan for enforcement. Councilors Kilby and Sampson held a brief discussion regarding how this will benefit public safety by preventing the solicitation of people who are stopped in vehicles and reduce the risk of pedestrians being struck by cars. Councilors Cadime and Hart disagreed and made remarks that this proposed ordinance only restricts portions of the activity and will not stop panhandling entirely. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.*

First reading, as amended, contingent upon the receipt of a ten-year, strategic staffing plan for the Finance departments

6h. Proposed Ordinance – Establishing position of Finance, Management and Compliance Analyst

*A motion was made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Kilby to pass the proposed ordinance through first reading, as amended. On a further motion made by Councilor Sampson and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the City Administrator, Director of Financial Services and Director of Human Resources to answer questions. Councilor Sampson requested information regarding the plan for the Purchasing Agent role that is currently vacant. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, provided a detailed description regarding the future training of a staff member to handle the purchasing tasks of each department, instead of having one or two employees acting for all departments. Mr. Aitken explained that this would allow the Director of Financial Services to work more directly with the Financial Departments and that this plan would also allow for the funding of the proposed new position. Councilor Sampson stated that while she supports the change for the Purchasing Agent position, she will not support the new position being proposed.*

*Councilor Dionne requested clarification regarding position titles within the ten-year plan for financial departments provided by the Administration. Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, provided a brief description of how many titles currently used are antiquated, such as Assistant Auditor, and many municipalities are changing to more modern titles, such as Deputy Auditor. Ms. Almon provided a detailed explanation of how the new position would be funded by keeping the Assistant Auditor and Purchasing Agent positions vacant and Mr. Aitken emphasized that the new position would allow the financial departments to work more efficiently. Councilor Cadime agreed that this new position would streamline the tasks of the financial*



departments and provided information regarding other municipalities that are changing their staffing structure in similar manners. Councilor Dionne stated that the Assistant Auditor and Purchasing Agent positions should be eliminated, not just kept vacant.

Councilor Ponte and Ms. Almon held a brief discussion regarding vacant positions, the loss of employees to other departments and the level of experience of the current staff. Ms. Almon also explained that a candidate had been interviewed for another position but would be an excellent candidate for this new position. Councilor Ponte expressed concern regarding the current budget as certain positions were being funded with free cash and one-time-use American Rescue Plan Act funding. The City Administration emphasized that the funds that will be used for this new position already exist as they will be using the funds intended for the vacant Assistant Auditor and Purchasing Agent positions. Councilor Ponte stated that he will support the new position being introduced but that his expectations regarding the financial departments will be very high and he will hold the Administration accountable if efficiency is not significantly increased.

President Camara asked if the new position would be posted or if the candidate that had been discussed would be offered the position. Nicholas Macolini, Director of Human Resources, stated that the selection of this candidate happened during the process of fielding applicants for the City Auditor's position. He said the City determined that this candidate would be better suited for this proposed position instead of the City Auditor position. Mr. Aitken emphasized that the position will be posted in accordance with the law.

Councilor Dionne asked if this position would assist with the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Ms. Almon explained that due to the start time of the new position's existence and the time that the budget is due to be presented, it is unlikely that the new hire would be significantly involved in that project this year. A brief discussion was held by President Camara, Councilor Dionne, and Ms. Almon regarding the cost of the consultant who currently assists the City Auditor's office and the timeline in which this consultant will continue to be needed.

On the motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to pass the proposed ordinance through first reading, as amended, with President Camara and Councilors Raposo and Sampson voting in the negative.

#### Grant Leave to Withdraw

6i. Resolution – Discuss ordinances relating to site plan review

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

#### ORDERS – MISCELLEANOUS

13a. Amended City Council meeting schedule for 2024

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:04 p.m.*

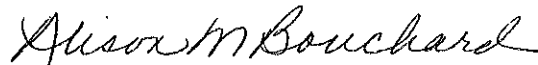
List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

DVD of meeting

Communication from the Chair of the Historical Commission re  
the Historical Commission's opinion on the sale of the Bank Street Armory  
Administration's ten-year, strategic staffing plan for the Finance departments

A true copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alison M. Bouchard".

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In City Council, February 15, 2024  
Approved.



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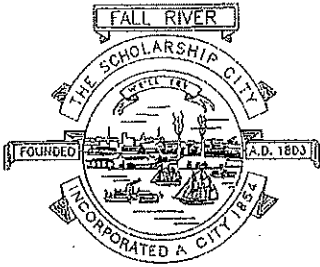
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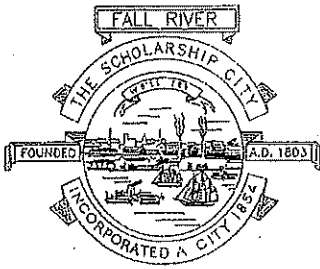
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**ORIGINAL POSTING: JANUARY 19, 2024 AT 12:39 P.M.**

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**  
**REVISED AGENDA**

**6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING**

1. Citizen Input

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
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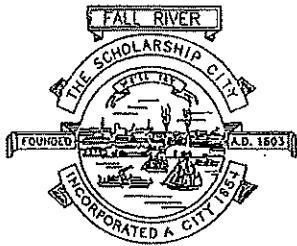
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**PAUL E. COOGAN**  
*Mayor*

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January 8, 2024

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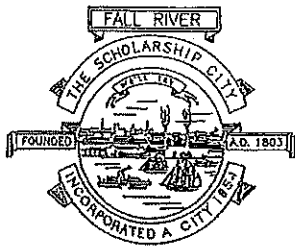
Honorable Members of the City Council:

I hereby request the confirmation by the City Council for the following appointment:

Name: Jeffrey Bacon  
Address: 39 North Street Somerset, MA 02726  
To: Fire Chief  
Effective Date: February 11, 2024  
Annual salary: \$180,000.00

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor



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*Mayor*

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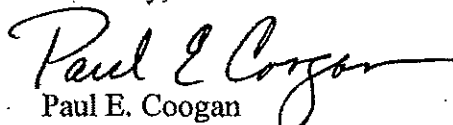
City Council President  
Joseph Camara  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President:

In accordance with Section 3-6(c) of the City of Fall River Charter the mayor shall in each year on or before the third Wednesday in March make an address to a joint meeting of the city council and school committee, and shall include the city's multiple member bodies, city officers and department heads, to report on the state of affairs of the city. I am respectfully requesting the ability to deliver the "State of the City" on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:30pm prior to start of your City Council meeting.

I ask for your consideration with this request and if additional information is needed, please contact me. Thank you.

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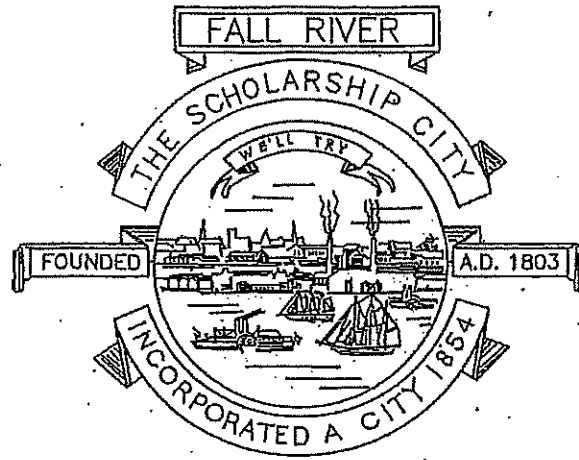
  
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# FY 2024

## QUARTER 2

# BUDGET REPORT



PAUL E. COOGAN  
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The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
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RE: 5-year Financial Forecast

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Pursuant to Article 6-9 of the City Charter, I am submitting a 5-year Financial Forecast of the City Revenues and Expenditures within the General Fund Operating Budget. The Forecast is based upon revenue sources which can be reasonably anticipated as well as the expenses for services that we currently provide within our City and School Departments.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will be balanced through a combination of revenues and expenses. The timing of the debt appropriation for Diman will continue to be closely monitored. As I have conveyed since the city was notified, the funding for this appropriation still needs a strategy to go forward.

As with any forecast, the numbers continue to be refined as projections are realized and projects move from planning to implementation. Overall, our 5-year Financial Forecast is based on information that is available at this time. We know we have challenges and we are researching the best way to address these. I look forward to partnering with the counsel to face these challenges to keep moving the City in the correct direction.

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan  
Mayor

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*Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Budget &  
5 Years of Projections Fiscal Years 2025 – 2029*

City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
	Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>RESOURCES:</b>						
State Aid						
General government, net of assessments	\$ 27,703,945	\$ 28,107,643	\$ 28,876,926	\$ 29,662,265	\$ 30,464,757	\$ 31,301,986
Education, net of assessments	\$ 161,575,330	\$ 183,186,237	\$ 208,304,501	\$ 236,932,214	\$ 269,085,014	\$ 305,159,243
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 132,071,976	\$ 139,492,801	\$ 144,384,284	\$ 149,398,817	\$ 154,556,033	\$ 159,848,794
Local Receipts	\$ 20,909,790	\$ 21,102,975	\$ 21,273,939	\$ 21,654,960	\$ 22,057,052	\$ 22,417,217
Indirects	\$ 7,153,315	\$ 7,403,681	\$ 7,625,791	\$ 7,854,565	\$ 8,090,202	\$ 8,332,908
Other Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
American Rescue Plan Act(ARPA)	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From Free Cash	\$ 840,000	\$ 2,295,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From Stabilization - operating	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	\$ 357,254,356	\$ 383,013,337	\$ 410,465,442	\$ 445,502,822	\$ 484,253,059	\$ 527,060,148
Water	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 14,972,091	\$ 15,203,865	\$ 15,439,752	\$ 15,679,832	\$ 15,874,396
Sewer	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 27,961,373	\$ 28,405,446	\$ 28,857,376	\$ 29,317,314	\$ 29,774,616
EMS	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 11,791,694	\$ 12,012,883	\$ 12,238,671	\$ 12,469,159	\$ 12,704,456
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES - ENT FUNDS</b>	\$ 53,964,734	\$ 54,725,158	\$ 55,622,194	\$ 56,535,798	\$ 57,466,305	\$ 58,353,468
<b>LESS: NON-APPROPRIATED USES</b>						
Other Amounts to be Raised:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Snow & Ice Deficit & Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL NON-APPROPRIATED USES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION</b>	\$ 411,219,090	\$ 437,738,495	\$ 466,087,636	\$ 502,038,620	\$ 541,719,363	\$ 585,413,616

# City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
EXPENDITURES:	Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
General Government	\$ 3,993,548	\$ 4,017,033	\$ 4,092,583	\$ 4,134,267	\$ 4,214,777	\$ 4,258,681
Administrative Services	\$ 4,545,959	\$ 4,585,613	\$ 4,739,181	\$ 4,899,603	\$ 5,005,230	\$ 5,137,715
Financial Services	\$ 2,180,622	\$ 2,231,503	\$ 2,296,684	\$ 2,363,778	\$ 2,432,842	\$ 2,503,766
Facility Maintenance	\$ 3,546,158	\$ 3,563,212	\$ 3,652,797	\$ 3,707,589	\$ 3,763,203	\$ 3,819,651
Community Maintenance	\$ 18,003,150	\$ 18,244,411	\$ 19,191,223	\$ 19,880,143	\$ 20,582,419	\$ 21,257,080
Community Service	\$ 3,797,586	\$ 3,870,293	\$ 3,937,572	\$ 4,006,123	\$ 4,075,973	\$ 4,103,688
Education	\$ 179,712,977	\$ 203,393,453	\$ 230,221,789	\$ 260,742,181	\$ 295,170,726	\$ 334,339,185
Public Safety	\$ 47,451,508	\$ 44,874,837	\$ 45,506,671	\$ 46,147,929	\$ 46,798,752	\$ 47,459,283
Debt	\$ 14,642,681	\$ 16,564,960	\$ 20,224,408	\$ 20,132,951	\$ 19,129,584	\$ 18,504,983
Retirement	\$ 37,748,989	\$ 40,580,163	\$ 43,623,675	\$ 46,895,451	\$ 50,412,610	\$ 54,193,555
Insurance & Other	\$ 40,443,895	\$ 41,087,861	\$ 41,740,503	\$ 42,405,150	\$ 43,082,097	\$ 43,771,646
Reserve	\$ 1,187,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL FUND	\$ 357,254,357	\$ 383,013,339	\$ 419,227,086	\$ 455,315,165	\$ 494,668,211	\$ 539,349,234
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PLUS: APPROPRIATED USES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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BUDGET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 0	\$ (0)	\$ (8,761,644)	\$ (9,812,342)	\$ (10,415,151)	\$ (12,289,085)

# City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

FY24 FY25 FY26 FY27 FY28 FY29

Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
\$ 227,730,117	\$ 251,578,210	\$ 278,835,018	\$ 309,278,282	\$ 343,290,343	\$ 381,317,495
\$ 188,024,477	\$ 210,587,414	\$ 235,857,904	\$ 264,160,852	\$ 295,860,155	\$ 331,363,373
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\$ 337,099	\$ 377,551	\$ 422,857	\$ 473,600	\$ 530,432	\$ 594,084
\$ 28,488,289	\$ 29,200,496	\$ 30,076,511	\$ 30,978,806	\$ 31,908,171	\$ 32,865,416
\$ 1,079,870	\$ 1,058,273	\$ 1,015,942	\$ 965,145	\$ 907,236	\$ 861,874
\$ 341,650	\$ 341,650	\$ 345,067	\$ 348,517	\$ 352,002	\$ 355,522
\$ 643,298	\$ 649,731	\$ 659,477	\$ 669,369	\$ 679,410	\$ 689,601
\$ 301,976	\$ 309,525	\$ 317,264	\$ 325,195	\$ 333,325	\$ 341,658

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 133,171,977	\$ 140,492,801	\$ 145,384,284	\$ 150,398,817	\$ 155,556,033	\$ 160,848,794
Prior Year Base	\$ 124,523,804	\$ 130,575,922	\$ 135,640,320	\$ 140,531,328	\$ 145,552,111	\$ 150,705,952
+2.5% of Base	\$ 3,113,095	\$ 3,264,398	\$ 3,391,008	\$ 3,513,283	\$ 3,638,803	\$ 3,767,649
Debt Exclusion (New High School)	\$ 2,596,055	\$ 4,852,481	\$ 4,852,956	\$ 4,846,706	\$ 4,850,081	\$ 4,852,581
Estimated New Growth	\$ 2,939,023	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,507,500	\$ 1,515,038	\$ 1,522,613

Local Receipts	\$ 20,909,790	\$ 21,102,975	\$ 21,273,939	\$ 21,654,960	\$ 22,057,052	\$ 22,417,217
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 8,350,000	\$ 8,600,500	\$ 8,652,000	\$ 8,911,560	\$ 9,178,907	\$ 9,454,274
Other Excise	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,414,000	\$ 1,428,140	\$ 1,442,421	\$ 1,456,846
Meals	\$ 120,000	\$ 123,000	\$ 126,075	\$ 129,227	\$ 132,458	\$ 135,769
Room	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Other	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
Cannabis	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000	\$ 1,124,000
Penalties and Interest	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 461,250	\$ 461,250
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,436,500	\$ 1,436,500	\$ 1,450,865	\$ 1,465,374	\$ 1,480,027	\$ 1,480,027
Fees	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
Rentals	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Library	\$ 112,000	\$ 101,500	\$ 103,023	\$ 104,568	\$ 106,136	\$ 107,728
Cemeteries	\$ 715,000	\$ 621,128	\$ 633,551	\$ 646,222	\$ 659,146	\$ 662,442
Departmental Revenue	\$ 2,369,290	\$ 2,550,622	\$ 2,601,635	\$ 2,653,667	\$ 2,706,741	\$ 2,760,875
Licenses and Permits	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Solid Waste - Other	\$ 1,515,000	\$ 1,537,725	\$ 1,560,791	\$ 1,584,203	\$ 1,607,966	\$ 1,616,006
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 700,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Investment Income	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Medicare Reimbursement	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Recurring	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Recurring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

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<b>Other Sources</b>						
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	\$ 11,653,315	\$ 11,123,681	\$ 7,625,791	\$ 7,854,565	\$ 8,090,202	\$ 8,332,908
From Free Cash (Diman Interest)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Available Funds:	\$ 840,000	\$ 2,295,000				
Indirects:						
Sewer	\$ 7,153,315	\$ 7,403,681	\$ 7,625,791	\$ 7,854,565	\$ 8,090,202	\$ 8,332,908
Water	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 1,728,450	\$ 1,780,304	\$ 1,833,713	\$ 1,886,724	\$ 1,945,386
EMS	\$ 2,756,841	\$ 2,853,330	\$ 2,938,930	\$ 3,027,098	\$ 3,117,911	\$ 3,211,449
	\$ 2,726,474	\$ 2,821,901	\$ 2,906,558	\$ 2,993,754	\$ 3,083,567	\$ 3,176,074
Other Sources of Funds (B2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
American Rescue Plan Act(ARPA)	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stabilization Fund	\$ 2,500,000					
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	\$ 393,465,199	\$ 424,297,667	\$ 453,119,033	\$ 489,186,624	\$ 528,993,630	\$ 572,916,414
<b>LESS: NON-APPROPRIATED USES</b>						
Other Amounts to be Raised	\$ 658,515	\$ 695,052	\$ 711,428	\$ 728,214	\$ 746,419	\$ 765,080
Appropriation Deficits (Snow, etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Overlay/Revenue Deficits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 639,075	\$ 655,052	\$ 671,428	\$ 688,214	\$ 705,419	\$ 723,055
Court Judgments/Tax Title	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt/Interest not on Sch B	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SRPEDD	\$ 19,440	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 42,025
State and County Assessments	\$ 37,792,325	\$ 39,589,279	\$ 40,942,163	\$ 41,955,589	\$ 42,994,153	\$ 44,091,186
County Tax	\$ 722,769	\$ 740,838	\$ 759,359	\$ 778,343	\$ 797,802	\$ 817,747
Retired Employees Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mosquito Control Projects	\$ 138,226	\$ 141,682	\$ 145,224	\$ 148,854	\$ 152,576	\$ 160,204
Air Pollution Districts	\$ 23,916	\$ 24,514	\$ 25,127	\$ 25,755	\$ 26,399	\$ 27,059
Parking Surcharge	\$ 328,460	\$ 336,672	\$ 345,088	\$ 353,715	\$ 362,558	\$ 371,622
Regional Transit Authorities (SRTA)	\$ 1,616,350	\$ 1,858,803	\$ 1,905,273	\$ 1,952,904	\$ 2,001,727	\$ 2,051,770
Special Ed. Chap. 71B	\$ 84,510	\$ 85,778	\$ 87,064	\$ 88,370	\$ 89,696	\$ 91,041
School Choice Sending Tuition	\$ 1,597,195	\$ 1,788,858	\$ 1,851,468	\$ 1,888,498	\$ 1,926,268	\$ 1,993,687
Charter School Sending Tuition	\$ 33,280,899	\$ 34,612,135	\$ 35,823,560	\$ 36,719,149	\$ 37,637,127	\$ 38,578,056
Reserve for Abatements	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
<b>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</b>	\$ 353,914,359	\$ 383,013,336	\$ 410,465,442	\$ 445,502,822	\$ 484,253,059	\$ 527,060,148

City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

EXPENDITURES	FY24 Budget	FY25 Projections					FY26 Projections					FY27 Projections					FY28 Projections					FY29 Projections				
<b>General Government</b>																										
Mayor's Office	\$ 3,993,548	\$ 4,017,033	\$ 4,092,583	\$ 4,134,267	\$ 4,214,777	\$ 4,258,681																				
City Council	\$ 328,860	\$ 338,590	\$ 348,608	\$ 358,923	\$ 369,544	\$ 380,480																				
City Clerk	\$ 389,966	\$ 397,570	\$ 408,815	\$ 420,379	\$ 432,274	\$ 444,507																				
Elections	\$ 446,918	\$ 458,767	\$ 471,491	\$ 484,586	\$ 498,064	\$ 511,936																				
Veterans	\$ 459,169	\$ 444,339	\$ 476,494	\$ 473,514	\$ 508,051	\$ 504,635																				
	\$ 2,368,635	\$ 2,377,768	\$ 2,387,175	\$ 2,396,864	\$ 2,406,844	\$ 2,417,124																				
<b>Administrative Services</b>																										
City Administration	\$ 4,545,959	\$ 4,585,613	\$ 4,739,181	\$ 4,899,603	\$ 5,005,230	\$ 5,137,715																				
Human Resources	\$ 179,275	\$ 184,488	\$ 189,913	\$ 195,499	\$ 201,252	\$ 207,176																				
Information Systems	\$ 331,812	\$ 341,451	\$ 351,642	\$ 362,137	\$ 372,946	\$ 384,077																				
Law Department	\$ 2,646,811	\$ 2,658,771	\$ 2,783,497	\$ 2,914,213	\$ 2,989,246	\$ 3,066,221																				
	\$ 1,388,061	\$ 1,400,903	\$ 1,414,130	\$ 1,427,754	\$ 1,441,786	\$ 1,480,240																				
<b>Financial Services</b>																										
Assessor	\$ 16,823,302	\$ 18,796,463	\$ 22,521,092	\$ 22,496,729	\$ 21,562,426	\$ 21,008,749																				
Auditor	\$ 538,328	\$ 549,482	\$ 565,967	\$ 582,946	\$ 600,434	\$ 618,447																				
Director of Financial Services	\$ 469,751	\$ 482,801	\$ 496,938	\$ 511,491	\$ 526,474	\$ 541,900																				
Collector	\$ 154,828	\$ 159,287	\$ 164,034	\$ 168,924	\$ 173,959	\$ 178,977																				
Treasurer	\$ 444,568	\$ 456,031	\$ 469,399	\$ 483,161	\$ 497,328	\$ 511,911																				
Purchasing	\$ 455,452	\$ 463,090	\$ 475,978	\$ 489,228	\$ 502,850	\$ 516,853																				
Debt Service	\$ 117,694	\$ 120,812	\$ 124,368	\$ 128,029	\$ 131,797	\$ 135,677																				
	\$ 14,642,681	\$ 16,564,960	\$ 20,224,408	\$ 20,132,951	\$ 19,129,584	\$ 18,504,983																				



# City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>Facility Maintenance</b>						
Buildings & Armory	\$ 3,546,157	\$ 3,563,212	\$ 3,652,797	\$ 3,707,589	\$ 3,763,203	\$ 3,819,651
	\$ 3,546,157	\$ 3,563,212	\$ 3,652,797	\$ 3,707,589	\$ 3,763,203	\$ 3,819,651
<b>Community Maintenance</b>						
Cemeteries	\$ 18,003,149	\$ 18,244,411	\$ 19,191,223	\$ 19,880,143	\$ 20,582,419	\$ 21,257,080
Parks; Civic Celebrations	\$ 488,205	\$ 494,164	\$ 502,486	\$ 510,955	\$ 519,575	\$ 528,348
Trees	\$ 1,426,991	\$ 1,438,803	\$ 1,466,780	\$ 1,495,337	\$ 1,524,486	\$ 1,554,240
Engineering	\$ 364,313	\$ 366,834	\$ 374,299	\$ 381,925	\$ 389,716	\$ 397,675
Solid Waste	\$ 333,391	\$ 337,514	\$ 343,162	\$ 348,909	\$ 354,757	\$ 360,709
Streets & Highways	\$ 10,229,068	\$ 10,409,026	\$ 11,217,303	\$ 11,764,808	\$ 12,339,488	\$ 12,936,713
Snow Removal	\$ 3,502,055	\$ 3,538,785	\$ 3,607,668	\$ 3,678,058	\$ 3,733,229	\$ 3,749,676
Traffic and Parking	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243	\$ 526,243
	\$ 1,132,882	\$ 1,133,041	\$ 1,153,282	\$ 1,173,908	\$ 1,194,926	\$ 1,203,478
<b>Community Services</b>						
City Planning	\$ 3,797,585	\$ 3,870,293	\$ 3,937,572	\$ 4,006,123	\$ 4,075,973	\$ 4,103,688
Inspectional Services	\$ 256,647	\$ 260,291	\$ 264,333	\$ 268,438	\$ 272,608	\$ 272,921
Health & Human Services	\$ 1,108,472	\$ 1,132,960	\$ 1,150,731	\$ 1,168,798	\$ 1,187,168	\$ 1,190,245
Library	\$ 594,435	\$ 602,500	\$ 610,686	\$ 618,995	\$ 627,429	\$ 627,304
	\$ 1,838,031	\$ 1,874,541	\$ 1,911,822	\$ 1,949,892	\$ 1,988,767	\$ 2,013,218

City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Fiscal Year FY24 Budget & 5 Years of Projections (Actual results may vary)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Budget	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections	Projections
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>						
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 53,964,734	\$ 54,725,158	\$ 55,622,194	\$ 56,535,798	\$ 57,466,305	\$ 58,353,468
Water	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 11,791,694	\$ 12,012,883	\$ 12,238,671	\$ 12,469,159	\$ 12,704,456
Sewer	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 14,972,091	\$ 15,203,865	\$ 15,439,752	\$ 15,679,832	\$ 15,874,396
	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 27,961,373	\$ 28,405,446	\$ 28,857,376	\$ 29,317,314	\$ 29,774,616
<b>Public Safety</b>						
School Department	\$ 179,712,977	\$ 203,393,453	\$ 230,221,789	\$ 260,742,181	\$ 295,170,726	\$ 334,339,185
School Transportation	\$ 163,920,197	\$ 186,869,025	\$ 213,030,688	\$ 242,854,984	\$ 276,854,682	\$ 315,614,338
Vocational Assessments	\$ 10,342,504	\$ 10,884,629	\$ 11,226,168	\$ 11,577,953	\$ 11,819,512	\$ 12,065,902
	\$ 5,450,276	\$ 5,639,800	\$ 5,964,933	\$ 6,309,243	\$ 6,496,531	\$ 6,658,945
<b>Public Safety</b>						
Fire/FREMA	\$ 47,451,508	\$ 44,874,837	\$ 45,506,671	\$ 46,147,929	\$ 46,798,752	\$ 47,459,283
Police	\$ 21,055,228	\$ 17,990,217	\$ 18,249,377	\$ 18,512,372	\$ 18,779,258	\$ 19,050,092
	\$ 26,396,280	\$ 26,884,620	\$ 27,257,293	\$ 27,635,557	\$ 28,019,494	\$ 28,409,191
<b>Insurance</b>						
	\$ 40,443,895	\$ 41,087,861	\$ 41,740,503	\$ 42,405,150	\$ 43,082,097	\$ 43,771,646
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<b>Retirement</b>						
	\$ 37,748,989	\$ 40,580,163	\$ 43,623,675	\$ 46,895,451	\$ 50,412,610	\$ 54,193,555
	\$ 37,748,989	\$ 40,580,163	\$ 43,623,675	\$ 46,895,451	\$ 50,412,610	\$ 54,193,555
<b>Reserve</b>						
	\$ 1,187,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 410,625,444	\$ 437,738,496	\$ 474,849,281	\$ 511,850,963	\$ 552,134,516	\$ 597,702,702

The included is a five year projection (fiscal years ending 2025 – 2029) for the General Fund. The projections are based on the 2023/2024 budget that was approved by the City Council with the following assumptions included:

**Resources:**

- Property taxes are projected to increase by 2 ½% over the 2023 base.
- New Growth is estimated conservatively based on FY2022 through FY2024
- The approved debt exclusion for the high school is included in tax revenues.
- Unrestricted General State Aid, net of assessments is expected to be minimal with a small increase of 1.5% for FY25 and then 2.7%, while state aid for Education is estimated to increase approximately 13%.
- All other revenue sources are projected at approximately similar growth rates as the prior three years.
- Diman Regional has provided their intended plan for a new school and an amortization schedule which is included as provided. We are monitoring this closely for amendments to the current schedule. Fall River's share of the assessment is 76%.
- ARPA funding will be used primarily to invest in long-term investments.
- Cannabis revenues is projected to level off with increased competition in dispensary's in surrounding communities and host fees are expected to not be at the original levels due to the law changes in early FY2023

**Appropriations:**

Included in the projections are inflationary increases and other increases based on known data. The pension/retirement expense is based on the prior provided amortization schedule with no change in the funding date.

- The administration is committed to 100% of net school spending.
- The administration is actively engaged in research and methods to mitigate costs.
- The administration is working on a waste strategic plan.
- Health insurance is projected at a modest increase of 1.5%
- Debt levels at a high of approximately \$20 million in FY 2026 due to the full assessment for Diman Regional.

The projections also do not include any estimates for new industry or any other unknowns that could increase revenues or decrease expenditure. Assumptions used in preparation at the time of this financial projection were utilized to present a condition or course of action that is not necessarily expected to occur, but is consistent, based on known information as of this date. The Administration will continue to work closely with department heads to monitor all revenues and expenditures.





City of Fall River  
Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor

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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

January 23, 2024

City Council President  
Member of the Honorable Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

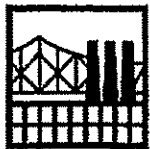
Attached please find a request to consider adoption of new fees relative to Farmer Brewer Distillery Pouring Permits for wine and spirits as well as All Distillery Pouring Permits.

As always, your every consideration would be appreciated with this request. I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

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**LICENSING BOARD**  
**CITY OF FALL RIVER**

January 23, 2024

Honorable Paul E. Coogan  
Office of the Mayor  
City of Fall River

Subject: Licensing Board Recommendation for New Liquor License Fees

Dear Mayor Coogan:

At a meeting of the Licensing Board held on January 17, 2024, it was unanimously voted 3-0 to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the following two (2) new liquor license fees:

1. Farmer Brewer Distillery Pouring Permit – Wine: \$1,200
2. Farmer Brewer Distillery Pouring Permit – Spirits: \$1,200
3. All Distillery Pouring Permits not to exceed: \$3,500

The adoption of these new fees is necessitated by a request from a local brewer to the City of Fall River and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the above referenced pouring permits. These permits have not been previously issued in the City of Fall River. As it stands, the City of Fall River currently issues a Farmer Brewer Distillery Permit exclusively for malt beverages at a fee of \$1,200. The Licensing Board also recommends capping the Farmer Brewer Distillery Pouring Permit series to \$3,500, aligning with the existing fee for an all-alcohol on-premises permit.

Please reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Parayno", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Christopher C. Parayno

On behalf of the Licensing Board

# FALL RIVER LICENSING BOARD FEES

Effective: June 19, 2019

Restaurant All Alcohol	\$3,500
Restaurant Beer & Wine	\$2,000
Club All Alcohol	\$2,700
Club Beer & Wine	\$1,000
Package Store All Alcohol	\$2,600
Package Store Beer & Wine	\$2,000
Common Victuallers	\$60
Vets Club All Alcohol	\$600
Seasonal All Alcohol	\$2,000
Application Fee-Liquor (to City of Fall River)	\$50
Applicant Fee – Liquor (to ABCC) (make payment electronically)	\$200
Seasonal Beer & Wine	1,000
Seasonal Club All Alcohol	\$1,000
Seasonal Club Beer & Wine	\$500
Special One Day All Alcohol Permit	\$200
Special One Day Beer & Wine Permit	\$150
Entertainment	\$200 1 <sup>st</sup> Lic/\$100 thereafter
Class I (new cars)	\$300
Class II (used cars)	\$300
Class III (junk cars)	\$300
Fortune Teller	\$60
Lodging House	\$60
Application Fee-no liquor	\$25
 SURCHARGE for any expired license	 50%

## Legal Advertisement Cost

The cost of the Legal Notice shall be the responsibility of the Applicant. The Licensing Department will prepare the legal notice, get the estimated cost from the newspaper and notify the applicant of the cost. The applicant shall provide the Licensing Department with a check or money order to cover the Legal Notice advertisement prior to the public hearing date or the application will not be heard until payment is received. (Cash will not be accepted)

**Apply at the Mayor's Office for all Sunday music licenses**







# BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF FALL RIVER

16 January 2024

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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

Joseph D. Camara, President  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA. 02722

Dear City Councilors,

Pursuant to the General Laws of the Commonwealth, *Chapter 54, Section 24*, I hereby request that you approve the attached list of polling precincts for the 2024 state elections to be held on the following dates:

- Presidential Primary: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- State Primary: Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Biennial State Election: Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

The polling precincts will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. At a meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the changes that I am recommending for your approval were unanimously supported by the Board. Each of the three new polling locations are handicapped accessible with parking lots available for voters to use on Election Day. Further, there are no additional rental costs incurred by my office, as the new locations are not charging my department for use of their facilities.

As required by statute, all registered voters affected by a change in precinct location will be notified in writing by my office. In addition, signage will be posted at all cancelled polling locations informing voters of the change in location for a seven-day period prior to and including Election Day.

Sincerely,

Ryan Lyons  
Chairman & Director  
Chief Elections Official  
Board of Elections Dept.

Ryan Lyons, Chairman & Director  
One Government Center • Fall River, MA 02722

TEL (508) 324-2630 • FAX (508) 324-2633 • EMAIL [rl Lyons@fallriverma.org](mailto:rl Lyons@fallriverma.org)

*City of Fall River, In City Council*

ORDERED, that the following places be and the same are hereby designated as polling places for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and the Biennial State Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The polls are to be opened from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and all polling places shall be used.

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that the following locations, formally designated as polling places in the City of Fall River, be and the same are hereby cancelled:

Ward 3 Precinct A	Mitchell Apartments, 2100 South Main Street
Ward 3 Precinct B	Carlton M. Viveiros School, 200 Lewis Street
Ward 4 Precinct A	Frank B. Oliveira Apartments, 170 William Street
Ward 5 Precinct B	Chor Bishop Eid Apartments, 33 Quequechan Street
Ward 6 Precinct C	Reney/Eastwood Fire Station, 400 Eastern Avenue
Ward 8 Precinct B	Cardinal Medeiros Towers, 1197 Robeson Street
Ward 8 Precinct C	Spencer Borden School, Entrance on Chestnut Street
Ward 9 Precinct A	James Tansey School, 711 Ray Street

and, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the following places be designated as polling places:

Ward 3 Precinct A	Good Shepherd Parish, 1598 South Main Street
Ward 3 Precinct B	Good Shepherd Parish, 1598 South Main Street
Ward 4 Precinct A	Matthew J. Kuss Middle School, 52 Globe Mills Avenue (entrance on Shaw Street)
Ward 5 Precinct B	St. Anthony of the Desert, 300 North Eastern Avenue
Ward 6 Precinct C	St. Anthony of the Desert, 300 North Eastern Avenue
Ward 8 Precinct B	Bristol Community College – Building “G”, 777 Elsbree Street
Ward 8 Precinct C	Bristol Community College – Building “G”, 777 Elsbree Street
Ward 9 Precinct A	Bristol Community College – Building “G”, 777 Elsbree Street

List of Wards, Precincts and Polling Places

Ward	Prnct	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Address
1	A	ALFRED LETOURNEAU SCHOOL	323 ANTHONY ST
	B	EDWARD F. DOOLAN APTS	CORNER OF LAUREL & MITCHELL DR
	C	ALFRED LETOURNEAU SCHOOL	323 ANTHONY ST
2	A	BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH	1340 PLYMOUTH AVE (ENTRANCE ON WINTHROP ST)
	B	BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH	1340 PLYMOUTH AVE (ENTRANCE ON WINTHROP ST)
	C	CANDEIAS-NIAGARA FIRE STA	CORNER PLYMOUTH AVE & WARREN ST
3	A	GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH	1598 SOUTH MAIN STREET
	B	GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH	1598 SOUTH MAIN STREET
	C	MATTHEW J KUSS MIDDLE SCH	52 GLOBE MILLS AVENUE (ENTRANCE ON SHAW STREET)
4	A	MATTHEW J KUSS MIDDLE SCH	52 GLOBE MILLS AVENUE (ENTRANCE ON SHAW STREET)
	B	JAMES A. O'BRIEN APTS	34 WHIPPLE STREET
	C	THE ATRIUM AT GOV'T CTR	ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER (ENTRANCE ON SULLIVAN DRIVE)
5	A	CANDEIAS-NIAGARA FIRE STA	CORNER PLYMOUTH AVE & WARREN ST
	B	ST.ANTHONY OF THE DESERT	300 NORTH EASTERN AVENUE
	C	MARY L. FONSECA SCHOOL	160 WALL ST
6	A	FRANCIS J. BARRESI HTS	1863 PLEASANT ST
	B	GEORGE H. COTTELL HTS	1685 PLEASANT ST
	C	ST.ANTHONY OF THE DESERT	300 NORTH EASTERN AVENUE
7	A	UNION UNITED METH CHURCH	600 HIGHLAND AVE
	B	THE ATRIUM AT GOV'T CTR	ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER (ENTRANCE ON SULLIVAN DRIVE)
	C	RAYMOND D. HOLMES APTS	140 ESSEX STREET (ENTRANCE ON FULTON ST.)
8	A	MARY L. FONSECA SCHOOL	160 WALL ST
	B	BRIS.COMM.COL. BUILD."G"	777 ELSBREE STREET
	C	BRIS.COMM.COL. BUILD."G"	777 ELSBREE STREET
9	A	BRIS.COMM.COL. BUILD."G"	777 ELSBREE STREET
	B	CALVARY TEMPLE ASSEM OF G	4321 NORTH MAIN ST
	C	CALVARY TEMPLE ASSEM OF G	4321 NORTH MAIN ST

Total Number of Polling Places: 27  
No. Pages of Printed: 1

\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*

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## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance, accompanied by an emergency preamble, be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained.

  
Clerk of Committees

*City of Fall River, In City Council*

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the immediate passage of the accompanying proposed ordinance is deemed necessary inasmuch as it vitally affects the health and safety of the public, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby deemed an emergency measure in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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# City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to traffic be amended as follows:

By inserting in Section 70-387, which section relates to handicapped parking generally, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Alden Street	West	Starting at a point 823 feet north of East Warren Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Buffinton Street	West	Starting at a point 236 feet west of Coggeshall Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
East Main Street	West	Starting at a point 44 feet north of Dwelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Hunter Street	East	Starting at a point 184 feet south of William Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
London Street	South	Starting at a point 148 feet west of Johnson Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Mason Street	West	Starting at a point 193 feet south of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Middle Street	North	Starting at a point 103 feet east of Whipple Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Robeson Street	West	Starting at a point 276 feet south of Pine Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Whipple Street	West	Starting at a point 202 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly

## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.

  
Clerk of Committees



# City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to traffic be amended as follows:

## Section 1

By inserting in Section 70-241, which section relates to stop intersections designated, the following:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
Branch Street	Eastbound	John Street
West Street	Southbound	Probbler Lane

## Section 2

By inserting in Section 70-281, which section relates to one-way streets designated, the following:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Location
Anawan Street	Easterly	From Water Street to Pond Street
Branch Street	Easterly	From Second Street to John Street

## Section 3

By inserting in Section 70-371, which section relates to parking prohibited at all times, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Whipple Street	West	Starting at a point 125 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 57 feet southerly

## Section 4

By inserting in Section 70-372, which section relates to parking prohibited during certain hours, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
French Street	South	Starting at a point 43 feet west of Highland Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet westerly	7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m./ Monday through Friday

## Section 5

By striking out in Section 70-387, which section relates to handicapped parking generally, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Ninth Street	West	Starting at a point 105 feet south of Bedford Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Anawan Street	North	Starting at a point 61 feet west of South Main Street, for a distance of 50 feet westerly
Bank Street	North	Starting at a point 98 feet east of Linden Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Bay Street	East	Starting at a point 233 feet north of Pokross Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Franklin Street	South	Starting at a point 60 feet west of Oak Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Fulton Street	West	Starting at a point 160 feet north of Wellington Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Jefferson Street	East	Starting at a point 60 feet south of Oman Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
John Street	West	Starting at a point 98 feet south of Rodman Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Maria Street	West	Starting at a point 28 feet south of Lawton Street, for a distance of 25 feet southerly

Montaup Street	East	Starting at a point 159 feet north of Dwelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Pearce Street	North	Starting at a point 176 feet west of Underwood Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Robeson Street	East	Starting at a point 130 feet north of New Boston Road, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Stetson Street	East	Starting at a point 120 feet south of Prospect Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Swindell Street	West	Starting at a point 137 feet north of Pleasant Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Tecumseh Street	North	Starting at a point 180 feet west of Lawrence Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly

## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.

  
Clerk of Committees

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Fall River, that Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Traffic, be amended as follows:

## Section 1

By striking out in Section 70-319, Subsection A, which section relates to All-night parking of commercial vehicles, "11:00 p.m." and inserting in place thereof, "5:00 p.m."

## Section 2

By striking out in Section 70-319, Subsection B, which section relates to All-night parking of commercial vehicles, in its entirety and inserting in place thereof, "Authority to enforce this section shall be with both Police Officers and Parking Control Officers."

## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

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Clerk of Committees

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, be amended as follows:

## Section 1

That Chapter 70, which chapter relates to Traffic, be amended by inserting a new section to read as follows:

### § 70-391 Prohibited parking due to impeding emergency vehicles

- A. No person shall park large vehicles, such as campers, mobile homes, boats, trailers, tractor trailers and semitrailers, on a public way impeding emergency vehicles/apparatus at any time.
- B. Authority to enforce this section shall be with both Police Officers and Parking Control Officers.

## Section 2

That Chapter A110 Appendix A – Fee Schedule, Chapter 70, which chapter relates to Traffic, be amended by inserting a new section to read as follows:

§ 70-391, Prohibited parking due to impeding emergency vehicles      \$25.00

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## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

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Clerk of Committees

# City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to personnel be amended as follows:

## Section 1.

By striking out Section 50-305, which section relates to Salary schedules for EMS Local 1202 AFSCME personnel and replacing in its entirety as follows:

<b>EMS Administrative Assistant</b>			
7/1/2022	\$2,498.76		
7/1/2023	\$2,536.24		
7/1/2024	\$2,586.96		
<b>Community Medicine Scheduling Coordinator</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	
7/1/2023	\$1,776.00	\$1,900.31	
7/1/2024	\$1,811.52	\$1,938.32	
<b>EMT Basic (84 Hours)</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	
7/1/2022	\$1,749.75	\$1,872.23	
7/1/2023	\$1,776.00	\$1,900.31	
7/1/2024	\$1,811.52	\$1,938.32	
<b>20D EMT Paramedic (84 Hours)</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>
7/1/2022	\$2,498.76	\$2,673.68	\$2,860.83
7/1/2023	\$2,536.24	\$2,713.79	\$2,903.74
7/1/2024	\$2,586.96	\$2,768.07	\$2,961.81



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<b>FTO/Community Paramedic</b>			
7/1/2022	\$2,960.96		
7/1/2023	\$3,005.37		
7/1/2024	\$3,065.48		
<b>EMS Lieutenant (84 Hours)</b>			
7/1/2022	\$3,289.95		
7/1/2023	\$3,339.30		
7/1/2024	\$3,406.09		
<b>EMS Captain (84 Hours)</b>			
7/1/2022	\$3,783.44		
7/1/2023	\$3,840.19		
7/1/2024	\$3,916.99		
<b>District Chief of EMS (80 Hours)</b>			
7/1/2022	\$4,350.95		
7/1/2023	\$4,416.21		
7/1/2024	\$4,504.53		

CITY OF FALL RIVER  
IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 09 2024

*Referred to the  
Committee on Ordinances  
& Legislation*

## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.

  
Clerk of Committees

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# City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to personnel be amended as follows:

## Section 1.

By striking out in Section 50-302, which section relates to Salary schedules for contract personnel, the following:

Title	Grade	Effective Date	Salary
Assistant Corporation Counsel	ACC	7-1-2022	Per Contract
Assistant Corporation Counsel (PT)	ASCC	7-1-2022	Per Contract
Corporation Counsel (PT)	ACOR	7-1-2022	Per Contract

## Section 2.

By inserting in Section 50-302, which section relates to Salary schedules for contract personnel, the following:

Title	Grade	Effective Date	Salary
Assistant Corporation Counsel (Full-Time)	ACC	1-1-2024	Per Contract
Assistant Corporation Counsel (Part-Time)	ASCC	1-1-2024	Per Contract
Chief of EMS	EMSS	1-1-2024	Per Contract
Corporation Counsel	ACOR	1-1-2024	Per Contract

CITY OF FALL RIVER  
IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 09 2024

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Committee on Ordinances*

**CITY OF FALL RIVER**

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.

  
Clerk of Committees

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 46 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Offenses be amended by inserting a new section as follows:

## **§46-19. Panhandling**

### **A. Definitions**

Donation – A gift. Includes the purchase of an item for an amount far exceeding its actual value under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the “purchase” is, in substance, a donation.

Panhandler – A person who performs the act of panhandling, as defined below.

Panhandling – Panhandling is any in-person solicitation of an immediate donation of money. Panhandling does not include passively standing or sitting with a sign or making a verbal or non-verbal indication that one is seeking donations.

### **B. Time Restrictions on Panhandling**

A panhandler shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if panhandling after sunset or before sunrise.

### **C. Place Restrictions on Panhandling**

A panhandler shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if the person being solicited is located:

1. At any bus stop or train stop;
2. In any public transportation vehicle or facility;
3. In any motor vehicle on the street; OR
4. On private property, unless the panhandler has permission from the owner or occupant.

### **D. Restriction on Manner of Panhandling**

A panhandler shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if the panhandling takes place in the following manner:

1. By approaching, and coming within three feet of, the person being solicited, unless the person being solicited has initiated the interaction and/or has indicated that he or she wishes to make a donation;
2. By blocking the path of the person being solicited;
3. By following a person who walks away from the panhandler;
4. By using profane or abusive language, either during the solicitation or following a refusal; OR
5. By making a threatening statement, gesture, or other communication to the person being solicited.

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**E. False or Misleading Solicitation**

A person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly makes a false or misleading representation while panhandling. A false or misleading representation would include, but is not limited to, any of the following actions:

1. Stating that the donation is for a need or purpose that does not actually exist;
2. Stating that the solicitor is from out of town and stranded, when that is not true;
3. Wearing a military uniform or other indication of military service, when the solicitor is neither a present nor former member of the service indicated;
4. Wearing or displaying an indication of physical disability, when the solicitor does not suffer the disability indicated;
5. Use of any makeup or device to simulate any deformity; OR
6. Stating that the solicitor is homeless, when he or she is not.

**F. Enforcement**

It shall be the duty of the City of Fall River's Police Department to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

**G. Penalty/Fine**

Any person who violates the provisions of this panhandling ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100 for the second and each subsequent offense. With the exception of the fine amount, the noncriminal disposition provisions set forth in §§ 2-1021 through 2-1025 of the City Code will apply to violations of this panhandling ordinance.

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CITY OF FALL RIVER  
IN CITY COUNCIL

**SEP 12 2023**

*Referred to the Committee  
on Ordinances & Legislation*

## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted 5 yeas to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended, contingent upon the receipt of a ten-year, strategic staffing plan for the Finance departments.

  
Clerk of Committees

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Personnel be amended as follows:

By inserting in Section 50-302, which section relates to Salary schedules for contract personnel, in proper alphabetical order the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Salary
Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager	FACM	7-1-2023	Per Contract



## CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on January 22, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

  
Clerk of Committees

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# City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councilor Linda M. Pereira)  
(Councilor Pam Laliberte-Lebeau)

WHEREAS, recent issues have occurred relating to site plan review ordinances,  
now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene  
with the Inspector of Buildings, City Planner, Administrator of Public Utilities, City  
Engineer, Director of Administrative Services – Water and Corporation Counsel to  
discuss these regulations and recommend any necessary updates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conservation Commission, Fall River  
Historic District Commission, Historical Commission and the Board of Appeals also be  
notified of any such proposed site plan review ordinances to allow input from these  
boards and commissions.

In City Council, February 25, 2020  
Adopted

A true copy, Attest:

*Alison M. Bouchard*

City Clerk

*Filed 2-4-21*

*City of Fall River, In City Council*

(Councillor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, budget season is approaching, and

WHEREAS, there have been continued conversations regarding the Parks Division and their lack of staff, and

WHEREAS, continued strain on the Parks Division could lead to a reduced quality of life for our residents, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance meet with the Board of Park Commissioners to discuss the needs of this division ahead of the next budget season and to advocate on their behalf.

Filed 1-10-2024

*City of Fall River, In City Council*

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, community organizations such as the Creative Arts Network, VIVA Fall River, and others have put on many different exciting events in 2023, and

WHEREAS, many of these events were well attended and enjoyed by all, and

WHEREAS, these efforts should continue to be supported and highlighted, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of Economic Development and Tourism invite these community organizations to discuss their 2023 year in review, share ideas for plans in 2024, and how we can further support their efforts to benefit the residents of the City of Fall River.

Filed 1-10-2024

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Cliff Ponte)

WHEREAS, the Fall River City Council is responsible for the liquidation and sale of real estate assets owned by the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to engage professional real estate brokerage services to effectively market and sell these assets, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to leverage the expertise and market knowledge of qualified real estate brokers to ensure a transparent and efficient sales process, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby requests the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified and licensed real estate brokerage firms for the purpose of marketing and selling city-owned real estate assets to be published and circulated in accordance with established procurement procedures and guidelines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an RFP be issued for each building outlining the scope of services required, evaluation criteria, terms, and conditions for the engagement of real estate brokerage services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a selection committee comprised of five members be established with the City Administrator acting as Chair, two members appointed by City Council President, and two members appointed by the Mayor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all offers received be presented to the City Council Committee on Real Estate for review and recommendation to the full City Council.

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Laura-Jean Sampson)

WHEREAS, \$670,000 in ARPA funding was appropriated to Viva Fall River for local tourism initiatives, and

WHEREAS, there were various phases to the implementation of this project, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Administrator as well as representatives from the One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce and Viva Fall River be invited to a future meeting of the Committee on Finance to provide an update on the programs brought forward and how the funds were expended.

Filed 1-17-2024

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Council Vice President Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, a number of high profile lawsuits have been filed against the City, and

WHEREAS, outside counsel is often hired to represent the Law Department with these matters, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance meet in executive session with the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel, and the Director of Financial Services to provide an update regarding the financial impact and timeline of these cases.

Filed 1-18-2024



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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#1

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1. Claimant's name: Jessica Rebello CITY CLERK
2. Claimant's complete address: 261 Lindsey street Fall River MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-319-8566 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Property damage my Vehicle
5. Date and time of accident: Dec-3-2022 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1,256.01
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Lindsey st at Short st
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Fire hydrant was ripped from ground. The water from the hydrant <sup>was</sup> directly ~~was~~ hitting my car as shown in the pictures. The hood of my car was filled with water. A few weeks after my car started giving me a hard time starting. I then took it to honda they stated that ->
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

Claimant's signature: Jess Rebello

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Return this from to : City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

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Due to the water it ruined my starter as well as the wires and water damage. A few days later my car wouldn't start. I took it to Autozone they stated that my battery was bad. I explained what had happened they said "with a new car like yours it's way too soon to get a new battery." But I had to the battery was damaged. I then started to hear something that sounded like water. I didn't think nothing of it. A little while after I ended up checking my truck there was so much water in it and it went into my back seats. I took my seats out to have it air dry but the foam of the seat is soaked and damaged. It also is a small to it. The seats I have not bought yet. I have already spent over a grand on my car due to the fire hydrant and do not feel as if it's my responsibility to continue paying for the damage due to that day. I have looked online for rear seats it says that it would be \$212 + shipping and tax. What I have already ~~spent~~ spent is \$1,255.01 with the seats would come out to \$1,467.01 not including shipping and tax.

Due to all the money I have spent repairing my car I would like to be reimbursed for all repairs. Thank you.



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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2024 JAN -8 A 10:23

1. Claimant's name: Alan Pontes
2. Claimant's complete address: 132 Brayton Ave Apt 3 Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-567-9035 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Property Damage
5. Date and time of accident: 9/8/23 1:00pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 300
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Intersection of Eastern Ave and Pleasant St. On the side of Night Owl Diner.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
I was stopped at a red light while a worker was weed whacking the sidewalk. A rock was sent through the passenger side window as well as into passenger door. Window was shattered and doors paint damaged.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 1/8/24

Claimant's signature: Alan Pontes

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Date: 1/8/24

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**City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim**

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2024 JAN -8 A 11:56

CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Rosemary Aguiar
2. Claimant's complete address: 722 Sodom Rd Westport, MA, 02790
3. Telephone number: Home: Unk Work: Unk
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 10/05/2022 7:47 AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 4,845.34
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Fall River, MA Intersection of Brayton Ave and Reeves St
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Your insured backed up into our insured's vehicle
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Preferred Mutual Insurance- One Preferred Way New Berlin, NY, 13411

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 11/27/2023

Claimant's signature: Rosemary Aguiar

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

2024 JAN -8 P 2:05

1. Claimant's name: Constance D. Laniviere  
CITY CLERK
2. Claimant's complete address: 84 Stamford St. Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-333-9593 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
12/18/23 storm - stop sign hit vehicle outside home due to storm
5. Date and time of accident: 12/18/23 Approx 8:20AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):  
84 Stamford St. FALL RIVER, MA. 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Stop sign was never secured properly & was reported
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 12/18/23 Claimant's signature: [Signature]

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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2024 JAN 11 P 12:06

# 24-5

1. Claimant's name: James M. Soares
2. Claimant's complete address: 70 Adams St  
CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-930-3784 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Damage to car
5. Date and time of accident: January 5, 2024 approx. 5:45 pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1,581.46
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
Maple St/North Main St
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attachments
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: January 8, 2024

Claimant's signature: James Soares

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Date: 1/11/24

January 8, 2024

James M. Soares  
70 Adams St  
Somerset, MA 02726  
508-930-3784

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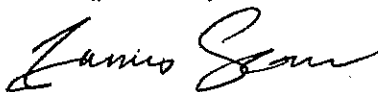
CITY CLERK H 24-5  
FALL RIVER, MA

On Friday, January 5th, at approximately 5:45 pm, while traversing North Main Street, my vehicle collided with a pothole, resulting in substantial damage to my tire rim. Unfortunately, the city is grappling with many road detours and potholes that sometimes cannot be averted.

This predicament necessitates the city administration prioritizing road maintenance and repair to safeguard motorists from such incidents.

Please find attached herewith an invoice reflecting the total cost of the replacement, along with photos of the pothole and damage. Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-930-3784. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

  
James M. Soares

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**AND ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT**

MEETING: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.  
B.M.C. Durfee High School, Robert J. Nagle Auditorium  
460 Elsbree Street

PRESENT: Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara,  
Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira,  
Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Michelle M. Dionne

The City Clerk Alison M. Bouchard called the meeting to order. There was a presentation of the colors by the Fall River Police Department and Fall River Fire Department Honor Guards.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a President and Vice-President of the City Council for the year 2024.

ORDERED, that we now proceed, by a vive-voce vote, to elect a President of the City Council for the year 2024.

*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Dionne absent and not voting. Councilor Joseph D. Camara received 8 votes and was declared President of the City Council for the year 2024. Councilor Camara was then sworn into his duties by the City Clerk.*

*Council President Camara delivered remarks, then permitted the City Clerk to proceed with the order of business.*

ORDERED, that we now proceed, by a vive-voce vote, to elect a Vice-President of the City Council for the year 2024.

*On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Dionne absent and not voting. Councilor Linda M. Pereira received 8 votes and was declared Vice President of the City Council for the year 2024. Councilor Pereira was then sworn to her duties by the City Clerk.*

*Council Vice President Pereira delivered remarks, then permitted the City Clerk to proceed with the order of business.*

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m., with Councilor Dionne absent and not voting

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

DVD of meeting

A true copy. Attest:

*Alison M. Bouchard*

City Clerk



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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

January 8, 2024

Allison Bouchard, City Clerk  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center, Room 227  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Allison,

Happy New Year!

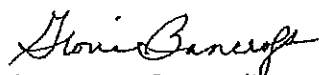
As the Coordinator for the Taunton River Stewardship Council, I am pleased to share our 2023 Annual Report.

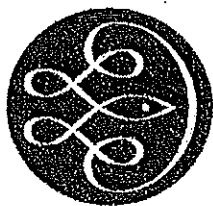
Since 2009, it has been the Council's mission to promote long-term protection of the Wild & Scenic Taunton River, working closely with the river's communities and environmental partners. In 2023 our Community Grants Program awarded over \$100,000 to eleven area projects, assisting recipients in successfully leveraging an additional \$6.3 million in outside funding. Projects include the protection of 190 acres of land, the study of a threatened species, historical and cultural preservation efforts, support for recreational opportunities, and more.

Currently Fall River does not have a delegate appointed to our Council. A delegate would ensure Fall River has a voice in the important work of protecting the beloved natural resources of our watershed, especially the federally designated Wild & Scenic Taunton River which flows into Mount Hope Bay. We invite you share this opening with others, as well as our Community Grants Program for any future eligible projects in your community. Program details and further information about our work can be found on our website at [www.tauntonriver.org](http://www.tauntonriver.org).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Gloria Bancroft, Coordinator  
Taunton River Stewardship Council  
c/o Taunton River Watershed Alliance  
P.O. Box 1116, Taunton, MA 02780  
508 828-1101



# Taunton River Stewardship Council 2023 Annual Report

10/1/2022- 9/30/2023

**The Wild & Scenic Taunton River is a hidden treasure,  
rich in history and environmental resources.**

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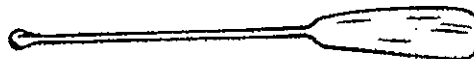
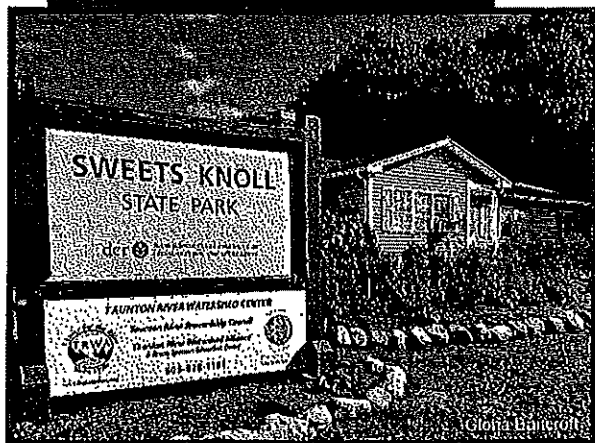
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## Message from the Council

*This past year resulted in exciting changes as we welcomed several new Council Members and finally found a home to call our own at the Taunton River Watershed Center, located at Sweets Knoll State Park in Dighton. This space, shared with the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, allows for the return of in-person meetings and events.*

*Since 2009, it has been our privilege to promote long-term protection of the Taunton River in southeastern Massachusetts, working closely with the river's outstanding communities and environmental partners. This year our Community Grants program awarded \$100,503 to 11 area projects, while our River Access Committee successfully completed a cartop boat launch site improvement. We look forward to continuing our work in 2024 and supporting new projects which will help to further protect and enhance river resources.*

*-Harry Bailey, Chair & Gloria Bancroft, Coordinator*





## About the Program

### Wild and Scenic Rivers

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 established a system to identify free-flowing rivers across the United States that possess "outstandingly remarkable values," and to protect them "for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." As of 2023, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System has protected over 13,000 miles of 228 designated rivers in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

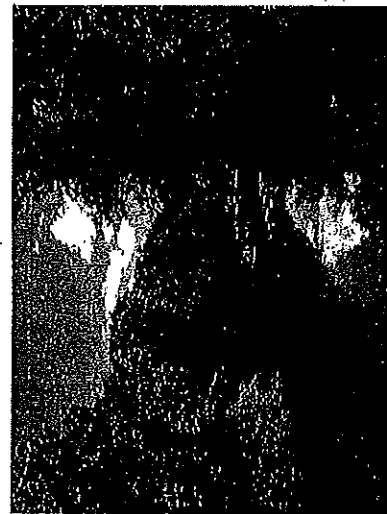
### Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers are a unique category of designated rivers managed through long-term partnerships between the National Park Service and community, local, regional, and state stakeholders. The Taunton River is a Partnership Wild and Scenic River, with local management guided by the Taunton River Stewardship Council.

#### Council Members

##### Delegates and Alternates (A)

Berkley: Joe Callahan  
Bridgewater: Harry Bailey (Chairperson)  
Dighton: Bill Frenette  
Fall River: Open  
Freetown: Lucas Fournier, Ros Kertens (A)  
Hollis: William Hinkley  
Middleboro: Patricia Cassidy  
Raynham: Open  
Somerset: Richard Ashcroft, Donna Desrosiers (A)  
(Co-Chair/Secretary)  
Taunton: Richard Shaler  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Beth Lambert, Doug Cameron (A)  
Dighton Intertribal Council: Roger Desrosiers, Donna Desrosiers (A)  
National Park Service: Lauren Sonatakins, Jamie Fosburgh  
Save the Bay: Kate McPherson  
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District: Helen Zineavage, Denise Sakrag (A)  
Taunton River Watershed Alliance:  
Glenn Sanford, Bill Nasolellano (A)  
Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater: Kitty Doherty  
The Nature Conservancy: Alison Bowden, Marco Gabriel (A)  
Wetlands Trust: Scott MacFadden



## Council Feature

### Member Showcase

#### Katherine "Kitty" Doherty

For over four decades, Kitty has been at the forefront of local efforts to promote sound environmental stewardship of the Taunton River Watershed. For this reason, we are pleased to showcase Kitty in our first Annual Report. As founding member of the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, the Taunton River Stewardship Council, the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, and the Town River Fishery Committee, Kitty has been a catalyst in creating public awareness and coalition building around our important natural resources. Conservation is at the heart of all her work. Whether facilitating legislation for land preservation of the Nunkatessett Greenway for a network of land and water trails, her commitment is unwavering. Kitty's dedication and knowledge makes her an outstanding asset to the Taunton River Stewardship Council, currently serving on the River Access Committee.



Kitty and grandson Colin take a break while taking the Appalachian Trail in Vermont

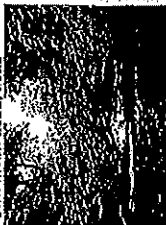
### River Access Committee

#### Committee Chair: Monica Bentley

The River Access and Improvement Committee was created to increase and improve river access along the upper Taunton River and tributaries. The overall goal of the Access Committee is to have a carport boat launch site approximately every 5 miles, creating ample opportunities for recreational paddlers to launch and rest as they paddle. Approximately 10 sites have been identified for development or improvement. In 2023 the first site, Scadding Street on the Snake River in Taunton, was completed. Two other sites are in progress.

An additional goal is to increase river safety by addressing blowdowns and logjams that may be dangerous and could prevent recreational paddlers from passing through, with the understanding that woody debris is an ecological benefit to the river system. Currently, the Committee is working on improving flow conditions along the Town River between Stanley Iron Works Park and Hayward Street in Bridgewater. Other locations will follow.

TOWN RIVER 2022, 2022



After Iron Works Park, 2022



After Oak St Bridge, 2022



Monica Bentley

## Community Grants Program

The Taunton River Stewardship Council runs a Community Grants Program with the purpose of supporting local efforts that help to protect and enhance river resources. This year we were pleased to grant \$100,503 to the following 11 projects.

### Herring Run Festival

#### Town of Middleborough, Tourism Committee

Funding to support the Middleborough Tourism Committee's annual Herring Run Festival held at Oliver Mill Park, Middleborough. This event highlights the environment of the Nemaquett River, a major tributary of the Taunton River, through educational displays, Native American cultural programs, and local farm foods. In addition, this event aligns with the Taunton River's outstanding resource values including increasing public awareness of the biological diversity and intact ecology of the river's ecosystem. Funding supported the cost of the required traffic control plan, advertising, and portable restrooms.



Photo by David H. Herring



### Sowams Heritage Area Project

#### Sowams Heritage Area Project, Inc.

Funding for a feasibility study to gain Congressional approval for the designation of Sowams, the homeland of the Pokanoket people, as a National Heritage Area (NHA). The project will include a natural and cultural resources inventory, boundary delineation, mapping, and more, bringing both national and international attention to the Pokanoket homeland and helping to correct and further illuminate the significance of the region's history and wealth of natural resources.

### Picone Farm Preservation Project

#### Town of Middleborough

Funding for the environmental site assessment and appraisal related to the Picone Farm Preservation Project on the eastern side of the Nemaquett River, a major tributary to the Taunton River. Previous TRSC funding helped the town secure an additional \$62M in various grants and appropriations, including \$2.1M in State funding and \$1M in Community Preservation Act funding for the purchase of Picone Farm, securing over one mile of pristine open space and riverfront access on the Nemaquett River.

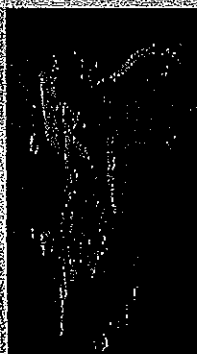


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### TETQUET TO THE SEA

#### A History of the Taunton River



### Taunton River Book Project: Tetquet To The Sea

#### Old Colony History Museum

Funding to support the first comprehensive publication to capture both the history and present-day vitality of the river. The rich and diverse history will include stories from indigenous history through later shipbuilding, fishing and manufacturing activities, as well as environmental advocacy and legislation that led to the Wild & Scenic designation.

### Taylor Farm, Fort Hill Conservation Project

#### Town of Middleborough

Funding for the appraisal of Taylor Farm, a 63.6-acre property located at the northwestern corner of Middleborough, where the Taunton River divides Middleborough from Raynham to the west and Bridgewater to the north. This project is an important component of the larger Fort Hill Conservation Project, which aims to protect 280.6 acres with 2.3 miles of frontage along the Taunton River.



Photo by David H. Herring



### Old State Farm Trail Phase 2

#### Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater

Funding for Phase 2 of the Old State Farm Trail. These funds, along with funding from Bridgewater's CPA fund and the Sheehan Family Companies, were used to achieve the transfer of a permanent trail easement from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the town of Bridgewater. This provides a critical first step in the trail creation and helps secure additional funds for engineering and permitting work, setting a solid foundation for moving into trail building (Phase 3).

### Phase VIII Diamondback Terrapin Study

#### Taunton River Watershed Alliance

Funding to support the Phase VIII Diamondback Terrapin Study in the lower Taunton River and tributaries. Funding assists with the cost of a college student technician who, along with a Bristol County Agricultural High School instructor and volunteers, gather invaluable data to determine additional conservation methods to protect this and other species in the future. Listed as a threatened species under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, the Diamondback Terrapin is the only turtle species in North America which exclusively inhabits estuaries and salt marshes. Once prevalent in Mount Hope Bay, impacts from human development and climate change have contributed to their population decline.



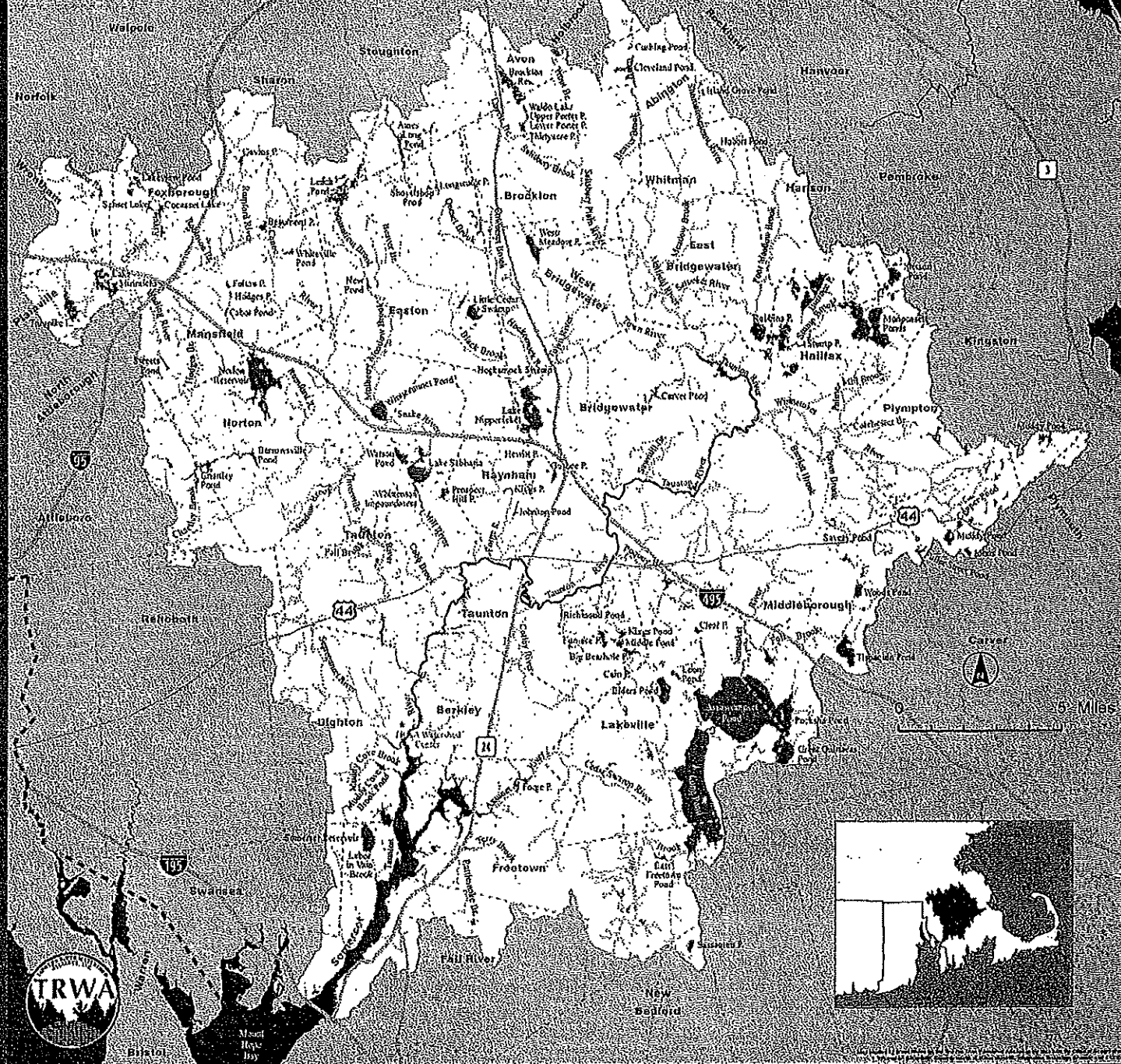
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# Taunton River Watershed

## Massachusetts



Learn more at [tauntonriver.org](http://tauntonriver.org)

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