# City of Fall River Massachusetts
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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michael G. Canuel, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Joseph D. Camara

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:10 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**

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Flavio A. DaCosta to the Community Preservation Committee

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

2. Mayor and gift order for donations to the Fall River Public Library from various sources in the amount of $4,094.34 to support the Fall River Public Library

*On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*
*Approved, October 14, 2026*
*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

3. Mayor and gift order for a donation to the Fall River Public Library from an auction held by Ronald Caplain, Chair, Library Board of Trustees, in the amount of $2,325.00 to support the Children's Department of the Fall River Public Library

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4. Mayor and gift order for a donation to the Fall River Fire Department from Firehouse Dogs, Inc., of a one-year supply of dog food (valued at $750) for the Fire Department's comfort dog "Sophie"

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5. Mayor and resolutions for the following Tax Increment Exemption Agreements:
   a. Thomas Alva Edison, LLC, 138 Hartwell Street

*Councilor Canuel stated that, while he understands that Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreements assist with development within Fall River, he does not support each agreement being identical and believes that the agreements should be negotiated individually by the City to protect long-term tax revenue. Councilor Canuel explained that other municipalities in Massachusetts, such as New Bedford and Taunton, provide alternative tax exemption schedules to developers, especially those who provide additional affordable housing. Councilor Canuel suggested that the City require 10–20% of the units to qualify as affordable housing, with priority given to veterans and seniors, and stated that, without these changes, he would not support the three submitted TIE agreements.*

*Councilor Cadime agreed that the City needs to work to create more affordable housing policies and stated that he has filed resolutions in the past that have not yet been acted upon. Councilor Cadime stated that, as a member of the Tax Increment Financing Board, he supports the three agreements because they will help revitalize long-vacant properties, particularly on Hartwell Street, and encourage more investment in the City of Fall River. Councilor Cadime also clarified that the City would continue to collect taxes on the existing property values of the structures for the duration of the agreements.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays, to adopt the resolution, with Vice President Dionne and Councilors Canuel and Peckham voting in the negative and Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*
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   b. Charlton Mills Lofts, LLC, 109 Howe Street

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   c. Connel Lofts, LLC, 650 Plymouth Avenue

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6. Mayor and communication requesting that the Committee on Finance convene on October 27, 2026, to allow the Administration to deliver a presentation regarding the Pearl Street parking garage

*Councilor Peckham requested additional information regarding the presentation to be provided to the Committee on Finance. President Ponte stated that the Administration intends to provide the Councilors with information on the financial implications of restoring the Pearl Street Parking Garage and to facilitate a discussion of the potential benefits and drawbacks of selling the property.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

7. Mayor and communication requesting that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Administrator and other members of the Administration for a comprehensive review of Chapter 62 of the City code, which relates to Solid Waste

*Councilor Raposo asked whether the Administration had drafted a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 62 of the City Code, which pertains to Solid Waste. President Ponte stated that he was not aware of any documents having been submitted with the letter. Councilor Raposo requested that the City Clerk contact the Administration to determine whether the draft ordinance was ready for consideration by the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, as he wished to review the matter before scheduling a meeting.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

8. Mayor and the following appropriation orders:

a. $375,000 from EMS, Revenues to EMS, Salaries

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

b. $21,500 from EMS Revenues to EMS, Expenses

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

**PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS**

9. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

*On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to take items 10 through 13 together, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

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*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the resolutions be granted leave to withdraw, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

**ORDINANCES**

Second Reading and Enrollment

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*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*
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15. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Loading zones (insert)
    - William Street, South, 20 feet west of Eagle Street, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday

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16. Proposed Ordinance – Amending §2-401, Chief of Police – Appointment; powers and duties; term

*On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*
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**RESOLUTIONS**

17. Committee on Finance convene to discuss the creation of a Request for Proposals to hire an independent financial auditing firm to assess the City's Employer Health Trust Fund

*On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

*President Ponte relinquished the podium to Vice President Dionne at 7:29 p.m.*

18. Committee on Finance convene to discuss the harm reduction bags that are supplied by Stanley Street Treatment and Resources (SSTAR) and Seven Hills Foundation as well as other services provided for substance use treatment and recovery

*President Ponte stated that he understood that individuals experiencing substance use disorder need assistance with recovery and expressed compassion for those facing these challenges but also expressed concern regarding items within harm reduction bags that are being distributed by local organizations. President Ponte stated that he had obtained two different harm reduction bags containing items such as Narcan (naloxone hydrochloride), sterile medical supplies, hypodermic insulin needles, fentanyl test strips, glass pipes, and cups used to prepare drugs for consumption. President Ponte stated that some of the items included in the packages were inappropriate for distribution and that distributing drug paraphernalia, such as the pipes and cups, might violate state statutes, potentially exposing the organizations to criminal liability. President Ponte stated that the resolution would allow organizations, such as Stanley Street Treatment and Resources (SSTAR) and the Seven Hills Foundation, to answer questions regarding the contents of the bags.*

*Councilor Cadime asked how President Ponte had obtained the harm reduction bags and whether he had been required to provide identification before receiving the supplies. President Ponte clarified that another individual had obtained the bags for him. President Ponte suggested that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation could subsequently convene to draft a proposed ordinance prohibiting the distribution of this type of drug paraphernalia. President Ponte stated that the Mayor was also very concerned about the matter but confirmed that no City funds were being used to provide these supplies. Vice President Dionne stated that she had inspected these bags in the past and was surprised by the materials being provided.*

*Councilor Pereira commented on social events advertised online that involved drug use and stated that the City and the Police Department should investigate any public function or gathering that advertised such activity.*

*Councilor Cadime agreed that the matter warranted discussion but emphasized that the City Councilors should withhold judgment until a meeting could be held to allow the organizations to answer questions. Councilor Cadime stated that many people have family members who experience substance use disorder and that the City Council should remain compassionate toward those seeking assistance with recovery. Councilor Cadime emphasized the importance of establishing partnerships with these organizations while respecting the law and holding individuals accountable for their actions.*

*President Ponte returned to the podium at 7:49 p.m.*

*Councilor Hart agreed with Councilor Cadime and noted that the organizations likely offered treatment and services to individuals who received the harm reduction bags. Councilor Hart expressed support for further discussion of the matter.*

*Councilor Pereira stated that these bags should not be distributed to individuals under the age of eighteen and expressed concern that the organizations might not be checking the identification of individuals requesting the supplies.*

*Councilor Canuel stated that many of the supplies provided in the bags were commonly found as litter in and around homeless encampments, including improperly discarded needles. Councilor Cadime clarified that almost all the items included in the harm reduction bags were available at local pharmacies and stores. Councilor Cadime added that, although he agreed the supplies should not be distributed free of charge in large quantities, the items are relatively inexpensive to purchase.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

**CITATIONS**

19. Mason Machado – Outstanding commitment to the City of Fall River and dedicated service to plan and develop a new dog park

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the citation be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

20. António Teixeira – 37 years of volunteer service as active member of the Azorean Cultural Society

*On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the citation be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

*On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to take items 21 through 24 together, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

**ORDERS – HEARINGS**

Auto Repair Shop Licenses

21. Zaibak Salem Alzaibak, 65 Little Neck Avenue, Swansea, MA 02777 d/b/a Auto Genie LLC for a license to operate an auto repair shop at 235 John Street
22. Ryan Rechmani, 293 Linden Street, Fall River, MA 02720 d/b/a Knight's Quality Service Station Co., for a license to operate an auto repair shop at 260 Linden Street

Curb Removals

23. Fall River Armory, Massachusetts Military Division, National Guard, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1089 Dwelly Street – Removal of 11 feet, 6 inches for a curbing total of 55 feet, 6 inches at 1089 Dwelly Street (corner lot)
24. Linda Carp, 44 Fenmore Street – Removal of 15 feet for a curbing total of 33 feet at 44 Fenmore Street (corner lot)

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adopt the orders, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*
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**ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

25. Auto Body Shop License Renewals
Steven Melo d/b/a Choice Collision Center, Inc., 645 Brayton Avenue
Shaun Silva, Globe Auto Inc. d/b/a Globe Auto, 165 Tucker Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*
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Joseph Bilan d/b/a BP Auto Service Repair, Inc., 1091 South Main Street

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27. Police Chief's Report on Licenses
Private Livery Driver
Luis E. Diaz Salazar

Private Livery Vehicle
Luis E. Diaz Salazar– One (1) vehicle

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

**COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

28. Claims

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

29. Fall River Public Library Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2026
*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to accept the report and place it on file, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

30. Communications from Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay as follows:
a. Formal committee referral, fact-finding hearing, and report request
*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

b. Formal Charter §2-7 investigation and Council action request
*On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

31. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – August 20, 2026
*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the minutes be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

City Council Minutes
32. Committee on Finance – September 22, 2026
*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

33. City Council – September 22, 2026
*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

**BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES** – None

**ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE**
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTIONS**
18a. Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs convene to discuss restoring grocery transportation services for veterans and seniors
*Councilor Canuel stated that he had received numerous phone calls from residents regarding this matter and emphasized the need to restore transportation services for veterans and seniors.*

*Vice President Dionne agreed and expressed concern that the City's most vulnerable residents were being denied transportation assistance. Vice President Dionne provided information regarding previous requests she had made to use American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase a van for City use and stated that she had worked with Councilor Raposo to secure this federal funding. Vice President Dionne explained that the van was intended to be used for various transportation assistance services but was currently parked behind a fire department and remained unused. Vice President Dionne stated that the City needed to hire a driver to resume these services and develop a long-term solution to provide transportation assistance to senior citizens and veterans in Fall River.*

*Councilor Pereira asked whether the vehicle was registered and had functional tires, and Vice President Dionne confirmed that the van was ready for use. Councilor Pereira stated that a driver could be rehired if provided with a specific schedule for the transportation services.*

*Councilor Peckham stated that two vans had been donated to assist veterans within the past few years. President Ponte clarified that the former Bristol County Sheriff had donated the vehicles in 2022. Councilor Peckham requested that the City Clerk send correspondence to the Administration to identify the current locations of the vehicles and locate any documentation related to the donations. Councilor Peckham suggested that volunteers could assist with the program until a new driver was hired.*

*Councilor Raposo expressed support for the resolution and stated that he would file another resolution regarding this matter to allow the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation to draft a proposed ordinance concerning these services.*

*Councilor Pereira stated that some drivers who had previously assisted with the service were not City employees and that the City's liability insurance had declined to cover them, resulting in the suspension of the program.*

*Vice President Dionne emphasized the need to publicly advertise the vacant position to expedite the hiring of a new driver who could help senior citizens and veterans travel to medical appointments and grocery stores.*

*Councilor Raposo stated that the Council on Aging was seeking volunteers who might be able to assist with the program. Councilor Raposo requested that the Administration provide additional information regarding the legal liability issues affecting drivers.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

*A recess was held from 8:13 p.m. to 8:16 p.m. for the signing of the ordinances.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:17 p.m., with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.*

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy Attest:

Anis da Silva Paulino Leite

City Clerk

In City Council, November 10, 2026
Approved.

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**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER**
**OCTOBER 13, 2026**
**AGENDA**

**5:00 P.M. COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES AND HOUSING**

**5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES AND HOUSING MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 5:55 P.M.)**

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**Curb Removals**

3. Fall River Armory, Massachusetts Military Division, National Guard, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1089 Dwelly Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

| | Existing Opening | Curbing to be Removed | Curbing to be Added | Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dwelly Street | 25' | 11' 6" | 0' | 36' 6" |
| Aetna Street | 19' | 0' | 0' | 19' |
| Total | | | | 55' 6" |

The existing parcel is served by a 25-foot curb opening/driveway on Dwelly Street and a 19-foot curb opening/driveway on Aetna Street. The applicant requests permission to extend the Dwelly Street opening by an additional 11 feet, 6 inches. The total opening for the location will be 55 feet, 6 inches.

4. Linda Carp, 44 Fenmore Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

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| Fenmore Street | 0' | 15' | 0' | 15' |
| Austin Street | 18' | 0' | 0' | 18' |
| Total | | | | 33' |

The existing parcel is served by an 18-foot curb opening/driveway on Austin Street. The applicant requests permission to create an additional 15-foot curb opening/driveway along Fenmore Street. The total opening for the location will be 33 feet.

**6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IF THEN RUN PAST 6:00 P.M.)**

**Presentation of Citations**

- Mason Machado – Outstanding commitment to the City of Fall River and dedicated service to plan and develop a new dog park

1. Citizen Input
2. *Resolution – Capital Improvement Plan be approved by the City Council (referred 3-24-2026)
3. Transfers and appropriations

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 7:00 P.M.)**

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Private Livery Vehicle
Luis E. Diaz Salazar– One (1) vehicle

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28. *Claims
29. *Fall River Public Library Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2026
30 *Communications from Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay as follows:
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    b. Formal Charter §2-7 investigation and Council action request

31. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – August 20, 2026

City Council Minutes

32. *Committee on Finance – September 22, 2026
33. *City Council – September 22, 2026

**BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES** – None

Thêsa da Silva Paulino Leite

**City Clerk**

**ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE**
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2026**

**RESOLUTIONS**

18a. *Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs convene to discuss restoring grocery transportation services for veterans and seniors

# City of Fall River
# Massachusetts
## Office of the Mayor

**PAUL E. COOGAN**
*Mayor*

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October 7, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following appointment:

Name: Flavio A. DaCosta

Address: 81 Forest Street, Floor 2
Fall River, MA 02721

Position: Community Preservation Committee

Term: October 7, 2026

Expires: April 2, 2027

Replacing: Reverend James Hornsby

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request City Council approval to accept on behalf of the Fall River Public Library a total of $4094.34 in donations from various sources for fiscal year 2026. Please see the attached letter from Library Administrator, Fellisha Desmarais, with a breakdown of the donations attached. Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A, the Fall River Public Library be, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept gift donations made by the following sources during Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of $4,094.34 to be used at the discretion of the library to help with operation expenses and to benefit the Fall River Public Library Children's Room as follows:

| *Date* | *Donor* | *Amount* | *Purpose* |
|---|---|---|---|
| November 7, 2025 | Anonymous patrons | $15.70 | Library |
| December 10, 2025 | Mary Dillon | $1,000.00 | Children's |
| December 10, 2025 | Anonymous patrons | $10.20 | Library |
| January 22, 2026 | Mary Fonseca | $50.00 | Library |
| January 22, 2026 | Anonymous patrons | $103.40 | Library |
| March 16, 2026 | All Points Media | $100.00 | Library |
| March 16, 2026 | Anonymous patrons | $93.19 | Library |
| April 21, 2026 | Anonymous patrons | $15.15 | Library |
| May 28, 2026 | Fall River Carousel | $200.00 | Children's |
| May 28, 2026 | Bradley Costa* | $2,000.00 | Children's |
| May 28, 2026 | Anonymous patrons | $26.70 | Library |
| June 30, 2026 | Joyce Pinsonnault* | $25.00 | Children's |
| June 30, 2026 | Joan Medeiros* | $50.00 | Children's |
| June 30, 2026 | Claire Costa* | $200.00 | Children's |
| June 30, 2026 | Diane Rosenthal* | $75.00 | Children's |
| June 30, 2026 | Bradley Costa* | $70.00 | Children's |
| June 30, 2026 | Jeanne Moore* | $50.00 | Children's |
| June 30, 2026 | Anonymous patrons | $10.00 | Library |

*(In memory of Patrice Moore)

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# City of Fall River
# Massachusetts
## Department of Community Services

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PAUL E. COOGAN
*Mayor*

FELLISHA DESMARAIS
Library Director
FDesmarais@sailsinc.org


September 29, 2026

Mayor Paul E. Coogan
City of Fall River
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan:

In accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 44 §53A I hereby kindly ask that the City Council accept the donations of the completed 2026 Fiscal Year to the Fall River Public Library. Donations to the library are made occassionally at the time of exchange payment for services, such as printing, by patrons and travelers passively with intentions to benefit the library as an expression of appreciation for our service to the community. Respective donations often informally made in amounts of change, are batched by deposit for proper acceptance procedure before council.

Other donations are by listed members of the community, with the intentions that the contributions be used at the discretion of the library to help in our operational expenses; additionally others listed have asked that their donations be utilized to benefit directly the Fall River Public Library Children's room; such as those made in memory of respected and frequent patron and lover of books, Patrice Moore arranged by her husband, Mr. Bradley C. Costa.

Sincerely,

Fellisha Desmarais
Library Director

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September 29, 2026

Please view for your approval the following library donations;

| | Date | Donor | Amount | Method | Intention |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. | Nov. 7, 2025 | anon. *Patron/s* | $15.7 | Library | |
| b. | Dec. 10, 2025 | Mary Dillon | $1000 | Children's | |
| c. | Dec. 10, 2025 | anon. *Patron/s* | $10.2 | Library | |
| d. | Jan. 22, 2026 | Mary Fonseca | $50 | Library | |
| e. | Jan 22, 2026 | anon. *Patron/s* | $103.4 | Library | |
| f. | Mar. 16, 2026 | All Points Media | $100 | Library | |
| g. | Mar. 16, 2026 | anon. *Patron/s* | $93.19 | Library | |
| h. | Apr. 21, 2026 | anon. *Patron/s* | $15.15 | Library | |
| i. | May 28, 2026 | Fall River Carousel | $200 | Children's | |
| j. | May 28, 2026 | Bradley Costa (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $2000 | Children's | |
| k. | May 28, 2026 | anon. *Patron/s* | $26.7 | Library | |
| l. | June 30, 2026 | Joyce Pinsonnault (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $25 | Children's | |
| m. | June 30, 2026 | Joan Medeiros (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $50 | Children's | |
| n. | June 30, 2026 | Claire Costa (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $200 | Children's | |
| o. | June 30, 2026 | Diane Rosenthal (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $75 | Children's | |
| p. | June 30, 2026 | Bradley Costa (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $70 | Children's | |
| q. | June 30, 2026 | Jeanne Moore (In memory of Patrice Moore) | $50 | Children's | |
| r. | June 30, 2026 | anon. *Patron/s* | $10 | Library | |

s. Above referenced donations a.-r. totaling $4094.34

Respectfully submitted,
Fellisha Desmarais
Library Director

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Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request City Council approval to accept on behalf of the Fall River Public Library a total of $2325.00 in donations from an auction held by Mr. Ronald Caplain. Please see the attached letter from Library Administrator, Fellisha Desmarais, with a request to accept the donation. Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A, the Fall River Public Library be, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a gift donation from an auction held by Ronald Caplain in an amount of $2,325.00 to be used to expand the offerings and materials of the Children's Department of the Fall River Public Library.

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# City of Fall River
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PAUL E. COOGAN
*Mayor*

FELLISHA DESMARAIS
Library Director
FDesmarais@sailsinc.org


October 7, 2026

Mayor Paul E. Coogan
City of Fall River
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan:

In accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 44 §53A I hereby ask that the City Council accept a monetary donation to the Fall River Public Library in the amount of $2,325. Respective contribution has been collected by Mr. Ronald Caplain in an auction of his personal Lego collection held with intentions for the raised funds to benefit the children's department of the Fall River Public Library. The funds are anticipated to be utilized to expand the offerings and materials of the Children's department, for the direct benefit and use of families of Fall River. Ronald Caplain is the Chairman of our Library Board of Trustees, and we would kindly ask that the $2,325 raised in this effort, be accepted by the Fall River Public Library for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Fellisha Desmarais
Library Director

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Council President
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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request your approval to accept on behalf of the Fall River Fire Department a one-year supply of food for the Fire Department's Comfort Dog, Sophie. The approximate value of the donation is $750.00.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A ½, the Fall River Fire Department be, and the same is hereby authorized to accept a donation of a one-year supply of dog food, valued at $750.00 from Firehouse Dogs, to support the Fall River Fire Department's comfort dog, Sophie.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

September 8, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor, City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan:

I respectfully request your approval for the Fall River Fire Department to accept a donation from Firehouse Dogs, Inc. to provide one year of food for the Department's Comfort Dog, Sophie.

The approximate value of the donation is $750. This generous contribution will support the ongoing care of Sophie and her role within the Fall River Fire Department.

I respectfully request authorization to accept this donation on behalf of the Department. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey P. Bacon

Jeffrey P. Bacon • Fire Chief
140 Commerce Drive • Fall River, MA 02720
TEL (508) 324-2740 • FAX (508) 672-5993 • EMAIL firechief@frfd.org

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# City of Fall River
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Honorable Cliff Ponte
President
Fall River City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreements for 138 Hartwell Street, 109 Howe Street and 650 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, MA.

Dear Council President Ponte:

Attached for your review and consideration are draft Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreements for three proposed residential developments in Fall River. I respectfully request City Council approval of the agreements and the associated local approvals required for certification under the Massachusetts Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP). The projects are as follows:

**Thomas Alva Edison, LLC**, or its Nominee, is planning to invest an estimated **$20,500,000** to construct a ground up residential project located at **138 Hartwell Street, Fall River MA.** The proposed project will consist of forty-nine (49) market rate residential units, If HOME funding is awarded for four (4)units, the development would instead include four (4) HOME-assisted one bedroom units and forty-five market rate units consisting of twenty (20) one bedroom and twenty-five (25) two-bedroom market rate residential. units.

**Charlton Mills Lofts LLC**, or its Nominee, is planning to invest an estimated **$65,000,000** to rehabilitate an abandoned historic Charlton Mill located at **109 Howe Street** and address existing contamination. The development would contain one hundred forty-seven (147) market rate residential units: fifty-five (55) studios, seventy-four (74) one bedroom and eighteen (18) two-bedroom units.

**Connell Lofts, LLC**, or its Nominee, is planning to invest an estimated **$4,100.000** to rehabilitate a vacant historic school (Connell School) located at **650 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, MA.** The proposed project will consist of sixteen (16) market rate studio units.

Each developer intends to seek HDIP tax credits and certified project status under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40V and its implementing regulations, 760 CMR 66.00. Each requests City Council approval of its proposed TIE Agreement and the associated local project certification approvals, subject to applicable state approval.

Each proposed agreement provides a ten-year exemption schedule applied to the incremental assessed value created by the development:

- **Years 1 through 5:** An 80% exemption.
- **Years 6 through 10:** A 20% exemption.

Together, these developments represent approximately **$89,600,000 in proposed investment** and would create **212 residential units**, including four HOME-assisted units if the requested HOME funding is awarded. The developments are expected to generate more than **$1,000,000** in additional real estate tax revenue over the ten-year exemption period, averaging more than $100,000 annually.

The developers have indicated that the projects, as currently proposed, depend on approval of the TIE Agreements, HDIP project certification, and state HDIP tax credit awards to achieve financial feasibility.

I respectfully request that the City Council approve the proposed TIE Agreements and associated local project certification approvals as presented and subject to applicable state approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact my office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan

Paul Coogan
Mayor

Attachments

cc: City Council Members

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

RESOLUTION

APPROVING
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
AND
TAX INCREMENT EXEMPTION
AND
CERTIFIED PROJECT STATUS
OF
THOMAS ALVA EDISON, BUILDING LLC OR ITS NOMINEE

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2026, THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC submitted a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) and Certified Project Status request to the City of Fall River and the Fall River City Council approved said TIE and Certified Project Status for THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the Massachusetts Housing Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 40V of the Massachusetts General Laws and promulgated there under at 760 CMR 66.00 (HD TIE); and

WHEREAS, THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC, or its Nominee, previously submitted Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) and Certified Project Status request to the City of Fall River Tax Increment Financing Board which unanimously approved the request on October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River has been designated a gateway municipality by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC, or its Nominee, plans to invest an estimated $20,500,000 to create forty-nine market rate residential units however, if four units receive HOME funding, the project will consist of 4 Home funded units and 45 market rate units; and

WHEREAS, THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC, or its Nominee, is seeking approval for a Local Tax Increment Exemption as part of the Certified Project Status approval and HDIP Investment Tax Credit and meets the minimum requirements of 760 CMR 66.00 and the project described in the Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Housing Development Certified Project is located at 138 Hartwell Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, which is within the boundaries of the gateway municipality of Fall River and a designated Housing Development Zone; and

WHEREAS, approval of the THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC, or its Nominee, Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption and Certified Project Status request is in accordance with the above-mentioned laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby accepted by the City Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fall River approves the THOMAS ALVA EDISON BUILDING, LLC, or its Nominee, a Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption and Certified Project Status and forwards the same for final project certification to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Department of Housing for its approval and endorsement.

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

RESOLUTION

APPROVING
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
AND
TAX INCREMENT EXEMPTION
AND
CERTIFIED PROJECT STATUS
OF
CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC OR ITS NOMINEE

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2026, CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC submitted a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) and Certified Project Status request to the City of Fall River and the Fall River City Council approved said TIE and Certified Project Status for CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the Massachusetts Housing Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 40V of the Massachusetts General Laws and promulgated there under at 760 CMR 66.00 (HD TIE); and

WHEREAS, CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, previously submitted Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) and Certified Project Status request to the City of Fall River Tax Increment Financing Board which unanimously approved the request on October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River has been designated a gateway municipality by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee. plans to invest an estimated $65,000,000 to create one hundred forty-seven residential market units; and

WHEREAS, CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, is seeking approval for a Local Tax Increment Exemption as part of the Certified Project Status approval and HDIP Investment Tax Credit and meets the minimum requirements of 760 CMR 66.00 and the project described in the Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Housing Development Certified Project is located at 109 Howe Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, which is within the boundaries of the gateway municipality of Fall River and a designated Housing Development Zone; and

WHEREAS, approval of the CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption and Certified Project Status request is in accordance with the above referenced laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby accepted by the City Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fall River approves the CHARLTON MILL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption and Certified Project Status and forwards the same for final project certification to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Department of Housing for its approval and endorsement.

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

RESOLUTION

APPROVING
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
AND
TAX INCREMENT EXEMPTION
AND
CERTIFIED PROJECT STATUS
OF
CONNELL LOFTS LLC OR ITS NOMINEE

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2026, CONNELL LOFTS LLC submitted a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) and Certified Project Status request to the City of Fall River and the Fall River City Council approved said TIE and Certified Project Status for CONNELL LOFTS LLC in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the Massachusetts Housing Development Incentive Program created by Chapter 40V of the Massachusetts General Laws and promulgated there under at 760 CMR 66.00 (HD TIE); and

WHEREAS, CONNELL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, previously submitted Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) and Certified Project Status request to the City of Fall River Tax Increment Financing Board which unanimously approved the request on October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River has been designated a gateway municipality by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and CONNELL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, plans to invest an estimated $4,106,000 to create sixteen market rate residential units at 650 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, CONNELL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, is seeking approval for a Local Tax Increment Exemption as part of the Certified Project Status approval and HDIP Investment Tax Credit and meets the minimum requirements of 760 CMR 66.00 and the project described in the Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Housing Development Certified Project is located at 650 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, Massachusetts, which is within the boundaries of the gateway municipality of Fall River and a designated Housing Development Zone; and

WHEREAS, approval of the CONNELL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption and Certified Project Status request is in accordance with the above-mentioned laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby accepted by the City Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Fall River approves the CONNELL LOFTS LLC, or its Nominee, a Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption and Certified Project Status and forwards the same for final project certification to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Department of Housing for its approval and endorsement.

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

Dear Council President,

I respectfully request that an item be added to the agenda for the Committee on Finance scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2026 so the administration may delivery a presentation to the full Council regarding the Pearl Street Garage.

For any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City Council President
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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

As you know, we have been discussing the parameters and ideas for a total amendment of Chapter 62 of the City of Fall River Code of Ordinances which concerns the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste and single stream recyclables in the City of Fall River. The last comprehensive amendment of Chapter 62 occurred some time ago.

Please accept this communication as a request that the proposed amendment of Chapter 62 be referred to the City Council Committee on Ordinances and Legislation so that the City Administrator and representatives of the Administration can meet with the members of the Committee on Ordinance and Legislation to discuss the comprehensive amendment of Chapter 62. Following such a meeting, a draft containing the comprehensive amendment of Chapter 62 would be forwarded to the Committee for further review and consideration. A final draft could then be referred to the full City Council for enactment.

Referral of this request to the Committee on Ordinance and Legislation would allow the process of amending Chapter 62 to proceed in a collaborative and effective fashion.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and as always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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# City of Fall River
# Massachusetts
## Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
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October 8, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | $375,000.00 | That the sum of $375,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to EMS, SALARIES from EMS, REVENUES. |
| 2. | $21,500.00 | That the sum of $21,500.00 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to EMS, EXPENSES from EMS, REVENUES. |

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

October 13, 2026

**ORDERED:**

**That the sum of $375,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the EMS, Salaries, from EMS, Revenues.**

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

October 13, 2026

**ORDERED:**

**That the sum of $21,500.00 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the EMS, Expenses, from EMS, Revenues.**

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
CITY OF FALL RIVER

October 7, 2026

Mayor Paul E. Coogan
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

We would like to increase our FY2027 Budget by $375,000.00 to accommodate the changes within the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Council 93, Local 1202. The Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund will support this appropriation increase in the FY2027 operating budget with current revenue streams projected.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethann Faunce, Chief

One Government Center, Room 414 · Fall River, MA 02722
TEL (508) 324-2744 · FAX (508) 324-2738

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

October 7, 2026

The Honorable Mayor Coogan
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

To Mayor Coogan:

**I am writing to formally request an increase in our FY27 budget allocations to a total of $21,500.00 to fund two critical public safety initiatives: expanding our peer support councils and implementing an Escaping Violent Encounters (EVE) "Train the Trainer" program.** As we plan for the upcoming fiscal year, prioritizing the mental wellness and physical safety of our frontline responders is essential to maintaining a resilient workforce.

Our first responders face immense, accumulated stress and trauma daily. Acknowledging the importance of proactive **self-care and mental health** is a core requirement for operational readiness. By investing in comprehensive training for our peer support councils, we provide personnel with immediate, confidential mental health resources right within their own ranks.

Additionally, a portion of this requested funding will directly support an **Escaping Violent Encounters (EVE) Train the Trainer class,** which has been mandated as part of our official plan of correction. This vital program will equip our personnel with advanced de-escalation skills and defensive techniques specifically tailored for EMS safety. Securing a "Train the Trainer" certification gives us the long-term ability to run this course internally every year, ensuring our entire team remains highly knowledgeable and prepared to manage heightened, dangerous encounters safely.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to public safety and your continuous support of our frontline personnel. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how this **$21,500.00** budget adjustment will foster a safer, healthier workforce for our entire community.

Respectfully,
Bethann Faunce, CHIEF
Bethann Faunce, Chief

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Michiana Healthcare Education Center, Inc

PO BOX 702
Grass Lake MI 49240

# Quote

| Date | Quote # |
|---|---|
| 9/22/2026 | 15-60549 |

| Name / Address |
|---|
| Fall River EMS<br>1 Government Center Suite 414<br>Fall River, MA 02720 |

| Rep | Project |
|---|---|
| | |

| Description | Qty | Total |
|---|---|---|
| Escaping Violent Encounters Instructor Course - 5 day/40 hour course - Max of 12 students. Includes all travel. | | 8,994.00 |

Quote valid for 30 days

**Total** $8,994.00



# Merrimack Valley Training Center, Inc.

***Sharing Ideas...Finding Solutions***

**Training Contract**

prepared for

## Fall River EMS, Fall River, MA

This contract entered into between Merrimack Valley Training Center, Inc. and Fall River EMS for the following two training programs:

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's:

1) Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention (aka: GRIN)
2) Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention

The Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention program is a 3-day, 27-hour training program. The 3 days to run consecutively.

(This fee includes all trainer fees, both the ICISF *Assisting Individuals in Crisis* and *Group Crisis Intervention* textbooks, and ICISF certificate of attendance)

The Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention program is a 2-day, 14-hour training program. The 2 days to run consecutively.

(This fee includes all trainer fees, the ICISF *Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention* textbook, and ICISF certificate of attendance)

Courses to begin after October 1, 2026 and completed by June 20, 2027.

Program cost for up to thirty (30) attendees:

- Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention: $ 7,100.00
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention: $ 4,500.00
- Travel Cost: $175 per class night (5 nights x $200): $ 1,000.00

**Total Contract cost: $12,600.00**

(Check payable to MVTC, Inc. – Remittance due 30 days after each class completion)

The host is responsible for providing a suitable training room to accommodate the maximum number of students comfortably with the ability for the students to arrange seating to work in two sized small groups for various training exercises (group size 1: 3 students & group size 2: approximately 5-8 students).

Although not required, it is recommended that the host provide morning and afternoon refreshments as this will help to minimize class interruptions and maximize class interaction time.

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# CITY OF FALL RIVER
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*Mayor*

**Stephanie MacArthur**
*Director of Traffic & Parking*

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FALL RIVER, MA

September 21, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** **70** **Parking Prohibited at All Times**
**Section:** **371**

By inserting out proper alphabetical order the following.

**INSERT**

| **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| Wilson Road | South | Starting at a point 139 feet West of Meridian Street For a Distance of 225 feet West. |

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Parking Clerk

September 18, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 373

**Fifteen (15) Minute Parking Only**
**Sun thru Sat**
**7am to 9:30pm**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

| **INSERT**<br>**NAME OF STREET** | **SIDE** | **LOCATION** | **HOURS/DAYS** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Fifth Street** | **East** | **Starting at a point 20 feet South of Branch Street Distance of 20 feet South** | **Sun thru Sat 7am-9:30pm** |

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

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**Paul E. Coogan**
*Mayor*

**Stephanie MacArthur**
Director of Traffic

October 5, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Article:** | **70** | **Loading Zone** |
| **Section:** | **385** | **7:00AM-7:00PM** |
| | | **Sunday-Saturday** |

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

| **INSERT** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** | **Hours/Days** |
| **Tenth Street** | **West** | **Starting at a point 213 feet South of Bedford Street for a distance of 26 feet South.** | **7:00AM-7:00PM Sunday-Saturday** |

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

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# CITY OF FALL RIVER
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**Paul E. Coogan**
*Mayor*

***Stephanie MacArthur***
***Director of Traffic & Parking***

September 21, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

| **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| Lindsey Street | East | Starting at a point 827 feet South of Brightman Street For a distance of 20 feet South. |

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
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*Mayor*

***Stephanie MacArthur***
*Director of Traffic & Parking*

September 18, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

| **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| North Main Street | West | Starting at a point 30 feet South of Weaver Street For a distance of 20 feet South. |

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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September 18, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

| **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| N. Underwood Street | West | Starting at a point 183 feet North of Weetamoe Street For a distance of 20 feet North. |

Very truly yours,

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September 18, 2026

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Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

| **INSERT** **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| Pleasant Street | North | Starting at a point 20 feet East of Bogle Street For a distance of 20 feet East. |

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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September 21, 2026

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

| **Name of Street** | **Side** | **Location** |
|---|---|---|
| St Mary's Street | West | Starting at a point 20 feet North of Norfolk Street For a distance of 20 feet North. |

Very truly yours,

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Director of Traffic & Parking



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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Fifth Street. | West | Starting at a point of 65 feet North of Rodman Street, for a distance of 20 feet North. |

Very truly yours,

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Cambridge Street | North | Starting at a point of 74 feet West of Smith Street, for a distance of 20 feet West. |

Very truly yours,

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September 21, 2026

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| County Street | North | Starting at a point of 86 feet East of Rocliffe Street, for a distance of 20 feet Westerly. |

Very truly yours,

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Hamlet Street | North | Starting at a point of 22 feet East of Ridge Street, for a distance of 20 feet East. |

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Holden Street | North | Starting at a point of 109 feet East of Eastern Ave, for a distance of 20 feet East. |

Very truly yours,

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| McGowan Street | South | Starting at a point of 224 feet West of Fielden Street, for a distance of 20 feet West. |

Very truly yours,

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Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** 70
**Section:** 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Pine Street | North | Starting at a point of 133 feet East of Orange Street, for a distance of 20 feet Easterly. |

Very truly yours,

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Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article:** **70**
**Section:** **387** **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| South Main Street | West | Starting at a point of 91 feet South of King Philip Street, for a distance of 20 feet South. |

Very truly yours,

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# CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 6, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

Clerk of Committees

10

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Michelle M. Dionne)

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting of the Committee on Finance there was a discussion held regarding necessary updates that must be made to the existing Chapter 42, Article IV, Abutters Lots Program within the City Code, and

WHEREAS, there are new Massachusetts General Laws that are no longer congruent with various portions of the existing ordinance, such as real estate appraisal requirements and acceptable methods of property sale, and

WHEREAS, there are many abutters throughout the City that have expressed interest in purchasing eligible properties through the Abutters Lots Program, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with Corporation Counsel and any other interested parties to discuss necessary amendments that must be applied to the existing Abutters Lots Program to achieve compliance with new state law requirements.

In City Council, April 22, 2025
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

tabled 12-18-25

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# CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 6, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

Clerk of Committees

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, public bodies hold meetings and hearings to review, discuss and vote upon pertinent issues that impact the residents and business owners of the City of Fall River, including the adoption of municipal and school budgets, the approval of license applications and the ordination of City codes, and

WHEREAS, those who have scheduling conflicts, disabilities or are otherwise unable to attend these meetings in person should have the ability to view these meetings online to ensure easy access to information regarding the decisions made by those who serve the City of Fall River on these public bodies, and

WHEREAS, while minutes are required to be drafted and presented for all public body meetings in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there is no current requirement within the City code or state laws that require the filming or audio recording of these public meetings, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and a representative of Fall River Government Television to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance requiring all public meetings to be recorded with either video or audio equipment to ensure the transparency and availability of these meetings to the public, and to discuss potential changes with equipment and staffing needs to record these meetings, to assess the financial adjustments that may be necessary to provide this service and to ensure compliance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

In City Council, April 14, 2026
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

tabled 5-6-26
tabled 5-26-26

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# CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 6, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

Clerk of Committees

12

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Christopher M. Peckham Sr.)

WHEREAS, the City Council has engaged in discussions over many years regarding the naming of city buildings, parks, facilities, and other public properties in honor of members of the community for their significant contributions, service, and dedication, and

WHEREAS, such recognitions serve to celebrate local heritage, foster community pride, and inspire future generations by permanently associating exemplary citizens with public spaces, and

WHEREAS, recent occasions have arisen in which it would have been appropriate to name or dedicate a City building or property in memory of a deceased community member whose lifetime achievements merited such an honor, and

WHEREAS, past conversations on this matter have stalled without resulting in a clear, consistent, and transparent policy, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Fall River to establish clear, equitable, and dignified criteria and procedures for both onomastic and posthumous namings of City assets, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to amend Section 66-186 of the City code to include, among other possible needed changes, that the ordinance apply to any member of the public, public official or City employee.

In City Council, May 26, 2026
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Thêa da Silva Paulino Leite

City Clerk

tabled 7-23-26

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# CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 6, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

Clerk of Committees

# City of Fall River, In City Council

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(Vice President Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, §2-151 of the City code, which relates to Standing committees established, has not been recently reviewed or revised, and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the City Council committees must reflect the needs of the City of Fall River, and appropriate updates and changes may be necessary from time to time, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City Council is to include residents, business owners and City employees in various discussions that will affect the wellbeing of the City of Fall River, and title clarity of the standing committees will assist with communicating their roles and duties, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with Corporation Counsel to discuss potential adjustments to the titles and number of required committee members listed within §2-151 and draft a related proposed ordinance, if necessary, to make any required amendments.

In City Council, December 9, 2025
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Unês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

tabled 5-6-26

14

# 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 striking out in Section 70-387, which section relates to Handicapped parking, the following:

| Name of Street | Side | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Third Street | East | Starting at a point 192 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| Arizona Street | South | Starting at a point 237 feet west of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly |
| Baker Street | East | Starting at a point 100 feet south of Warren Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| Boutwell Street | West | Starting at a point 135 feet north of Alden Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly |
| Cross Street | East | Starting at a point 20 feet north of Fruit Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly |
| Division Street | North | Starting at a point 80 feet east of Grant Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly |
| Downing Street | South | Starting at a point 213 feet east of Haffards Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly |
| Dwelly Street | South | Starting at a point 20 feet west of Tuttle Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| Garfield Street | West | Starting at a point 86 feet south of Globe Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| John Street | West | Starting at a point 30 feet south of Branch Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| Linden Street | West | Starting at a point 85 feet north of Walnut Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly |
| Montaup Street | East | Starting at a point 113 feet south of Slade Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| Orchard Street | North | Starting at a point 22 feet west of Quarry Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly |
| St. Mary Street | West | Starting at a point 13 feet south of Norfolk Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| South Beach Street | West | Starting at a point 257 feet south of Middle Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly |
| Tecumseh Street | North | Starting at a point 145 feet west of Manchester Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly |
| Walnut Street | North | Starting at a point 101 feet east of Linden Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly |
| William Street | North | Starting at a point 36 feet east of Mulberry Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly |

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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 70-385, A, which section relates to Loading zones, the following:

| Name of Street | Side | Location | Hours/Days |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Street | South | Starting at a point 20 feet west of Eagle Street for a distance of 25 feet westerly | 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday |

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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 2 Article V of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Officers and Employees be amended as follows:

By striking out Section 2-401, which section relates to appointment; duties; term of the Chief of Police, in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. The Chief of Police shall be the head of the Fall River Police Department, shall be responsible for the management and operation of the Police Department and shall be the appointing authority for all employees of the Police Department, as that term is defined in Section 1 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

Section 2. The position of Chief of Police shall be subject to Chapter 31 of the General Laws and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder governing civil service.

Section 3. The Mayor shall remain the appointing authority for the Chief of Police and the terms and conditions of the Chief of Police's employment contract shall be subject to section 108O of Chapter 41 of the General Laws for a period of not more than 3 years.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 09 2026
Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(President Cliff A. Ponte)

WHEREAS, the City's Employer Health Trust Fund has been in a deficit over the past few years, and multiple appropriations have occurred to assist in reducing the overall shortfall, and

WHEREAS, healthcare costs continue to increase, and it is important that the City of Fall River maintains adequate funding within the account to ensure that payments, reimbursements, and rebates are processed in a financially efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, an outside financial audit of this account to review the status of and recommended financial policies for the Employer Health Trust Fund will benefit the taxpayers of Fall River, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, the Director of Financial Services, the Director of Human Resources, and Corporation Counsel to discuss the creation of a Request for Proposals to hire an independent financial auditing firm to assess the City's Employer Health Trust Fund.

(filed 9-28-26)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(President Cliff A. Ponte)

WHEREAS, recent reporting has raised public questions regarding the contents of harm reduction bags distributed by Seven Hills Foundation In the City of Fall River, including syringes, glass pipes, cookers, and other supplies, and

WHEREAS, organizations such as Stanley Street Treatment and Resources (SSTAR) also distribute harm reduction bags, and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks a complete understanding of these programs' operations, funding, authorization, oversight, and effects on public health and neighborhood safety, and

WHEREAS, residents deserve transparency regarding the distribution of these supplies, the measures taken to prevent improper disposal, and the services offered to connect individuals with substance use treatment and recovery, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Committee on Finance convene with representatives of the Seven Hills Foundation and SSTAR, a representative of the Fall River Board of Health, and the Community Development Agency to provide an update on harm reduction and syringe services operating within the City of Fall River.

(filed 10-7-2026)

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# City of Fall River
## Notice of Claim

#26-157

1. Claimant's name: Timothy McCoy
2. Claimant's complete address: 93 Grattan St. Fall River MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home (774) 301 4901 Work: (508) 625-3511
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   I sustained a flat (shredded) tire on Bedford Street.
5. Date and time of accident: 9-13-26 9:15AM Amount of damages claimed: $ 289.97
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Bedford Street between Cross streets of 11th and 10th travelling west
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   I was travelling west on Bedford Street in the left lane. A second car was on my right. Between 10th and 11th street there are approximately one dozen raised metal covers (manhole covers & Utility Covers) in a 50-60 foot zone. Many not painted or paint has faded over 3 months. Hit one just right and it caused a flat Tire shredded NO ability to patch the damage
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

I did take a video of the area where the damage occurred.

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: 9-18-26 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.

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

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#26-158

# City of Fall River
## Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Deborah A. Kosior
2. Claimant's complete address: 63 Caribou Way, Tiverton, RI 02878
3. Telephone number: Home: (508) 642-8081 Work: (508) 324-2410
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Property damage to vehicle. Left front tire gouge. Replacement of left front tire.
5. Date and time of accident: 09/22/2026 Amount of damages claimed: $ 07:50 AM
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   1 North Main Street. Left side of road.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Driving onto North Main Street from Bedford Street. Exposed gas cover on left side of road at 1 North Main Street. No signage posted. Another vehicle on side of my vehicle on my right side forcing me to clip the outer side of my left front tire on exposed gas cover. Please see attached pictures of exposed gas cover and left front outside tire gouge.
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
   Please see attached invoice from Georges Gas and Service for left front tire replacement of $184.11 on 09/22/2026

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

Date: 09/23/2026 Claimant's signature: Deborah A Kosior

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# City of Fall River
## Notice of Claim

#26-159

1. Claimant's name: Hayleigh Dumas
2. Claimant's complete address: 67 Ivy Road
3. Telephone number: Home: 5089514273 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Flat tire due to protruding and unsafe curb
5. Date and time of accident: 9/11/2026 . Amount of damages claimed: $210
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   17-18 Chaveson St, on curb outside of apartment buildings
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   I was pulling up to the curb at a safe distance. The curb was protruding with a sharp edge which caught my front tire and ripped it open. The tire was flat and required a replacement. This tire was brand new and I was not driving in a dangerous way and I was a safe distance from the curb.
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: 9/22/2026 Claimant's signature: Hayleigh D

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# City of Fall River
## Notice of Claim

#26-160

1. Claimant's name: ARMANDO MONTEIRO
2. Claimant's complete address: 58 Fish Tom Rendall MA 02368
3. Telephone number: Home: 7743605041 Work:
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Police Took the Phone never got it Back
5. Date and time of accident: 02/09/26 7:40 PM Amount of damages claimed: $ 600-900
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   COR Wash Prestige
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   So they Take me To The Station BUT Never Have The Phone, The officer Take it out of my Pokat and He Put it in Top of The Car Never Bring with Them
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

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

Date: 09/02/26 Claimant's signature:

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City of Fall River
Attn: Allison Bouchard, City Clerk
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Fall River, MA 02722

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|---|---|
| Named Insured: | Robert Alves |
| Claim Number: | AU10885908-1 |
| Date of Loss: | Aug 4, 2026 |
| Time of Loss: | 12:01 AM |
| Loss Location: | Quarry Street @ Bedford Street |
| Type of Loss: | Out of Lane Collision |
| Responsible Party: | City of Fall River Water Dept. |
| Reimbursement Due: | $2355.88 |
| Property Damage: | $2355.88 |
| PIP Medical/Wage: | $ |

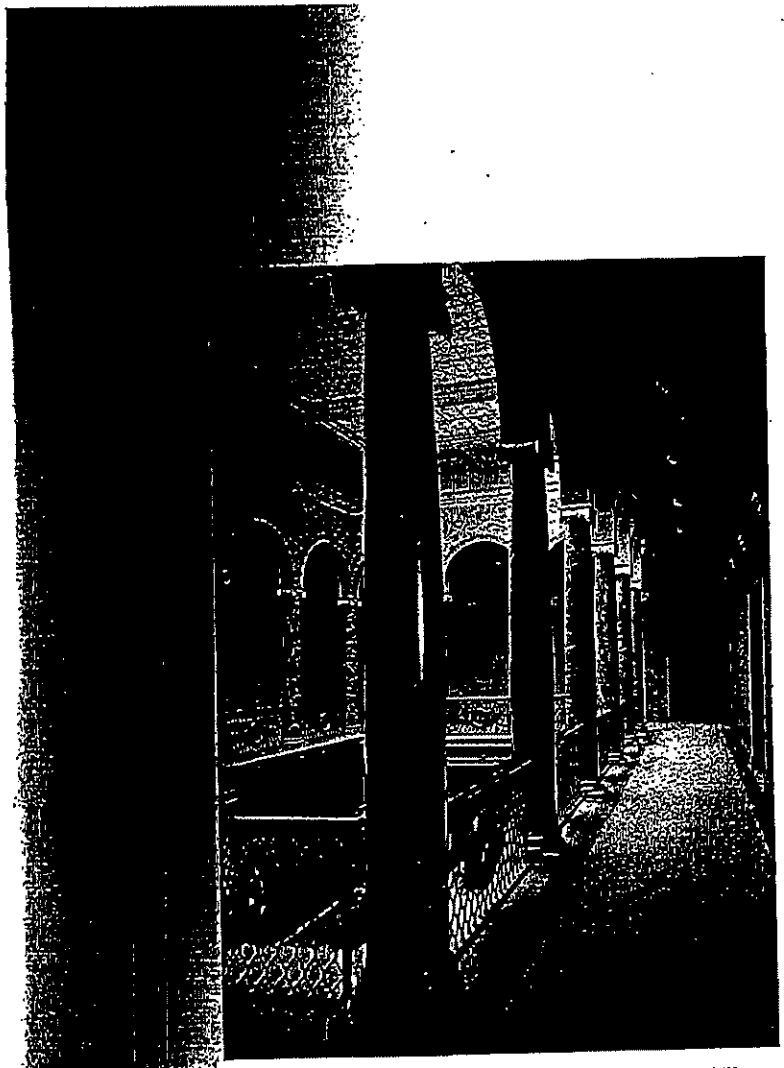
Dear City of Fall River:

Please accept this letter of presentment as required by M.G.L. c. 258 Sec. 4. Our investigation reveals that City of Fall River Water Dept. is responsible for damages sustained by our insured.

Attached are our supports for this loss. If you require additional documentation to investigate this claim pursuant to your statutory obligation, please contact us. If you are inclined to discuss settlement of this claim or deny this claim within the six (6) month statutory period, please forward the appropriate communication to my attention.

Commerce insured was stopped at the red light on Quarry, When FR truck with a trailer made their turn onto Quarry and collided with the Commerce stopped vehicle.

We have settled the loss with our insured and would appreciate your immediate payment of the amount listed above. Please make your check payable to Commerce Insurance Company in the amount of $2355.88 and be sure to note our file number to ensure proper credit.



# FALL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall River, Massachusetts

INSTITUTIONAL ANNUAL REPORT

Library Director Fellisha Desmarais

Library Business July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees

*September 9, 2026*

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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2025 |

Adult Services has started circulating our seasonal Bikes, Jo has assisted reference in receiving Braille donations and processing them into the collection, adult services has built an impressive Hallmark DVD Collection curated by Olivia and catalogued by Jeff which is highly requested by local library patrons from the network bringing up statistics of circulation, Kyla has expanded our True Crime Audio books which also have been a popular circ item. Reference received 6 new laptops for circulation, we think this will allow the reference department to offer tech workshops where we can turn the meeting room into a computer lab for instruction to teach individuals about technology through sessions that build upon one another as well as help us transition the department in the potential shifts during construction. David Raymondo will be presenting his fantasy football program at the SAILS library showcase for the network members, and Diana is planning on integrating an English Conversation group for ESL learners as a program offered by Reference. Children's supervisor David Mello built a Minecraft sculpture Enderman which has been loved by all and the department had a great turn out for the Comicon of 230 individuals in attendance.

I had my City Council budget meeting in late May and no concerns were raised regarding any of the budgetary needs for the operation of the department. Currently our HVAC units are being assessed, I've been told that we are receiving new electronic controls for our HVAC system, however, the vendor AirMasters has reported multiple different mechanical concerns in many units. These issues will be presented in a report to Al Oliveira Head of City Operations. At that point, the Head of City Operations will make a decision of what he can appropriate for the project to resolve HVAC concerns. As this project progresses, we have had large leaks in the AV room that have travelled downstairs penetrating the ceiling in multiple areas of the Children's room, the Men's staff bathroom and in the basement from leaks in the HVAC units potentially coil to valves. Many valves have been shut off to avoid continuation of leaks but there is a great need to have the carpets removed in many library areas and the Main level flooring as the water was heavily soiled and to have the mechanical components of the units fixed at the earliest convenience for City Operations.

AUGUST 2025 |

We had a busy August, Circulation Services has been working on a large recataloging project to make our collections more in line with American Library standards. Our Graphic novel materials that have been historically in the Young Adult collection, are being changed over in the system to be considered part of our general adult collection. The reason behind this is the inability to categorize or label these items as age specific. As both adults and young adults use this collection, categorizing these materials based on age would rely on us as individuals to dictate what is "appropriate" for certain age groups based on content visual or topical, which is a method of censorship which is not compatible with library standards and so we plan to leave all Graphic novels in the general adult collection at a baseline and allow both groups to browse and decide on their own what materials they would like to check out. This may exhibit a drop in statistics of Young Adult checkouts but will be replaced with an increase in adult materials.

Hoopla, one of our digital resources that permits immediate access of digital library materials to patrons has been becoming increasingly more restrictive. We have tried to limit borrows per patron from 7 borrows a month to 3 per month to try to adapt to the high pricing. Even after this change, we have noticed some problematic concerns with the content of Hoopla with materials that are being made available to our patrons resulting in quality and standards especially in regards to items that are created and narrated by AI technology, are in formats that cannot be used digitally by patrons, or are small pamphlet sized materials that count as a whole check out. Hoopla also does not oversee quality control of their content and so we are concerned that some of these materials may ruin patron

trust in the library as a reflection of a service we are offering and appear to be standing behind in partnership. We are considering potentially cutting ties with Hoopla, and have begun researching replacement services.

Passport Services will be returning. The request for a library revolving fund has been approved by council and is being finalized to ordinance, resulting in the ability for us to utilize passport application profits to benefit library programming. This is in the official stages of finalization.

SEPTEMBER 2025 |

The Library had a fantastic September to kick off Fall, the reference staff are getting prepared to begin taking passport appointments again, doing a training refresh and I've done a thorough overview of our services policies to better reflect our current services and provide clarity to departments on the policies of each. These new policies were drafted after years of experiencing different concerns and oversights or gaps in prior policies, so they are intentionally in depth to address circumstances we've dealt with in the past, or to consider laws related to limited public forums etc. This system should better reflect the funds we collect within the departments in cost of service, limitations of service, waivers of liability in services rendered, and in how the funds are collected. Kayla has been my second pair of eyes, collaborating with me in this overview to assure we don't leave anything out.

The annual Foundation Reception was held in the library Sep. 28th, with entertainment by the talented Dan Blakeslee who will return at October's end to perform a musical set as Doctor Gasp, after a reading by David Mello, of the poem "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe. We've been working hard to secure a wealth of programming for the Fall and we've put together a full calendar of spooky Halloween events, as well as events that are part of a focused culture study of Japan. We hope to increase engagement with all ages by offering these unique programs.

I worked with Cyberoptik to design our brand new website that became a necessity after our old website hosts gave us a strict deadline of service cut off for October 1st. This website was designed for better user experience, findability, and to provide better online access to resources. We have gotten positive feedback from patrons online and in person and we hope that the shift will soon feel like a second home to our digital library users after being so familiar with the last website.

I finally have a plan in place for the reorganization of the building to improve user experience. The physical rooms where YA is housed will become a continuation of the Audio Visual Collection of the Adult Department, the Young Adult Fiction will be integrated into the Children's level, locking book shelving will be installed in the Meeting room around the exterior which will house the bookmobile collections. We intend to make the Meeting room a strictly Youth space for Children's and Teen Events, and the Ryan Room upstairs in Reference will again

have locking shelving installed around the perimeter of the room making more space for our local history collections that are accessible only to staff and the room itself will then be used as a lecture hall, performance theater, and primary adult event space. This will provide two spaces with two distinct energies, the children's area will be more flexible, forgiving to crafts messes and louder children's play, and the adult space will be a more distinguished space for researchers, and for events of a more curated nature such as film festivals, lectures, book clubs and groups with quieter conversation. This can truly only become possible once our Building Repairs are prioritized so that these spaces can live up to their full potential without leaks or HVAC issues that may further damage items or library equipment.

There have been no further updates regarding building repairs by Al Oliveira. He was not able to attend the last meeting I had scheduled with him at the end of September so I am awaiting further communication.

OCTOBER 2025 |

The Library had a very spooky October filled with fun for all ages, some highlights were our Haunted Halloween Walkthrough which brought in over 250 patrons, our Scary Stories To Tell in the Dark Reading for Teens brought in 10 participants which is a decent number for teen participation as a notoriously challenging audience in library engagement, and then we had some other chilling adult programs including Tarot Readings , A Lecture on Feminism and Witchcraft , and a live Reading of the Raven by David Mello and a Live Concert by Musician Dan Blakeslee, also known as Doctor Gasp that brought 52 attendees, many of these were unfamiliar visitors which we love to see as it expands our audience. We also hosted 4 workshops focused on the history and art culture of Japan, 3 for teen and adult audiences, and 1 for children, all were received very well and again we saw new patrons attending who haven't attended other events prior.

I have been noticing more and more that Hoopla as a digital resource is quite draining on our library budget and so I am making the decision to move in a new direction toward Palace, they are an ebook aggregator, which means they collectively host all of our ebooks and audiobooks in one location for our patrons. They have a much better cost model, they do sell materials which they state they keep at retail prices meaning they are a not for profit retailer, the organization makes their profits off of year subscriptions through libraries. We think this will be a much more cost effective value for our patrons, and although we do need to spend quite a lot on materials every year to meet our material expenditure, we feel we can get more for our money with this new company. This is especially important when it comes to digital resources, because these items are not taking up room on our shelves, we are not limited by the collection development here, and we want our staff to be able to expand these

collections to the best of their ability. This company also has a policy of not sharing user data which we find important, and they offer licenses to purchase books that will allow us to carry the ebooks or migrate them to another software system if we ever wish to leave Palace. We expect this change to happen in January, we do expect some patrons voicing concern or who may feel a bit frustrated by the tentative loss of Hoopla, but this service will be immediately supplemented with Palace, which we feel will be better overall for the public and the library. Of course with all things the change may take a couple of weeks for individuals to become acclimated with a new app.

NOVEMBER 2025 |

The library started the month with some difficult situations, staff on site our custodial worker Valdenie (pronounced Neia) when attempting to clean one of the public bathrooms, noticed an individual in the public restroom unconscious and suffering from symptoms consistent with the effects of an overdose. She reported this to David Mello who responded with Narcan and had David Moquin retrieve Kayla King, who called the police and was assisted by Jo Sullivan and Madison Sirois in obtaining more narcan for the individual. As the man's girlfriend was onsite, she administered 4 Narcan doses and performed mouth to mouth resuscitation on the gentleman who would not regain consciousness. The emergency dispatch walked Kayla King through performing chest compressions over the phone until emergency services arrived. The individual regained consciousness and was brought to the hospital. The Human Resources Administration asked how they can support us; so I asked for a meeting with the Mayor to escalate addressing our bathrooms, so they may become safer. I am making suggestions of outer doors that do not lock and instead would feature a stall-wall separator in each bathroom to the single toilet, so there is less isolation to the space. An individual is more likely to notice under the stall if there is someone visibly unconscious, has fallen, or is misusing the space for smoking. I hope that this will limit the use of the bathrooms to their intention as the sink would be accessible to the public and the privacy would be limited to the stall itself, with greater risk mitigation ability in the visibility of ground space. Al Oliveira was made aware of the needs of the building for public safety, and I am just waiting for him to reach out to install the wall in both areas, and also add a mechanical door that automatically opens to one so that it remains handicap accessible.

With an uneasy start to the month, we were concerned that some of the public did not initially respond well online to a planned event where the Krampus Society of New England came to the library to offer an educational event / lecture on the historical context of Krampus. At this event we also had a Krampus meet and greet for entertainment purposes. There was quite a bit of lively discussion in the comments of social media which catapulted the publicizing of the event naturally and we received 137 attendees at our Meet Krampus and 55 attendees to the lecture. We

actually had to turn some patrons away due to a miscommunication with the Friends of the Library regarding their Booksale, and where they were permitted to store books, so that is pushing us to look at how we work with our non-profit partners and how to streamline communications and expectations so that we are on the same page and library services remain the priority of our united mission.

The mayor notified me of a request for appointment of past Library Director Paula Cullen to the council to be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees. After a conversation with Assistant Administrator Kayla King, I expressed our shared concerns regarding the appointment of a past Director with the Mayor as the request has notable potential to cause complications in ethics of the Library's member Board and potentially interfere with management of library and municipal business. The central concern is that former employees would not be appropriate candidates as members of the Board entrusted with Governing the Library, however a Director would have greater ethical concerns due to the respective proximity to historical practice and policy.

Related to the charge of the Library Board: members are responsible for votes concerning library policy and municipally appropriated budget, the involvement of ex. a prior Fall River Library Administrator would be ethically inappropriate, especially in regards to the historical issues of past practice I am actively charged to resolve as Library Director. Instances discussed and voted upon are the direct result of prior administrative decisions and practice. Ethical Concerns of Appointment;

Policies under review by the Board of Trustees, are in efforts to make library business more conducive to professional standards - intended to improve policies and practices previously created, authored, and adopted directly by prior administration. Due to this, there is a highly personal nature and connection to all past practice, policies, and business that would not make possible unbiased judgement for past employees and specifically past library directors in voting on any and all matters on which the Library Board is charged.

Fiscal complications originating in past Directorship include, financial agreements and contracts entered into binding library state aid beyond the extent term of a Director's contract, those contracts binding State Aid to expenses falling outside of the library departments purview, the misrouting of collected funds, and reporting practices by prior directors to the state that have increased the municipal responsibility of our Municipal Appropriation requirement and have risked decertification annually. As a new Director, the guidance from the state MBLC representatives has been to rectify these circumstances so that we are in compliance with state aid use and reporting assuring our state aid grant is not broken by misuse in practice, and we do not become decertified. With the breadth of concerns regarding historical library financial practice, it is my suggestion that the

appointment of a past director to the Library Board of Trustees would not be deemed ethically appropriate.

We have also had 2 staff members added to the Library Team, Joanna Siva-Cabral and Richard Saraf filling the 2 vacant positions of LA II in adult services. the hiring process worked our very well with staff members from the position's department weighing in, and rotated to sit in on interviews with candidates so the Director could observe staff dynamics and also consider the staff's opinions toward selection. We feel very confident that the individuals will be valuable additions to the team and the hiring process was a great way to get staff members comfortable with a shift in dynamics within their department.

DECEMBER 2025-JANUARY 2026 |

December was a busy month, of course, staff had a lovely Christmas party sponsored generously by the Foundation. This took place at Scottie's where most of the staff got together and played a game of trivia. We had two new staff begin work at the tail end of December, Joanna Siva Cabral and Richard Saraf. They're a welcome addition to our staff starting off with new ideas of how to bring resources to those in need and starting up new programs Richard is starting a Magick the Gathering group and Joanna is starting a Banned Books Book Club. December brought many concerns about space to the forefront, especially in the Audio Visual room and the young adult collection we are in great need of expansion areas. At the end of December we heard about shelving available from Temple Beth El that would work well for some space that we had available. Received no update on construction bids however I did receive our contract from the state and forwarded it to the mayor's attention. No update on bathroom stall project discussed from November.

Library Administration met with the Friends president Mary Agnes and Vice President Thomas Souza about some recurring concerns with communication and ways that we could make sure we are working together toward the library's best interests. Topics covered were an increasing amount of complaints that have been reported to staff occurring with Friend's bookstore volunteers in regards to their interactions with patrons. As many patrons do not understand that the bookstore is staffed by volunteers, they report these interactions with the assumption that the individuals are staff members, which has created some complications for staff and in Administration's ability to address inappropriate behavior. At December's meeting these items were discussed however, there unfortunately has been further complaints from patrons regarding volunteer behavior in the new year. We are looking toward a resolution. Staff have also had some concerns regarding their own interactions with Friends members and have asked for clarity on building procedures and policy regarding limits of volunteerism as it relates to employee policy. In early January we were able to put to use from the

Temple 2 large shelving units for the Audio visual room, 2 mounting display cases that we have currently in storage awaiting mounting, 1 standing display case, 1 large shelving unit with glass doors for the Ryan Room, and 2 large wall units one approximately. 7 feet and another approximately 10 feet which will later be installed as built-in shelving. I was told by the Chief Financial officer that after receiving official bids, the city has the available funding to not only accomplish our repointing project, but can permit the construction team to do more than they originally anticipated while this construction is underway to continue to treat with the intention of slowing leaks coming in from areas on the other sides of the building. This year the focus on the capital improvement plan is to address leaks, and also to address the flooring restoration project we had discussed earlier in the year toward historic preservation and enhancing cleanliness of library spaces. Although HVAC will not be anticipated in this FY, I am told to expect it to be addressed next Fiscal Year by City Operations. We have been incredibly busy this year, our events are doing incredible and we want to offer even more this year, the limitation to what we can offer ultimately comes down to space. Of course we have talked about utilizing the Ryan room as an adults events space after construction and the floor renovations, however, we are still in need of greater space for the YA collection, an archivist workspace, the bookmobile collection, and we have recently been notified, by the City clerk that they have located a number of paintings that belong to the library in Government Center, that have been on loan to government center since the 90s. They would like to have them returned to us which is great news, however after not having the paintings since the 90's we are having space constraints. One thing we are trying to prioritize is finding space and making space for departmental activities and projects that we are expanding into.

FEBRUARY 2026 |

February was a big month of accomplishments for the adult circulation team, so I feel it's important to highlight some of what they have been working on. In regards to displays, Olivia created a Valentine's themed display and has continued to replenish her general new fiction and nonfiction browsing display in the lobby due to popularity and increased circulation of these items. Richard created a themed display highlighting mythological and literary figures associated with love entitled "Gods of Love". Joanna curated a display featuring romance titles written by Black authors. During the curation, Joanna noticed a collection gap within this category, so ordering for the next month will reflect this. Jeff worked in collection development obtaining several long overdue DVD titles, strengthening our audiovisual collection. Gayle evaluated and weeded the lobby allowing her to process new shelf ready materials. Amy and Emily helped the circ team absorb the Manga into the AVRoom finding ways to

get a whole lot accomplished as the Bookmobile's traveling services were unsafe due to inclement weather and narrow roadways.

In February a discussion began regarding the structure of our positions and the LA I and LA II. An LA II raised inquiry of the notable differences and distinctions between positions, rates of pay and specialized job duties and whether or not the positions at the current time contribute an equal value and breadth of specialized work and professional services to aid in the building's operations to be considered under LA I designation. In viewing the positions of LA I and LA II from my own perspective in spending time in each of the departments as a library floater, becoming promoting to each of the roles while working here, and as Director, I understand the roles have different modalities even among those within the same classification, however I find the varied specialized training and responsibilities of each are equal in value, intrinsic contributions are largely the same and I find no reason the positions should not be equal by designation. Therefore, I will support the staff in their attempts to create balance in the library structure by proposing this for the coming Fiscal Year if it's within the means of City Finance.

Lastly we would like to share that we will now be able to provide space to our staff to work and for collections storage, by being able to once again utilize the old cataloguing and art room that's been utilized by the nonprofit Friends organization. In December, we notified the Friends they'd only be permitted access to this space until we require it, needing room for storage in upcoming construction and having more library staff onsite. The library is thriving, and we require full use of our space for the additional collections and departments we're integrating. As we've received frequent complaints from patrons and staff about interactions with many Friends members in the bookstore and on the property, it's become a frequent interference in library and city operations. With no ability to have oversight to volunteers, this has created concerns by employees; patron complaints, and communication on these issues by administration to the Friends has not been met with the cooperation and professionalism we require in a healthy work environment. Books that are donated to the library location for the community are intended to be added into the collection to directly benefit the residents of the city at no cost and discarded city property is to be liquidated by ordinance provided to the residents at no cost. This change will benefit our residents directly, will provide administration ability to enforce policies with clear structure, and will help us in providing the workspace our staff require to accomplish their roles.

MARCH 2026 |

We have had some amazing new programs with one in particular I am very excited about, Community Resource Day. This is a collaboration between Jo Sullivan Resource Engagement Librarian, and Diana Faulkner of the

Reference Department coordinating community partnerships that help bring community resources to individuals who need them. We have had an incredible amount of support from different organizations, and positive feedback about the reach this could have in the community. We are currently thinking about expanding this into an outreach program that we can bring into the city parks on a limited basis to fit as many groups who have asked to participate.

March has been an incredibly fast paced month with the staff adapting quickly to changes necessary for construction. The Reference Department has moved into our Fell reading room which has been a learning experience but also a welcome opportunity for our departments to work more closely together. We are hoping that over the course of the summer, approximately until August, this experience will help reference to cross train and become more fluent in the areas of Circulation that may be a bit more foreign to them and in that way will help us to be more cohesive when Reference returns to regular operations. The third floor remains open to the public to permit access to the Friends bookstore as the only area that should be open and available to the public as construction is underway. June 1st was when we were expecting to have the construction workers come inside after their treatment of the exterior of the building, however, they are moving relatively quickly and have asked if they could move inside potentially at the start of next week to begin preparation for work on the plaster. We have some meetings set at the end of the week to try to arrange some movement of various reference items, both to address the plaster work and the restoration of the Ryan room flooring.

APRIL 2026 |

Spring at the library has been great, since construction I am witnessing staff integrating skills from both reference and circulation to aid each other's workflows, and adapt to changes, as a helpful practice in understanding how to help each other in interdepartmental challenges. Circ staff have assisted in obituary requests, and our new Library Assistants are learning cataloguing. Programs that staff are offering are doing great building slow and steady growth of attendance. Patrons have more reasons to visit the library onsite and are making connections with our staff, allowing us to be that space outside of home where people can talk, socialize, and share kindred interests. Staff led events to highlight are our bookclubs ; scifi fantasy, historical fiction, books and tea, banned books club; then we have more hands on educational workshops offered by staff like our writers group, knitting, photography, comics club, open draw, community aid programs such as our ESL conversation group, community resource fair, collaborative entertainment events such as Magic the gathering, teen game night, Lego night, all offered by our staff. Our staff are building their own sociological ecosystems in the library, and expanding on what a library is through their own unique skills and

interests. Even staff who feel more comfortable behind the scenes are still succeeding in engaging patrons by making creative displays so there is no stone left unturned with this group of creative individuals. I do think it's important to let the staff roam a bit with their ideas, assuring we can arrive at the same destination by taking different routes. This brings a bit of fun into work, allows people space to express themselves, and fosters relatability and creativity with our residents who reflect that diversity. With the positive feedback I've gotten when folks hear what we are doing right now, we seem to be heading in a good direction and offering some really unique stuff as far as libraries go and that feels really expansive and full of possibility.

We have started the process of having in depth asbestos testing done on the floors within the reference room to understand the complexity of the flooring project to assure all are safe. 25 samples were taken of various areas of the Davis room flooring to give us a better understanding of the composition we are working with.

We teamed up with the Department of Cemeteries and Trees to give Dogwood and Maple Tree Saplings to our residents and patrons to plant for the future and help inspire appreciation and engagement with nature in our city. We are really excited to share that Circulation has extended their Library of Things collection to include some amazing items such as keyboards, synthesizers, Wacom drawing tablets, GPS navigation devices, telescopes, you name it; at this point we most likely have it in our collection. We are really excited to offer these to our residents, I believe it will really help to provide access to individuals who want to create something analog, or try out a new hobby without the personal expense. Reference is also increasing the local newspapers available online to our patrons and creating backups of those for safekeeping. Children's has been as always busy with so many great spring school vacation programs, and we are also expecting the tentative renaming of the Children's room as the David Mello Children's room shortly, based on Councilor Tith's and the Library Board's approval so stay tuned to hear more about this!

We also have a fantastic new resource Palace, available now, combining many of our online resources into one, making it easy to see available books from a number of electronic resources in our holdings. Another new digital resource we are signing on with is Comics Plus and Beanstack. These additions to our resource arsenal, will be focused on Comics of which we have a large audience; this digital resource has unlimited borrows, meaning materials are always available, new comics are added weekly and with no borrow limit, so will help us in our in house programming such as comics club, where all participants can borrow the same title to discuss. Beanstack is a resource that comes in the bundle we have gotten with Comics Plus and will provide a way for all ages to build a library shelf of everything they have read, tracking progress by winning badges and unlocking levels. In the era we are in, we think this might help connect many online individuals and kids more with summer reading, and

can provide a way for individuals to track how much they are reading with positive reinforcement. While this yes is a digital resource, we think it's a gateway to bridge the gap between technology and reading engagement for all ages.

MAY 2026 |

Starting off May I had been asked to follow up at the last Board meeting regarding our meeting room policy and public access to group meetings which I provided via email to the trustees and those attachments are included in the meeting materials, this does confirm that meetings booked in the library inclusive of nonprofit partner meetings are open and accessible to the public.

On May 28, I sat before council for deliberations on our proposed budget, a note on the budget, if you view the proposed numbers it appears different then last year since the library is no longer listing approx. $500k of retirement contributions within our library operating expense lines. Our actual operational funding has increased by $32,641 since last year.

Due to past Directors reporting information we were in a situation where we'd need to increase our budget spending by $500,000 to meet the prior requirement, but after working with the state, we agreed that recalculating our MAR in this limited circumstance provides us more grace to meet the certification standards annually in a reasonable way and avoids asking the city to come up with 500,000 dollars this year that we don't require at this current time in regards to operating expenses specifically. This way we can remain well funded from an operational standpoint and avoid putting the city in a position where they must resolve half a million dollars in one fiscal year to rectify past reporting procedures, those funds can hopefully be more readily available when and where they are necessary for staff increases during future negotiations.

In circulation, Kyla has been working hard to train employees in cataloging with so many new items to be processed, she's revised our printable calendar and promotional formatting to better highlight museum passes, digital services, and other adult services. We've had an incredible amount of displays and passive programming offered by this department, including Kyla's Asian and Pacific American heritage month display, Joanna curated, a mental health awareness display, and created custom pride 2026 library buttons to support our pride month programming, Olivia maintained our gardening display to support seasonal engagement and our new releases, and reference librarian David Raymondo contributed a sports card collection display to the lobby display case. Kyla also collaborated with Fall River's department of health and human services to promote and collect donations for a regional community baby shower initiative that included Swansea, Somerset, and Seekonk. Richard is now expanding to offer a new Magic the Gathering summer draft event to boost long-term interest in his club, and Jeff processed many new and donated DVDs to our collection.

In Reference, Conor and David have been working on boxing and shipping newspapers for microfilming as a preservation initiative. Betsy is working on obituary indexes and libguides, all reference staff have taken a universal class webinar to be more familiar with the resource we offer. Diana has continued to offer her writers group and sci-fi book club, as well this month.

In Children's Mr. Mello of course has been doing a great number of outreaches and in-house class visits. Madison Sirois of the Children's room worked diligently on the Children's Summer Reading Booklet which was incredibly well designed and detailed, I urge everyone to grab one as soon as they go to print. We have a packed summer and we are so excited about our upcoming programs including an upcoming circus in the library!

JUNE 2026 |

As construction occurs, the library staff are working to organize items for the repairs of the upper level. The timing of the repairs has allowed us to address the overflow of circulating items that over the course of years have become integrated with the reference department. The construction provides the perfect opportunity to re-establish the reference department space in a way that makes it conducive for research and study, to quietly read periodicals and newspapers, and to access microfilm. As there are so many moving pieces to this, we are working on migrating books into consolidated areas to improve user experience based on types of materials. This is a larger scope plan that we have been working on that depends on the process occurring in stages to fully bring all areas of the library to life and to their full potential. This includes circulating books that were overflowed into the Reference room are being integrated into the stacks to provide more space for study and the reference collections within the room that the reference staff work. This will bring greater awareness to the reference room offerings and will delineate the difference between reference in-house materials, and circulating collections. As we are being given the opportunity to restore the library history in the Reference area with the restorations, we are expecting the environment to be better suited to study, and curb unpleasant behaviors in the space.

The plan's full scope will provide Children's a more readily available space for events, migrate Young Adult fiction closer to the Children's and Middle Grade books and to have Circulation remain on the Main floor with the AudioVisual room as a central area remaining often the most frequented area and accessible equally from the upper and lower floors. This will provide a better flow and progression through the library spatially and will make it easier to find what patrons are looking for. As the collections in Reference should be more safeguarded from weather risks, we will be able to store many of our reference items closer by.

We are very pleased with the construction company that has been working on the building on site, they have shown care for the historical value of the building, and have also been very kind and have explained all aspects of the process as it occurs. As this construction is a portion of the full library repair project to resolve leaks on the *rear side* of the building, it is already saving funding by preventing further irreparable costly damages on the most at risk area of the building exposed to wind driven damage, that said - we hope to have the front and sides of the building addressed in the same way at the earliest possible time. The current construction is of great importance to the prevention of the loss or further damage of our library as an asset both architecturally and as an integral institutional service of the City of Fall River.

**Fall River Public Library Programming**

Clubs; Chess Club (35 sessions)
Clubs; Knitting (30 sessions)
Clubs; Yarn Crafting for a Cause (18 sessions)
Clubs; English Conversation Group (13 sessions)
Clubs; Writing Group (13 sessions + 1 intensive feedback)
Clubs; Book and Tea Club (12 sessions)
Clubs; Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club (12 sessions)
Clubs; Middle Grade Book Club (11 sessions)
Clubs; Teen Game Night (11 sessions)
Clubs; Teens Open Draw (12 sessions)
Clubs; Teen Graphic Novel and Comics (10 + Zine Pride special event)
Clubs; Historical Fiction Book Club (9 sessions)
Clubs; Magic the Gathering (7 sessions + 1 Draft Event)
Clubs; Teen Sketchbook (7 sessions)
Clubs; Photography (5 sessions)
Clubs; Banned Book Club (4 sessions)
Clubs; Children's Bookclub (2 sessions)
Clubs; Teen Ukulele (2 sessions)
Head Start (21 sessions)
Play; Trustees Mobile Adventures: (9 sessions)
- *-Cryptids*
- *-Signs of the Season*
- *-Evergreen Explorers*
- *-Winter Wildlife Detectives*
- *-Frozen Fun Hands on Ice*
- *-Signs of Spring*
- *-Sea Life*
- *-In the Garden*
- *-A Bug's Life!*

Play; Play and Learn (27 sessions)
Play;Family LEGO Night (6 sessions)
Play; Gaming with BEAM (11 sessions)
Meet the Author: Brett Sylvia
Meet the Author: Carla Marrero
Meet the Author: Lida Perry
Meet; Krampus
Meet; Bruins Blades
Meet; Clifford

Meet; Peter Cottontail
Meet; Spongebob & Patrick
Meet; Pete the Cat for Pete the Cat Day
Meet; Darth Vader
Cinema; Movie Matinees (7 sessions)
Cinema; Dino Film Fest
Cinema; Movies for Kids
Educational Intro to the Library Class visit; (11 onsite sessions)
- *Doran School Visit (3 sessions)*
- *Aldrich Class (2 sessions)*
- *Antioch School*
- *Durfee Tour (2 sessions)*
- *Maple Street Students*
- *Local Daycare*
- *Home School Group Research*
- *Local School Visit*

Concert Performance; Dr. Gasp Performance
Concert Performance; Bill Harley
Concert Performance; Pamela Means presents Black Brown and Beige
Concert Performance; Professor Harp Blues
Concert Performance; Voices Unheard
Concert Performance; John Porchino
Craft; Teen Zine Program (2 sessions)
Craft; Wreath
Craft; Raft
Craft; Clown
Craft; Pumpkinhouse
Craft; Turkey
Craft; DIY Ornament
Craft; Rabbit
Craft; Crusty the Crab
Craft; Ooey gooey slime workshop
Craft; Penguin Bulb Ornament Craft
Craft; Make a 3D Butterfly
Craft; Accordion Bookbinding
Craft; Vintage Bottle Sand Art
Craft; Sunglasses Chain Workshop
Craft; Coastal Garden Art
Craft; Framed Woodland Scene Craft
Craft; Scratch Art Keychain
Craft; Paper Cup Polar Bear
Craft; Make a Mardi Gras Mask
Craft; Snowball Craft
Craft; Paint a Ceramic
Craft; Scribble Scrubbies
Craft; Wire and Bead Crystal Hanger
Craft; Friendship Bracelets
Craft; Sketchie Go Itchie
Craft; MassArt Aluminum Pour Workshop
Craft; Teen Craft: Batman Day Comic Coasters
Craft; Teen Craft: CD Suncatchers
Craft; Teen Craft: Junk Journal
Craft; Teen Craft: Seaglass Art
Craft; Driftwood Wind Chimes
Craft; Creation Station
Challenges and Contests; LEGO Leprechaun Trap
Challenges and Contests; Vote for storybook character
Challenges and Contests; Rudolph's Reindeer Games
Community; Community Resource Day (6 sessions)
Community; Read Across America Night
Community Chats; Listening Session with GBH
Community Chats; LGBT Media Conversation

Immersive; Haunted Library Walk-thru
Informational; Streaming 101 for Teens
Informational; Teen Resume Workshop
Speaker; Holocaust Survivor Talk
Speaker; Positive Self Talk Workshop
Speaker; Jeff Belanger; The Writing Life
Speaker; Personality Typology and Character Building Presentation
Speaker; Intro to Tarot
Speaker; Krampus and Yuletide Lecture
Speaker; The Magic Behind the Holidays
Speaker; LGBTQ+ Allyship
Speaker; All About the U.S. Healthcare System
Speaker; Unmasking Toxic Masculinity
Speaker; Holocaust Talk with Jonathan Applefield
Storytime; Preschool Storytime (42 sessions)
Storytime; Teddy Bear Picnic on the lawn
Storytime; Circus
Storytime; In the Deep Blue Sea
Storytime; Dino
Storytime; Chief
Storytime; Santa
Storytime; IDD Group
Storytime; Story in Spanish
Storytime; Story in Haitian Creole
Storybook Bingo (2 sessions)
Scavenger Hunts; Dino Scavenger Hunt
Scavenger Hunt; Polar Animals
Specialized Live Entertainment; Finnegan's Circus
Specialized Live Entertainment; Vincent; a portrait by the postman Roulin
Specialized Live Entertainment; Phelan Monsters Puppet Show
Specialized Live Entertainment; Caravan Puppets
Specialized Live Entertainment; The Magnificent Monster Circus
Specialized Live Entertainment; Henry the Juggler
Active; Summer Yoga Series
Passive Giveaway; National Surprise Day
Passive Giveaway; Free Comic Day
Fall River Celebrates Japan: Ikebana workshop
Fall River Celebrates Japan: Suminigashi
Fall River Celebrates Japan: Senchado Ceremony
STEAM; DIY Theremin Workshop (2 sessions)
STEAM; Mad Science; Living in Space

**Main Operational Branch Offsite Outreaches:**

Drive in Storytime
City of Fall River Tree Lighting
Trunk or Treat
Holiday Stories & More! at the Lafayette-Durfee House
Dragon Craft / Storytime at the Narrows
Boyd Center Outreach (3)
Read Across America School Visit (3)
9th Street Daycare (4 visits)
Polar Express at the Fonseca School
Spencer Borden Fair
North Pole at BCC
Paul Revere Day
Doran School
Highland school
Aldrich school (2)
Tansey Assembly (2)
Durfee outreach (2)

St Michaels k-1st
Watson School
Espirito Santo
Green school

**Bookmobile Outreaches:**

Schools; BCC Headstart Summer Kickoff
Schools; Tansey
Schools; Camp Tansey
Schools; Tansey Conferences
Schools; Doran
Schools; Doran Community School Literacy Program
Schools; Doran Community School Dismissal Program
Schools; Henry Lord
Schools; Henry Lord High School Fair
Schools; Fonseca
Schools; Fonseca Open House
Schools; Fonseca Health Expo
Schools; Silvia Elementary
Schools;Greene Elementary
Schools; Espirito Santo Kindergarten Orientation
Schools; Espirito Santo Popsicle Social
Schools; Watson Elementary
Schools; Watson Elementary Popsicle Social
Schools; Watson Elementary Kindergarten Orientation
Schools; Letourneau
Schools; Letourneau Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation
Schools; Kuss Open House
Schools; Spencer Borden Open House
Schools; Spencer Borden Family Literacy Fair
Schools; Aldrich School Headstart
Schools; Read Across America at Doran
Schools; Read Across America at Henry Lord
Schools; Westall
Schools; Westall Open House
Schools; Westall Conferences
Schools; Stone Day
Schools; Stone School
Schools; Viveiros Elementary
Parks; Maplewood Park
Parks; Maplewood Park; T-Shirt Tote Bag Craft
Parks; Kennedy Park Visit
Parks; Picnic and Books
Parks; Evening at Ruggles Park
Parks; Lafayette Park
Parks; Craft and Chat Flower Crowns
Parks; Craft and Chat Painting in the Park
Parks; Evening at North Park
Parks; Children's Advocacy Center at Kennedy Park
Parks; Family Game Day at Lafayette Park
Parks; Father Travassos Park
Parks; Storytime at Kennedy Park
Residential regions; Bishop Eid Apartments
Residential regions; Mitchell Heights Apartments
Residential regions; Oliveira Apartments
Residential regions; Sunset Hill Apartments
Residential regions; Maple Gardens Apartments
Residential regions; Father Defario Apartments
Residential regions; St Matheieu's School Apartments
Seniors; Sarah Brayton Nursing Center
Seniors; Kimwell Nursing and Rehabilitation

Seniors; River Falls Senior Living
Seniors; River Falls Senior Living Craft Visits
Seniors; South Main Senior Center
Seniors; Cornerstone Adult Daycare
Seniors; Bridgeview Adult Day Care
Seniors; Carvalho Grove Nursing and Rehab
Seniors; Fall River Jewish Home
Seniors; Catholic Memorial Skilled Nursing
Community; Healthfirst Farmers Market
Community; Healthfirst Farmer's Market Zucchini Race
Community; Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County
Community; Cardinal Medeiros Towers farmers Market
Community; St. Vincents Services
Community; Sunset Hills Community Resource Fair
Community; Party on Purchase Street
Community; Family Day at Maple Gardens
Community; Community Resource Fair at Father Defario Village
Community; National Night Out
Community; Fall River Pride
Community; Library Summer Reading Kick-off
Community; Family Day at Bennie Costa Plaza
Community; Health First Family Care Clinic Farmer's Market
Community; Summer Kickoff Supply Drive
Community; City of Fall River Trunk or Treat
Community; Children's Advocacy Center's Trunk or Treat
Community; Ships Cove Halloween Celebration
Community; Thankmas Holiday Market
Community; Children's Holiday Parade
Community; Arbor Day at Britland Park
Community; Family appreciation at the Fall River Carousel
Community; Citizens for Citizens Spring Fling
Community; Community Block Party
Community; Juneteenth Celebration
Community; Fall River Kite Night

## Additional offerings; possible by the support of our Non-Profit Organizations and Community Grant Partners

**Supported by the Friends of the Library**

The following have been funded via Library Grants awarded by the listed community partners;

Rockland Trust Bank:
Toe Jam Puppet Band Summer Kick off
Dinosaur Day
Family Night
Magic of Merlin!

Fall River Women's Union:
Animal Adventures Live Animal Show
The Moon and Self Care
Tarot Reading Session
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark: campfire and smore's
The History of Feminism and Witchcraft
Nappy's Puppets: Jack and the Beanstalk
Talking Hands Theatre: A Whale's Tale
Margaret Moody's Puppets: Badger Meets the Fairies
Pumpernickle Puppets: The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Lion and the Lion and the Mouse
Make a Puppet! Craft

Non-Grant Programming sponsored by the Friends
Summer Yoga with Andrea
Mysterious Massachusetts
Glass Pendant Workshop
Drums Alive 2
Mushroom Teacup Craft
Fall Mushroom Hunting Presentation
Watercolor Workshop
Pumpkin Carving
Kamishibai
Music in Dementia
The Fright Before Christmas
Fantasy Football: gift card prize
Harry Potter Night: RI Audubon Owls
Wildlife Out Your Window
December's Teen Game Night
Sheldon's Sweet 16 Dance Party
Meet Peppermint the Polar Bear
Meet The Little Mermaid!
Children's Frosty Faces!
The Great Leprechaun Hunt
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Fall River Cultural Council:
Watercolor Workshops by Wandering Brush (12 sessions/1 monthly)

Baycoast Bank:
Fall River Library Foundation Reception Library staff event attendance sponsorship

Non-Grant Events sponsored by the Foundation
Fall River Library Foundation Reception
Fall River Public Library Staff Christmas Party (FRPL staff)

Giveaways and Concert supported by Deborah and Richard Danner
Weekly Take Home Crafts 8 Dozen weekly; 11 dozen weekly in Summer
Book giveaways: (Thanksgiving; Children's Book Week Head Start)
Legends Community Concert at Heritage State Park

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER**
**CITY COUNCIL**

**FORMAL COMMITTEE REFERRAL, FACT-FINDING HEARING, AND REPORT REQUEST**

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**TO:** President Ponte
Fall River City Council

**FROM:** Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay

**DATE:** September 29, 2026

**RE: REQUEST FOR FORMAL COMMITTEE REFERRAL, FACT-FINDING HEARING, DOCUMENTARY REVIEW, AND REPORT CONCERNING TRAFFIC & PARKING ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MUNICIPAL PROCEDURES**

Dear President Ponte and Members of the City Council:

Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay respectfully request that the accompanying Charter §2-7 Investigation Request be **formally referred to the appropriate standing committee or special committee for fact-finding and report.**

This request is intended to obtain affirmative governmental action rather than merely acceptance of correspondence into the Council's records.

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## I. REQUESTED COMMITTEE ACTION

Upon referral, we respectfully request that the committee:

1. Formally docket the referred subject;
2. Schedule a public fact-finding meeting or hearing;
3. Receive the supporting documentary record;
4. Permit Mr. Duarte and Ms. Boulay to identify the factual issues presented;
5. Request and review relevant City records;
6. Invite appropriate City personnel to provide factual and administrative information;
7. Examine the Traffic & Parking hearing procedure;
8. Examine the legal authority for any hearing-processing fee;
9. Examine the City's treatment of written objections and correspondence;
10. Examine notice and service procedures;

11. Examine consolidated or accumulated-ticket procedures;
12. Examine individual citation dispositions;
13. Examine RMV-transmission procedures;
14. Examine public-records handling;
15. Examine the September 22, 2026 Council-meeting incident involving Officer #913;
16. Identify factual discrepancies;
17. Make findings and recommendations within the committee's authority; and
18. Report its findings to the full City Council.

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## II. SPECIFIC SUBJECTS FOR FACT-FINDING

The committee should determine:

**1. Governing authority**

What statute, ordinance, regulation, policy, or other lawful authority governs each disputed procedure?

**2. Hearing requests**

What constitutes a hearing request, and who determines that a communication constitutes one?

**3. $10 fee**

What legal authority establishes the $10 processing fee required in connection with the City's parking-hearing process?

**4. Consolidated citations**

What authority permits multiple citations to be handled in one proceeding, and how is each citation individually disposed of?

**5. Notice**

What constitutes legally sufficient notice of a hearing and what records establish that notice was transmitted?

**6. "No call/no show"**

What records establish that a resident was required to appear and failed to appear?

**7. Dispositions**

Who enters dispositions, what evidence supports them, and how are contradictory dispositions corrected?

**8. RMV consequences**

What municipal record and statutory prerequisite support each RMV-related transmission?

**9. Public records**

How were the residents' public-records requests classified, processed, answered, and documented?

**10. Administrative consistency**

Do the Duarte and Boulay records reveal substantially similar administrative procedures?

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## III. REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY REVIEW

The committee should review, as applicable:

- citations;
- hearing requests;
- written objections;
- hearing notices;
- mailing records;
- hearing schedules;
- attendance records;
- dispositions;
- disposition revisions;
- database histories;
- audit trails;
- RMV records;
- applicable ordinances;
- fee schedules;
- departmental policies;
- training materials;
- public-records correspondence;
- communications with City Counsel;
- communications with the RMV;

- Council-meeting recordings;
- police body-worn-camera footage;
- CAD/dispatch records; and
- other records identified during the investigation.

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## IV. REQUEST FOR CITY PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Where appropriate, we request that the committee invite representatives of:

- Traffic & Parking;
- the appropriate executive department;
- City Counsel, concerning factual/procedural matters as appropriate;
- the appropriate official responsible for RMV-related municipal procedures; and
- appropriate Police Department representatives concerning the September 22 incident.

The purpose of such participation is fact-finding, not prejudgment.

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## V. SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 INCIDENT

The committee should review the complete available record concerning Officer #913's interaction with Mr. Duarte.

The inquiry should include:

1. Who requested the officer's involvement;
2. What instructions were provided;
3. What authority governed the officer's intervention;
4. The circumstances of each physical contact;
5. Whether a warning or order was given;
6. Whether removal was requested or authorized;
7. What authority the officer relied upon;
8. The circumstances concerning statements about recording;
9. Whether applicable policies were followed; and
10. Whether the treatment was consistent with the treatment of other members of the public.

The committee need not prejudge the incident.

It should determine what the evidence establishes.

## VI. REQUEST FOR FORMAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Following fact-finding, we respectfully request a written committee report identifying:

1. The subject investigated;
2. The evidence reviewed;
3. The factual questions presented;
4. Information obtained;
5. Material discrepancies identified;
6. Procedural deficiencies established, if any;
7. Recommendations within the committee's authority;
8. Matters requiring referral to the Mayor;
9. Matters requiring referral to another governmental authority; and
10. Any additional information or action the committee determines necessary.

Fall River Code §2-155 provides that a committee to which a subject is specially referred shall report within one month from referral, or at the next meeting thereafter, or request additional time. (eCode360)

We therefore respectfully request that the matter be handled as a **formal referred subject**, with the resulting committee action reflected in the official committee record.

## VII. NO REQUEST FOR DIRECT ORDERS TO INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES

We recognize Charter §2-3(b)'s prohibition against the Council or individual Councilors giving orders or directions to City employees. (eCode360)

Accordingly, we seek:

- investigation;
- information;
- documentary review;
- fact-finding;
- testimony;
- findings;
- recommendations;
- and referral to the appropriate executive authority.

We do not ask individual Councilors or the committee to directly command individual employees.

## VIII. OFFICIAL FILING AND PROCEDURAL STATUS

Please provide:

1. Date received;
2. Filing/reference number;
3. Date presented to Council;
4. Committee referral;
5. Date of referral;
6. Scheduled hearing date;
7. Committee action;
8. Committee report; and
9. Final Council disposition.

## IX. GOOD-FAITH PURPOSE

The purpose of this request is straightforward:

**Look at the record.**

If the City's procedures were properly authorized and followed, the committee should be able to establish that from the evidence.

If the record establishes procedural errors, inconsistent dispositions, inadequate notice, unsupported administrative requirements, inaccurate records, or deficiencies requiring correction, those matters should likewise be identified and addressed through the appropriate municipal process.

Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay respectfully request that the Council and its committee **act upon the governmental authority already granted to them rather than merely receiving this submission for the record.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Ryan Duarte**

**Vada Boulay**

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER**
**CITY COUNCIL / OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**FORMAL CHARTER §2-7 INVESTIGATION AND COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST**

**TO:**
City Council President Cliff A. Ponte
Fall River City Council
All Members of the Fall River City Council

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

**FROM:**
Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay

**DATE:** September 29, 2026

**RE: FORMAL REQUEST FOR AFFIRMATIVE COUNCIL ACTION UNDER CHARTER §2-7 — TRAFFIC & PARKING ADMINISTRATION, HEARING PROCEDURES, ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, RMV CONSEQUENCES, PUBLIC-RECORDS HANDLING, AND RELATED MUNICIPAL CONDUCT**

Dear President Ponte and Members of the City Council:

Ryan Duarte and Vada Boulay respectfully submit this document as a **formal request that the City Council exercise its affirmative investigative and information-gathering authority under Charter §2-7.**

This is not a request merely to accept correspondence and place it on file.

It is a request for **formal Council action.**

Fall River Charter §2-7(a) expressly provides that the City Council may investigate the affairs of the City and the conduct and performance of any City agency. Section 2-7(b) authorizes the Council to require relevant City officers and employees to appear and provide information within their responsibilities. Section 2-7(c) authorizes the Council to request specific information from the Mayor and request the Mayor or designee to appear and answer written questions. Section 2-7(d) provides the procedure for requiring the attendance of a City officer or employee by resolution. (eCode360)

We therefore respectfully request that the Council **exercise those powers.**

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**I. REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

We respectfully request that the City Council:

1. **Formally receive and docket this request as a Charter §2-7 investigation request;**
2. Refer the matter to an appropriate standing committee or special committee for fact-finding;
3. Direct that the matter be formally scheduled rather than merely placed on file;
4. Require relevant City personnel to provide information pursuant to §2-7(b), where appropriate;
5. Request specific information from the Mayor pursuant to §2-7(c);
6. Where necessary, adopt a §2-7(d) resolution requiring the attendance of identified City officers or employees;
7. Conduct a public fact-finding hearing;
8. Review the relevant documentary record;
9. Determine the factual questions presented;
10. Determine whether established municipal procedures were followed;
11. Determine whether the City's records accurately reflect what occurred;
12. Identify material discrepancies, if any;
13. Make findings and recommendations within the Council's lawful authority;
14. Refer matters requiring executive action to the Mayor;
15. Request a written response concerning the disposition of those referrals; and
16. Record the Council's action in its official proceedings.

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## II. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST TO ADJUDICATE THE PENDING LAWSUIT

We recognize that Ryan Duarte has pending litigation involving related Traffic & Parking matters.

This investigation request does not ask the Council to:

- decide the merits of that litigation;
- determine judicial liability;
- interfere with the Superior Court;
- direct City Counsel's litigation strategy;
- or substitute the Council's judgment for the judiciary.

The requested investigation concerns the City's own:

- administrative procedures;
- records;
- supervision;

- employee conduct;
- municipal operations;
- notice practices;
- hearing procedures;
- RMV procedures;
- and governmental accountability.

The Council can investigate the conduct and performance of a City agency without deciding what judgment a court should ultimately enter.

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## III. SUBJECT MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation should address the following categories.

### A. TRAFFIC & PARKING HEARING PROCEDURE

Determine:

1. What procedure governs a request for a parking hearing;
2. What constitutes a hearing request;
3. Whether written objections constitute hearing requests;
4. Who makes that classification;
5. What notice is required;
6. What fee, if any, is required;
7. The legal authority for any fee;
8. How hearings are scheduled;
9. How attendance is recorded;
10. How dispositions are entered;
11. How residents receive notice of dispositions; and
12. What procedure governs judicial or administrative review.

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## IV. THE $10 PROCESSING FEE

The Council should specifically investigate the legal authority for the $10 processing fee being required by Traffic & Parking.

The investigation should identify:

1. The statute relied upon;
2. The ordinance relied upon;

3. The ordinance number;
4. The date of enactment;
5. The applicable fee-schedule provision;
6. Any resolution or administrative delegation;
7. When the fee was first implemented;
8. Whether payment is required before a statutory §20A½ hearing;
9. Whether the City relies upon Chapter 90;
10. Whether the City relies upon Chapter 40U;
11. If Chapter 40U is relied upon, how it applies to municipal traffic violations;
12. The effect of Fall River Code §2-1024's exclusion of municipal traffic violations from the Chapter 40U article; and
13. The City's position concerning the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's description of the §20A½ hearing as a right available "at no cost."

The Council should require an actual legal citation or municipal enactment rather than an oral description of the procedure.

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## V. ACCUMULATED OR CONSOLIDATED CITATIONS

The Council should determine:

1. Whether Traffic & Parking consolidates multiple citations into a single hearing;
2. The legal authority for doing so;
3. Whether a resident receives notice that separate citations will be consolidated;
4. Whether consent is required;
5. Whether each citation retains an individual disposition;
6. Whether reasons are recorded for each disposition;
7. Whether each disposition is separately communicated; and
8. How individual review rights are preserved.

The issue is not whether consolidation is necessarily prohibited.

The issue is whether the City can identify the lawful authority and procedure by which it occurs.

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## VI. NOTICE, SERVICE, AND "NO CALL / NO SHOW" DETERMINATIONS

The Council should determine:

1. What notice is required before a hearing;

2. How notice is transmitted;
3. What constitutes proof of mailing or service;
4. What constitutes a hearing request;
5. What constitutes a failure to appear;
6. What records establish a failure to appear;
7. Whether residents are notified of the consequences of nonappearance;
8. Whether a hearing can be treated as scheduled without documented notice; and
9. Whether the City has a uniform written procedure for these circumstances.

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## VII. ADMINISTRATIVE DISPOSITIONS AND RECORD ACCURACY

The investigation should review:

- citation records;
- hearing requests;
- correspondence;
- hearing schedules;
- hearing attendance records;
- written dispositions;
- amended dispositions;
- database histories;
- audit trails;
- and communications concerning corrections.

The Council should determine:

1. Who entered each disposition;
2. When it was entered;
3. What evidence supported it;
4. Whether it was subsequently modified;
5. Whether the modification was documented;
6. Whether conflicting dispositions exist;
7. Which disposition is operative;
8. Whether affected residents were notified; and
9. Whether the municipal record accurately reflects the underlying proceeding.

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## VIII. RMV-RELATED CONSEQUENCES

The Council should investigate the City's procedures for transmitting parking-related information to the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

For each disputed transmission, the investigation should identify:

1. The citation relied upon;
2. The underlying municipal proceeding;
3. The applicable statutory prerequisite;
4. The hearing status;
5. The disposition;
6. Any alleged failure to appear;
7. The official authorizing transmission;
8. The date of transmission;
9. The information transmitted;
10. The source record supporting transmission; and
11. Any mechanism for correcting inaccurate transmission.

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## IX. PUBLIC-RECORDS REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The investigation should also examine whether municipal personnel properly distinguished:

- public-records requests;
- hearing requests;
- objections;
- requests for clarification;
- appeals;
- and other administrative correspondence.

The Council should determine whether the City's records demonstrate compliance with applicable public-records procedures, including required responses, identification of records withheld, applicable exemptions, and production procedures.

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## X. RYAN DUARTE

The Council should review Mr. Duarte's underlying administrative record, including:

- citation-specific correspondence;
- written objections;

- hearing-related correspondence;
- public-records requests;
- hearing scheduling;
- alleged failure-to-appear records;
- administrative dispositions;
- contradictory dispositions;
- communications with Traffic & Parking;
- communications with City Counsel;
- and RMV-related records.

The Council is not asked to accept Mr. Duarte's characterization.

The Council is asked to compare that characterization against the City's own records.

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## XI. VADA BOULAY

Ms. Boulay's matter should be separately reviewed on its own record, including:

- citation records;
- notices;
- hearing/disposition records;
- payment demands;
- RMV-related records;
- public-records requests;
- Traffic & Parking correspondence;
- and the consequences described in her supporting materials.

The Council should additionally determine whether the similarities between the two records reveal a recurring municipal procedure.

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## XII. SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING — OFFICER #913

We separately request investigation of the September 22, 2026 interaction involving Fall River Police Officer #913 and Mr. Duarte.

We recognize that President Ponte has indicated that he did not see in the Council recording an instance in which the officer stopped Mr. Duarte from recording.

We do not ask the Council to substitute either person's characterization for the evidence.

We ask the Council to establish the facts from the complete available record.

The investigation should determine:

1. Who requested or directed the officer's involvement;
2. What information was communicated to the officer;
3. What authority or policy governed the intervention;
4. The circumstances surrounding each physical contact;
5. Whether Mr. Duarte was warned;
6. Whether an order to leave was issued;
7. Whether removal was requested or authorized;
8. What authority the officer relied upon;
9. The circumstances surrounding statements concerning recording;
10. Whether the officer's conduct complied with applicable policies;
11. Whether other members of the public were treated similarly; and
12. What the complete contemporaneous record establishes.

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## XIII. INFORMATION AND RECORDS REQUESTED UNDER §2-7

The Council should obtain and review, as appropriate:

- Traffic & Parking databases;
- citation histories;
- hearing records;
- hearing notices;
- mailing records;
- correspondence;
- internal emails;
- disposition histories;
- audit trails;
- RMV transmission records;
- policies;
- training materials;
- communications with City Counsel;
- communications with the RMV;
- public-records responses;
- Council meeting recordings;
- police body-worn-camera footage;
- CAD/dispatch records;
- and other records identified during the investigation.

## XIV. REQUEST FOR MAYORAL INFORMATION UNDER §2-7(c)

We respectfully request that the Council consider requesting specific information from Mayor Coogan concerning:

1. Traffic & Parking supervision;
2. hearing-request procedures;
3. notice procedures;
4. citation disposition procedures;
5. the legal authority for the $10 fee;
6. consolidated-ticket procedures;
7. RMV transmission safeguards;
8. record-correction procedures;
9. supervisory review;
10. employee training; and
11. any executive review already undertaken.

Under §2-7(c), the Council may request specific information from the Mayor and may request the Mayor or designee to attend a meeting to answer written questions concerning that information. (eCode360)

## XV. REQUEST FOR §2-7(d) RESOLUTION WHERE NECESSARY

Where the Council determines that testimony or information from a specific City officer or employee is necessary, we respectfully request that the Council consider adopting the resolution contemplated by Charter §2-7(d).

Any such resolution should identify:

- the subject of the inquiry;
- the relevant officer or employee;
- and, where appropriate, specific questions.

We recognize that §2-7(d) provides the procedural mechanism for such attendance and that the Mayor is to receive a copy of the resolution. (eCode360)

## XVI. COMMITTEE REFERRAL AND ACTION

We respectfully request referral to the committee the President and Council determine appropriate for initial fact-finding.

Fall River Code §2-154 provides that if a committee chair fails to call a meeting within 10 days after a subject has been referred to the committee, any two committee members may call the meeting. Section 2-155 further provides that a committee to which a subject is specially referred is to report within one month, or at the next meeting thereafter, or request additional time. (eCode360)

Accordingly, we request that any referral identify the subject matter specifically enough to permit the committee to conduct a formal inquiry and report.

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## XVII. REQUEST FOR FORMAL FINDINGS AND REFERRALS

Following the investigation, we respectfully request that the Council:

1. Identify the evidence reviewed;
2. Identify the factual questions considered;
3. Identify information obtained;
4. Identify material discrepancies;
5. Identify any procedural deficiencies established by the evidence;
6. Make findings within its lawful authority;
7. Make recommendations within its lawful authority;
8. Refer executive matters to the Mayor;
9. Refer any matters requiring action by another governmental authority to the appropriate authority; and
10. Require or request a written response concerning disposition of any referral.

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## XVIII. COUNCIL'S LIMITATION ON DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

We expressly recognize Charter §2-3(b), which prohibits the City Council or an individual Councilor from giving orders or directions to City employees. (eCode360)

Accordingly, this request does **not** ask individual Councilors or a committee to direct individual employees to take a particular administrative action.

It asks the Council to exercise its lawful powers of:

- investigation;
- information gathering;

- hearings;
- resolutions;
- findings;
- recommendations;
- and referral.

Where executive implementation is required, the matter may be referred to the Mayor pursuant to the City's governmental structure.

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## XIX. FORMAL COUNCIL RECORD

Please accept this submission as a formal filing and provide:

1. Date received;
2. Filing or reference number, if assigned;
3. Date presented to Council;
4. Agenda status;
5. Committee referral;
6. Date of referral;
7. Hearing date when established;
8. Council action taken; and
9. Disposition of the investigation.

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## XX. GOOD-FAITH PURPOSE

We are not asking the Council to take Ryan Duarte's or Vada Boulay's word over the City's. We are asking the Council to **look at the record.**

If the evidence establishes that the City's procedures were lawful and properly followed, that should be reflected in the official record.

If the evidence establishes errors, contradictions, inadequate procedures, inaccurate records, or deficiencies requiring corrective action, those matters should likewise be identified and addressed through the appropriate governmental mechanism.

The purpose is not punishment for its own sake.

The purpose is:

**lawful administration, accurate municipal records, accountable government, and correction where the City's own records establish that correction is warranted.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Ryan Duarte**

**Vada Boulay**

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9:28

Voicemail

On Feb 18, 2026, at 9:29 AM, Kenneth Fredette <kfredette@fallriverma.gov> wrote:

Ms. Boulay. You currently owe $330.00 in parking citations. I have been informed that you have not appealed any tickets to the Parking Clerk as is the current requirement in Fall River. The City of Fall River has not adopted M.G.L. c. 90 s. 20A1/2 which sets out the legal process for appealing tickets to District Court for moving violations in Boston, Cambridge and any municipality that has adopted this statute. Fall River has not. There is no mechanism for determining indigency for payment of parking fines as they are not criminal violations for which M.G.L. c. 261 ss27A-27C would apply.

I agree that legal advice should not be dispensed by non-lawyers and this Office of Corporation Counsel does not provide legal advice as well. There will be no opportunity for you to bring these matters into Fall River District Court so my only advice to you here is to follow the instructions set out on your citation for the appeals process before the Parking Clerk.

From: Vada Boulay <redacted>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 9:16 AM
To: Kenneth Fredette <redacted>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Voicemail

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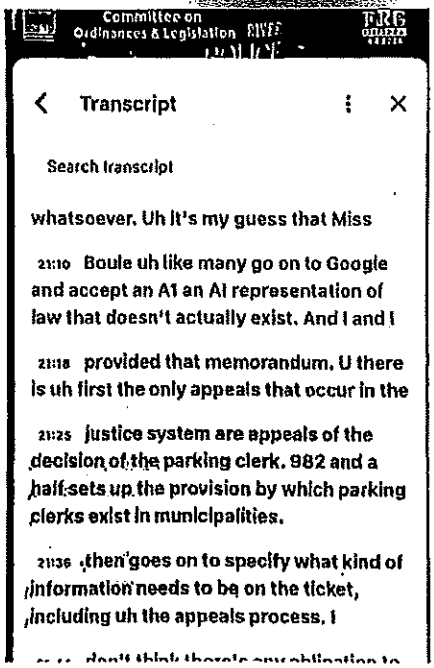
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Item.
To:

Vada, respectfully, I provided all the information you are going to get from me on civil non-moving citations issued in Fall River. I have no obligation to answer your many questions and requests for "clarifications." You can bring suit against the City in an attempt to avoid responsibility for your tickets, but I have neither the willingness nor the time to enter into legal discourse with you on these matters. Good luck in your endeavors.

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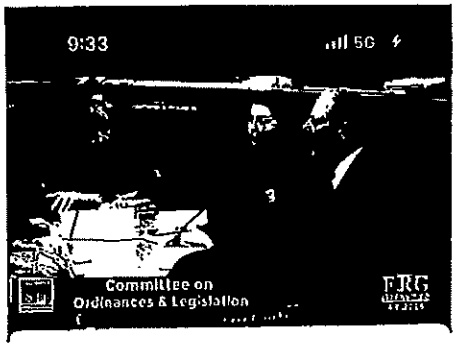
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20:55 are we required to. Subsequently

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To:
City of Fall River
Traffic & Parking Division

**Notice of Defect, Conditional Response, and Reservation of Rights**

Dear Ms. MacArthur and Ms. Ferreira,

This correspondence is submitted as a conditional response only, for purposes of clarification and preservation of rights, and shall not be construed as a plea, appearance, request for hearing, admission, or consent to jurisdiction, whether personal, subject-matter, or administrative.

Your letter dated December 30, 2025 purports to reference a "scheduled hearing" and/or a request for a hearing; however, the correspondence fails to identify any specific citation number(s), ticket number(s), violation code(s), date(s), or statutory authority upon which the City relies. Absent such essential information, no lawful or cognizable matter has been properly noticed.

Accordingly, please take notice:
1. No plea has been entered.
2. No request for hearing has been made.
3. No jurisdiction is conceded.
4. No obligation or liability is admitted.
5. All rights are expressly reserved without waiver, without prejudice, and without recourse.
6. Non assumpsit.

If the City contends that a specific citation or alleged violation exists, please provide competent written notice identifying:
- The exact citation or ticket number(s)
- The date(s) and location(s) of the alleged violation(s)
- The statutory or ordinance authority relied upon
- The basis for any claimed fee or obligation

Until such time, the correspondence dated December 30, 2025 is defective on its face, and no further response is required or owed.

All rights reserved.
Respectfully,

Ryan Duarte
℅ 332 Brock Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745
UCC 1-308

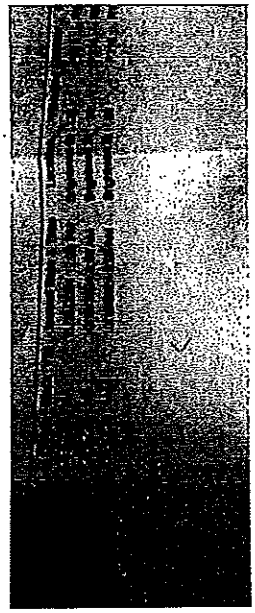
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Ryan Duarte
332 Brock Avenue
New Bedford, MA, 02744

December 30, 2024

City of Fall River Traffic Violations Bureau
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA. 02722

**Subject: Procedural Missteps and Formal Request for Compliance with Laws and Due Process**

To the City of Fall River Traffic Violations Bureau,

It has come to my attention that the City of Fall River Municipal Traffic and Parking Management has failed to properly address my formal correspondences dated November 30, 2024, and December 2, 2024. These correspondences outlined the procedural missteps taken by your office and the steps required to ensure compliance with Massachusetts laws and my constitutional rights.

Despite my continued efforts to communicate and resolve this matter, I have received further correspondence on December 7, 2024, attempting to combine multiple, separate violations into one prosecution. This is both procedurally improper and contrary to Massachusetts law, which mandates that each citation must be treated as a distinct case. Such actions violate my constitutional rights, including the right to a fair due process under both state and federal law.

Furthermore, this matter has become a significant financial and psychological burden due to the negligence and unfair processes of your office. Sending letters and handling correspondence costs money and occupies valuable time out of my busy schedule. The undue stress caused by this situation has resulted in anguish and fearfulness that I may endure further harmful actions to my personal and professional well-being.

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City of Fall River, MA (1092)

Citation Number
1033021

Issue Date
10/16/2024

Status
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Location
Brightman St

Issue Time
09:08 AM

Plate
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Due Date
11/05/2024

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Citation #1033020
City of Fall River, MA (1092)

Citation Number
1033020

Issue Date
10/16/2024

Location
Brightman St

Issue Time
09:07 AM

Plate
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Due Date
11/05/2024

Due
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Citation #1032756
City of Fall River, MA (1092)

Citation Number
1032756

Issue Date
11/18/2024

Location
Brightman St

Issue Time
12:28 PM

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Status
CLOSED VOID

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## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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| MEETING: | September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.<br>Council Chamber, One Government Center |
| PRESENT: | President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;<br>Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo |
| ABSENT: | None |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Ann O'Neil-Souza, City Administrator<br>Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services<br>Daniel N. Aguiar, Director of Engineering and Planning<br>Ian M. Schachne, Treasurer/Collector<br>Christopher Hathaway, Director of Community Maintenance<br>Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, 261 Union Street, New Bedford, MA |

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

In accordance with a resolution adopted, as amended May 8, 2012, persons are allowed to address the Council for a period of three minutes prior to the beginning or at the conclusion of business in the Committee on Finance.

**Presentation of Citations** – None

1. Citizen Input

Tiberio Sardinha, 985 Cherry Street – Trash

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak, with Vice President Dionne opposed.*

Ryan Duarte, 332 Brock Avenue, New Bedford, MA – Park

2. Loan order of $10,000,000 for the construction and/or improvement of City Streets

*Vice President Dionne and Dan Aguiar, Director of Engineering and Planning, discussed the creation of a list of streets that would be renovated and repaired with the loan order funding. Mr. Aguiar explained that, while he has a tentative list of said roads, he does not want to announce the street names until all funding is secured to avoid any confusion with residents and business owners within Fall River. Mr. Aguiar clarified that he does have a list available for review for streets that are currently planned to be renovated with existing Chapter 90 Program funding,*

*authorized through M.G.L. Ch. 90, Section 34, which provides funding to cities and towns for capital improvements on local public ways. Vice President Dionne asked if any of the loan order funding would be utilized for new developments, and Mr. Aguiar emphasized that this funding would be used only for existing streets that need minor repairs. The Director of Engineering and Planning explained that there are many requirements for road updates when Chapter 90 Program funding is utilized, such as the creation of sidewalks, the installation of granite curbs, and the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, such as wheelchair ramps. Mr. Aguiar stated that many of the City's roads only need certain sections milled and paved, without major reconstruction, and that the proposed loan order would provide funding to address those locations.*

*Councilor Cadime asked if, after the City Council authorized publication on September 8, 2026, a public notice was created for the loan order, and the City Clerk confirmed that it was posted on the City website's Legal Notices webpage. Councilor Cadime commended Mr. Aguiar on his work to improve the City's roads.*

*Councilor Camara and Mr. Aguiar discussed sidewalk repairs, including those requested by the Community Development Agency, planned renovations to Eastern Avenue, and the need to install guardrails on certain streets. Mr. Aguiar clarified that guardrail installation is under the purview of the Department of Community Maintenance.*

*Councilor Peckham and the Director of Engineering and Planning held a detailed discussion regarding the number of cars that utilize the City's roadways, an ongoing corridor study being conducted on Troy Street, and the fact that the increasing population within the City will cause faster wear and tear on public streets. Councilor Peckham emphasized the need for a City census to ensure adequate services are provided, and Mr. Aguiar explained that he is working to adequately plan repair times for heavily used streets and other major projects. Councilor Peckham and Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, discussed the anticipated increase in property taxes for the upcoming year due to the current economy. Councilor Peckham reiterated that a population count is vital and stated that he will vote against any item placed before him by the Administration until this action occurs.*

*Councilor Pereira and Mr. Aguiar discussed the increased number of vehicles on the road, as most families have multiple cars, and the lack of adequate sidewalks near the new Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, where many new drivers operate their vehicles, increasing the risk to pedestrians. Councilor Pereira and the Director of Engineering and Planning also discussed plans for renovations on Bedford Street, which will begin within the next thirty days. Councilor Pereira expressed concern that drivers often increase their speed when roads are newly paved.*

*Councilor Hart and Mr. Aguiar discussed the use of the loan order funds for streets that need smaller repairs, and Mr. Aguiar explained that sidewalk and curb installation often costs more than the repaved area of a road. The Director of Engineering and Planning also provided information regarding a long-term plan to contract an on-call third-party service to repair damaged roads very quickly. Mr. Aguiar clarified that this process would include the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure long-term services, instead of an RFP each time renovations are needed, which will expedite the renovation process. Mr. Aguiar also explained that he does not plan to withdraw the full $10,000,000 at once from the loan order funding and that he will only utilize the funds as needed. Councilor Canuel stated that he will vote in favor of the loan order.*

*Councilor Cadime agreed with Councilor Peckham that a census of the City's population would be valuable, as it also affects the eligibility of funding from the Chapter 90 Program, but emphasized the importance of supporting this proposed funding, as it will benefit Fall River residents. Councilor Cadime also explained that, while many cars use the roads within the City, not all the drivers are residents, and many cars are registered in other cities and towns. Mr. Aguiar stated that he has a database of the City's streets, along with their current conditions, and plans to utilize this information to determine how the loan order funding would be utilized. Councilor Cadime and the Director of Engineering and Planning held a brief discussion regarding road repairs that would be necessary following the replacement of underground natural gas structures, and Mr. Aguiar clarified that it may take another five years to complete all renovations. Councilor Pereira and Mr. Aguiar briefly discussed Columbia Street, which will soon return to two-way traffic.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to refer the loan order to the full Council for action.*

3. Resolution – Convene to develop a comprehensive plan for an accurate financial analysis of the cost and distribution of solid waste and recycling carts

*Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, 261 Union Street, New Bedford, MA, provided a detailed overview of the City's ongoing efforts to update the solid waste and recycling cart distribution protocols and stated that this project has been ongoing since 2022 following the discontinuance of the Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT) program.*

*Councilor Camara requested clarification regarding how solid waste and recycling bins were distributed to residential properties. Attorney Thomas explained the methods used to assign carts to homes and apartments, which are based on the number of units within the structure, the need for accurate counts and tracking of these bins, and the ongoing task of collecting excess containers from various residential properties throughout Fall River.*

*Attorney Thomas also provided an overview of the number of residential and mixed-use properties receiving solid waste and recycling collection services and explained the calculations that are utilized for the capacity and disposal volumes of the bins. Attorney Thomas emphasized that the City has discontinued collection of solid waste and recycling for commercial properties and is working on enforcement of excess carts. Attorney Thomas also explained that the cost of recycling has risen dramatically, limiting the City's financial benefit of providing this service. Attorney Thomas stated that a majority of enforcement issues arise from five- and six-family properties and that the City is considering obtaining a comprehensive cart audit from Rehrig Pacific Company, a third party that specializes in waste and recycling disposal, to assist with accurate inventory, which would cost approximately $202,500. Attorney Thomas emphasized that existing staffing within the Department of Community Maintenance is insufficient to maintain both enforcement operations and cart inventory.*

*Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, provided information regarding the solid waste disposal cost, which is approximately $125 per ton and is significantly increased by excess carts that have been distributed throughout the City. Ms. Arpke stated that, if these excess carts are removed, there would be an estimated annual savings of $40,000 to $50,000 for smaller 65-gallon carts and $121,000 to $135,000 for larger 95-gallon carts.*

*Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas discussed the City's sample study of excess carts that was performed in 2024, which revealed that, out of 264 property parcels, there were 195 excess bins distributed. Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas debated the cost of inventorying these excess carts in relation to the savings of removing excess carts entirely. Ms. Arpke clarified that, while the City can remove excess carts, many residents may still overfill the bins they still have, which will affect the overall financial savings total. Ann O'Neil-Souza, City Administrator, stated that some damaged carts have been removed from service, but the corresponding barcode on the container may not have been properly recorded, which also affects the inventory data.*

*Councilor Cadime and Attorney Thomas discussed the anticipated decrease in solid waste and recycling costs if five- and six-family units were excluded from this City service. Attorney Thomas explained that the estimated savings could exceed $670,000 per year, but that the calculation used was intended to provide a conservative estimate. Ms. Arpke clarified that this would be the total savings estimate if all carts were completely removed from these properties, not just excess carts, and that the removal of carts will not result in an equal removal of solid waste tonnage.*

*Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas discussed the lack of cart inventory data, the need for a professional audit of the containers, and the creation of a three-strike ordinance to enforce proper disposal and recycling actions by residents and property owners. Attorney Thomas stated that he would provide a proposed ordinance in the future to allow the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation to discuss the implementation of a three-strike rule for violators of disposal policies, but that this proposal had been delayed due to ongoing discussions regarding the potential limitation of services to five- and six-family parcels. Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas also discussed collection schedules for public and private disposal services and unpaid disposal violation fees being included on future property tax invoices.*

*Vice President Dionne expressed concern that the City provides trash and recycling services to tax-exempt and non-profit properties. Attorney Thomas explained that approximately 981 properties in the City are considered tax-exempt, including the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, places of worship, and hospitals. Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas discussed the role of Payment in Lieu of Tax programs and the City's ability to provide solid waste and recycling collection services to parcels that do not contribute to the tax rolls. Ms. O'Neil-Souza clarified that the City does not provide these services to the business offices of these organizations, but only to housing units and places of worship. Attorney Thomas emphasized that, while these organizations do not submit tax payments, they provide services to the City and the Administration should not discontinue these collection services without a long-term plan. Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas also discussed the current fines that are issued for improper disposal of solid waste and recycling. Attorney Thomas stated that these fines range from approximately $100 to $300 and that implementing higher fines may be appropriate.*

*Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding the ongoing trash collection challenges the City is facing and emphasized the need for increased fines for violations. Attorney Thomas reiterated that the City should pursue an inventory of the existing bins and stated that he would forward a proposed ordinance to increase fines once a more thorough assessment of excess carts is completed. Ms. Arpke also noted that the City had recently started to assign the citations to individual property parcel identification numbers to allow any outstanding fines to be applied by the Collector's Office.*

*Councilor Raposo and Christopher Hathaway, Director of Community Maintenance, discussed the cart distribution policies, how citations may be issued by employees who perform inspections, and the ending of the City's Cardboard Recycling Cart Pilot Program. Mr. Hathaway explained that the carts used for the pilot program were in the process of being collected and that of the 350 bins that were distributed, the City has obtained approximately 300 of them. Councilor Raposo asked Mr. Hathaway to provide the Committee with updates on the number of carts that were issued and returned to the City, the number of citations that have been issued since the beginning of the year, and the status of any unpaid fines. Attorney Thomas suggested that the City provide this data for both Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 to date, and Councilor Raposo was amenable to receiving that information from both years.*

*Councilor Camara and Mr. Hathaway discussed staffing limitations within the Department of Community Maintenance that affected the City's ability to complete a full inventory of carts independently. Councilor Camara stated that the City should work to obtain the number of bins within the City as soon as possible. Attorney Thomas agreed but stated that some residents conceal excess carts and the City does not currently have the number of employees necessary to count all these containers. Councilor Camara and Attorney Thomas discussed the cost of hiring additional staff to assist with this task in relation to the cost of the third-party audit to obtain an accurate inventory of solid waste and recycling bins. Ms. Arpke explained that the outside inventory audit would streamline the process and allow City employees to focus on enforcement. Ms. O'Neil-Souza emphasized the current understaffing within the Department of Community Maintenance and stated that the workload of the department continues to increase.*

*Councilor Camara, Mr. Hathaway, and Ms. Arpke discussed how the City would collaborate with Rehrig Pacific Company to perform the proposed inventory audit of bins. Mr. Hathaway stated that the process would take approximately 90 days, and Ms. Arpke explained that the company would utilize the barcodes located on the bins to identify the number of carts associated with each property address. Mr. Hathaway also clarified that the company could re-label any containers with a damaged barcode.*

*Councilor Canuel and Attorney Thomas discussed new trash collection vehicles that are equipped with barcode readers. Councilor Canuel inquired if the City could utilize these types of trucks to assist with barcode scanning. Attorney Thomas explained that side-loading trucks can scan the bins, but that street-size limitations and other operational challenges prohibit those types of trucks from servicing the entirety of the City.*

*Councilor Pereira and Attorney Thomas discussed the decreased market value of corrugated cardboard, which negatively affects the City's costs for collecting recycled products. Councilor Pereira and Ms. Arpke discussed the existing third-party contract for solid waste and recycling collection, and the Director of Financial Services stated that she would need to review the contract to provide the Committee with the exact payment amounts that were agreed upon. Attorney Thomas also clarified that the City's costs for solid waste and recycling are based on fluctuating disposal costs. Councilor Pereira and Attorney Thomas held a detailed discussion regarding the former PAYT program, increased tonnage costs, and the concerns raised by City residents regarding individuals from surrounding communities contributing to the overall disposal costs. Councilor Pereira expressed concern regarding the challenges that may occur if larger five- and six-family properties are no longer provided disposal services by Fall River, as this will require property owners to hire private collection companies. Councilor Pereira also stated that the City should hire additional employees to assist with the cart inventory audit, as the third-party cost of $205,000 is large and the City should focus on achieving adequate staffing within the Department of Community Maintenance. Councilor Pereira made remarks*

*regarding the negative effects of illegal dumping and overflowing receptacles throughout the City and explained that additional employees would help to remedy this matter. Attorney Thomas stated that the City has been working tirelessly to address this challenge over the past four years, but that the current method is not sustainable. Councilor Pereira, the Director of Community Maintenance, and the City Administrator discussed ongoing education programs with the public schools to ensure students and their families understand proper disposal practices.*

*Councilor Cadime and Attorney Thomas discussed the City's goal to reduce the overall tonnage costs. Attorney Thomas explained that the total weight of the waste must be decreased to see any sort of financial benefit and that reducing the number of disposal bins would assist the City in achieving that goal. Councilor Cadime suggested that the Administration create a new annual fee that would be applied to all properties based on the number of carts they have received and that this long-term fee would assist with covering most of the disposal costs. Attorney Thomas stated that many municipalities use these types of fees instead of the PAYT bag programs and that they are often very successful in balancing their funding for these services. Councilor Cadime stated that this would be more cost-effective than hiring a third party to conduct an audit of the existing bins, and Attorney Thomas agreed, stating that the fee would need to be approximately $100 to $150 per unit. Councilor Cadime explained that a flat fee would be easier to administer and more effective than collecting and inventorying bins.*

*President Ponte, Councilor Cadime, and Attorney Thomas discussed the drafting of a proposed ordinance to create a fee schedule for solid waste and recycling bins.*

*Councilor Hart, the City Administrator, and the Director of Community Maintenance discussed Rehrig Pacific Company and the potential cart inventory services that may be offered. Ms. O'Neil-Souza clarified that the City currently works with Rehrig Pacific Company, as they supply the current disposal software and the bin containers. Councilor Hart requested that Mr. Hathaway provide additional data regarding the services currently provided by this company, as well as a list of cities and towns that also work with Rehrig Pacific Company.*

*President Ponte, Councilor Canuel, and Mr. Hathaway discussed the disposal software used by the City. The Director of Community Maintenance stated that there have been some changes in the methods of utilizing software and that he would provide additional information regarding the current technology being used to track disposal carts. Councilor Canuel stated that, following this discussion, the Councilors should consider how to address a tabled proposed ordinance related to solid waste.*

*Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas discussed the application of a yearly fee of $120 per year for each unit within a household, which would cost property owners roughly $2 per week per cart and could generate over $2,600,000 for the City. Vice President Dionne emphasized that this practice would generate more funds and savings than the plan to eliminate services for various properties. Vice President Dionne and Attorney Thomas agreed that the implementation of these fees may result in a much more feasible financial outcome and may even generate additional revenue over time.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to table the resolution.*

4. Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 4 Budget Report

*Vice President Dionne and Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, discussed the reconciliation of funds that were identified during a recent audit of the City's financial transactions. Ms. Arpke explained that a line-item totaling about $40,000 had been entered into the City's financial software incorrectly and that a receipt was identified that confirmed the error. Ms. Arpke explained that a total of $3,000 remains outstanding, but that the larger financial discrepancy had been rectified. Vice President Dionne requested additional information regarding the lack of a pension breakdown that is usually provided by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). Ms. Arpke explained that she was advised by PERAC via email that this document is no longer being distributed but was not given any details regarding the policy change. Vice President Dionne emphasized the need for obtaining this financial data for accurate budgeting in the future and asked that Ms. Arpke reach out to PERAC for additional information.*

*Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke held a detailed discussion regarding the Employer Health Trust Fund, including financial transfers to address large deficits during Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. Ms. Arpke stated that the target balance for this fund is $12,000,000, which is roughly two to three months' worth of expenses. Vice President Dionne requested clarification as to why the Quarterly Budget Report was reflecting a deficit of $1,200,000 within the fund. Ms. Arpke provided detailed information regarding the timing of the report in relation to when the City begins to receive receipts and reimbursements in relation to health insurance and pharmacy costs. Ms. Arpke clarified that, following the distribution of the Quarterly Budget Report, the City received approximately $1,600,000 in receipts, which are not reflected in this data set. Ms. Arpke stated that, following the input of those receipts, the account then reflected a positive balance of about $400,000. The Director of Financial Services also explained that the City's stop-loss reimbursements have not yet been submitted, but are estimated to total between $1,000,000 and $1,500,000, which would also help to balance this account. Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed the differences between the various budgetary projections within previous fiscal years and the actual health care costs that the City accrues, including estimates from Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting, Aetna, and CANRX. Ms. Arpke clarified that the Quarterly Budget Report is a snapshot of the status of this account and that many adjustments occur while the City awaits receipts and reimbursements through September 30th, as this is part of the fiscal year closing process. The Director of Financial Services reiterated that there is not a $1,200,000 deficit in the Employer Health Trust Fund and that she would provide additional financial information to the Councilors for review after all accounts from Fiscal Year 2026 are closed.*

*President Ponte and Ms. Arpke discussed the requested pension breakdown that was not supplied by PERAC this year. Ms. Arpke stated that no additional information was provided when she inquired as to why this data is no longer shared with municipalities and explained that many other cities and towns hire outside actuarial services to obtain this data. President Ponte requested that the Director of Financial Services send another follow-up email to PERAC and that she includes him on the correspondence.*

*Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds revenue totals, school transportation costs, various expenditure totals within the report, and Library revenue data. Ms. Arpke explained that the revenue within the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds must first be certified as Free Cash and then be allocated for stabilization funds or Capital Projects. Ms. Arpke emphasized that placing some of the funds within the stabilization funds will reduce the need to borrow capital in the future. Ms. Arpke stated that, at a future Ad Hoc School Transportation Committee meeting, she would provide a detailed*

*breakdown of the City's invoices and payments related to school transportation and explained that this data is available in the City's existing municipal reports. The Director of Financial Services also provided details regarding fund encumbrances, available budgetary capital, and how Free Cash is allocated after unspent appropriations are certified. Ms. Arpke provided various forms of revenue that the City utilizes, including property tax payments, proceeds from the sale of former City-owned properties, and insurance reimbursements in relation to the former Frank M. Sylvia School fire, which occurred in 2025. The Director of Financial Services also provided information regarding the increased receipt totals within the Library revenue data, which is a result of improved tracking and collection of fines and fees under the new Library Administrator.*

*Councilor Canuel requested additional information regarding the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Winter Assistance Recovery Program (WRAP) reimbursement, which totaled about $64,000, the existing $3,300,000 deficit in the City's Snow Removal Fund, and the existing balance within the Employer Health Trust Fund, which shows a large deficit within the quarterly report. Ms. Arpke explained that the WRAP reimbursement funds have not yet been received by the City, but that she had no concern regarding the receipt of this reimbursement in the future. The Director of Financial Services also explained that the Snow Removal Fund is allowed to carry a deficit and that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has authorized the City to amortize this large deficit over the next three fiscal years. Ms. Arpke did clarify that, to clear this deficit, funds from taxation, Free Cash, or the Stabilization Fund, may be used: The Director of Financial Services emphasized that this fiscal decision would be placed before the City Council for a formal vote and would be determined by the will of the legislative body.*

*Councilor Canuel and Ms. Arpke held a detailed discussion regarding the Employer Health Trust Fund, including the timing of receipts and reimbursements, financial transfers that occurred during Fiscal Year 2026, and the effects of year-end transactions. Ms. Arpke stated that the Quarterly Budget Report is a snapshot of the fund, which changes rapidly on a day-to-day basis. Councilor Canuel requested detailed spreadsheets regarding this account for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 to date, and expressed concern that this fund has experienced such large deficits in the past. Ms. Arpke stated that she would share this data with the Councilors but clarified that the account processes more than $50,000,000 annually.*

*Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed the Employer Health Trust Fund in depth, including the timing of claims, reimbursements, and the available balance within the fund. Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke also discussed reports provided by Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting, which showed a loss ratio of almost 97.3%. Ms. Arpke clarified that this percentage rate was based on the recommended total provided by Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting, rather than the City's actual budget total, which was roughly $1,500,000 lower initially before being adjusted based on this recommendation. This adjustment resulted in the account reaching a balance near zero at the end of the fiscal year.*

*Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke also discussed various financial transfers that occurred in relation to the Employer Health Trust Fund, totaling roughly $7,500,000 and $5,000,000 during Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026, respectively. The Director of Financial Services explained that the transfers that occurred during Fiscal Year 2026 were designed to provide stability within the account due to large fluctuations in claims and reimbursement timing and stated that the fund receives roughly $10,000,000 in annual revenue through claim reimbursements, stop-loss reimbursements, and prescription rebates, which are not reflected in the Quarterly Budget Report due to timing. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the overall size of the*

*funding gap between the spending and reimbursement that occur within the account. Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed how the City should analyze the operation of this fund, as the total balance should be improving but has not reflected any financial gain in the past two fiscal years. The Director of Financial Services also provided information regarding a separate working capital account with Blue Cross Blue Shield and stated that this total has been increasing by approximately $1,000,000 annually but is recorded as an "expense" within the fund.*

*Councilor Cadime emphasized the need for an independent review of the Employer Health Trust Fund through a qualified consultant to establish an accurate, stable financial balance within the accounts, and the Director of Financial Services agreed that this would be useful. Councilor Cadime stated that the City should develop a financial plan to maintain enough capital within this fund to cover roughly three months of claims that may be submitted. Councilors Camara and Pereira agreed with Councilor Cadime's suggestion.*

5. City Council President communication and revised policy to City Council re: outside legal counsel

*Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding Section 2 of the revised policy, which allows each Councilor two hours of consultation with outside counsel without City Council approval. Councilor Raposo asked how the City Council would monitor these meetings to ensure different Councilors are not discussing the same topic. Councilor Raposo also suggested that Section 5, which clarifies that the City Council should be utilizing legal opinions from Corporation Counsel first, prior to obtaining an outside legal opinion, should be listed prior to Section 2. Councilor Raposo emphasized that the policy should require outside counsel to provide written legal opinions to ensure all Councilors have access to the matter and expressed concern regarding Section 16, which requires outside counsel to attend all meetings of the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation. Councilor Raposo stated that this Committee meets frequently and that having outside counsel attend each meeting would quickly deplete the allocated funding for these services.*

*Vice President Dionne suggested that the policy be simplified and should just require all outside legal counsel requests to be voted upon by the full City Council.*

*A motion was made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Canuel to strike out all sections of the policy other than the text in Section 12 and to strike out the following within Section 12: "If the request is denied;" and to strike out "two-thirds," and insert, in its place, "majority."*

*Councilor Hart asked if any parliamentary procedures must be followed, such as a two-thirds majority vote, in relation to the policy and the City Clerk stated that the policy may be drafted at the will of the City Council. President Ponte clarified that all requests for the use of outside legal counsel would be submitted to the City Clerk and presented to the City Council for a formal vote. Councilor Hart stated that he was comfortable with the matter being approved with a majority vote instead of a two-thirds majority vote.*

*Councilor Canuel suggested that an effective date, such as the text listed in Section 20 of the policy, be added to the amended draft. Vice President Dionne stated that she would support including this date within her suggested amendment. The City Clerk asked if the Council would be amenable to insert the date as September 23, 2026, and Councilor Canuel agreed that this date would be sufficient.*

*Councilor Raposo expressed concern that various portions of the policy were being removed from the drafted version, such as Sections 13 and 14, which are related to the creation of a record of all outside legal requests and the payment of all outside legal service invoices by Corporation Counsel. President Ponte and Councilor Raposo discussed these concerns and President Ponte clarified that, at any time, the City Council could amend the policy to include additional language.*

*Councilor Camara suggested including language within the policy that would ensure the City Council does not spend more than the annual budgetary allowance within Corporation Counsel's expenditure account for outside legal services. Vice President Dionne stated that she would support this suggested amendment as well.*

*Vice President Dionne withdrew her original motion.*

*On a further motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 8 yeas, 1 nay, to strike out all sections of the policy other than the text in Section 12 and to strike out, in the following: "If the request is denied;" and to strike out "two-thirds," and insert, in its place, "majority;" and to insert the following: "The total cost of outside legal counsel shall not exceed the authorized budgeted amount during the respective fiscal year;" and to insert the following: "This policy shall be effective on September 23, 2026," with Councilor Raposo voting in the negative.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the policy order be adopted, as amended, with Councilor Raposo opposed.*

*On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.*

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)

Clerk of Committees

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: September 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 8:53 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** – None

**PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Board of Election Commissioners and warrant for the State Election to be held on November 3, 2026

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.*
*Approved, September 24, 2026*
*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

*Councilor Cadime exited the Council Chamber at 8:54 p.m.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

**ORDINANCES** – None

**RESOLUTIONS**

2. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to discuss potential amendments to the nuisance properties ordinance

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.*

*Councilor Cadime returned to the Council Chamber at 8:56 p.m.*

*On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 3 through 5 together.*

**CITATIONS**

3. Vanson Leathers, Inc. – Outstanding work within the Fall River Community
4. Gregory Molinar, Community Engagement Director, Vanson Leathers, Inc. – Outstanding work within the Fall River Community
5. Brigadier General Lisa Ahaesy, Commander, Massachusetts Air National Guard – Assistance and dedication to the Fall River community during the Blizzard of 2026

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

**ORDERS – HEARINGS** – None

**ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

6. Police Chief's Report on Licenses
   Private Livery Vehicle
   Danilson Claudio Tavares – One (1) vehicle

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

**COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

7. Claims

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel.*

8. Communication from MassDOT re: Route 79/Davol Street Procurement

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

9. Roselli, Clark and Associates invoice for the Completion of 2025 audit per agreement with City of Fall River – City FY 2026

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to approve the payment of the invoice.*

10. Documents from Ryan Duarte re: Traffic and Parking Department

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

11. Application for structures on or over a public way for Elections Department to hang Election Day/VOTE banners from October 19 to November 3 at the following locations:
    a. Bedford Street (13' x 6.5')
    b. Downtown (South Main Street) (13" x 6.5')
    c. Pleasant Street (25' x 3')

*Councilor Raposo asked if the construction on Bedford Street would affect the placement of the banner. The City Clerk clarified that the construction will be completed prior to the banner being installed and that the Director of Inspectional Services had approved the application. On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to approve the application.*

12. Planning Board Minutes – August 12, 2026

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

*On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 13 through 18 together.*

City Council Minutes

13. Public Hearings – August 11, 2026
14. Public Hearings – September 8, 2026
15. Committee on Finance – August 11, 2026
16. Committee on Finance – September 8, 2026
17. City Council – August 11, 2026
18. City Council – September 8, 2026

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

**BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES** – None

*Councilor Pereira exited the Council Chamber at 9:00 p.m.*

## TABLED MATTERS

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 19 from the table, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

**PRIORITY MATTERS**

19. Mayor and the Appropriation of the following funds to and from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, totaling $586,600:
    - $330,000 for FREDTV, Operating Salaries & Expenses
    - $106,600 for FREDTV, Capital
    - $150,000 for FRCMedia, Operating Salaries & Expenses

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, to answer questions, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*Councilor Raposo requested confirmation that this appropriation order would not violate any state statutes. Ms. Arpke explained that she received an email communication from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, which was forwarded to all City Councilors, that stated that an appropriation of funds to the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027 does not violate any policies or regulations dictated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Peckham opposed and Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*
*Approved, September 24, 2026*
*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

*Councilor Pereira returned to the Council Chamber at 9:02 p.m.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 2 yeas, 7 nays, to lift the proposed ordinance related to Amending §62-2(C), Solid waste – collection and disposal, Generally, from the table, with Councilors Peckham and Raposo voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.*

**ORDINANCES**

Second Reading and Enrollment:

Proposed Ordinance – Amending §62-2(C), Solid waste – collection and disposal, Generally

**ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE**
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with an emergency preamble

1a. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped Parking
- Brownell Street, North, 78 feet east of Almy Street
- Cambridge Street, South, 70 feet east of Coggeshall Street
- Charles Street, South, 60 feet east of Milk Street
- Eagle Street, East, 24 feet north of Hope Street
- June Street, West, 22 feet north of Cherry Street
- Locust Street, South, 121 feet east of Orange Street
- Mulberry Street, East, 161 feet south of William Street
- Mulberry Street, West, 150 feet south of William Street,
- North Main Street, East, 57 feet south of Vestal Street
- Plain Street, West, 115 feet south of Pine Street
- Quequechan Street, West, 67 feet north of Pleasant Street
- Snell Street, North, 269 feet east of Plymouth Avenue
- Stanley Street, North, 152 feet east of Hanover Street
- Tripp Street, West, 51 feet south of Charles Street
- Whipple Street, West, 103 feet north of Cottage Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, 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, September 24, 2026*
*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

First Reading:

1b. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Loading zones
- William Street, South, 20 feet west of Eagle Street, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday

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

1c. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking removals
- Third Street, East, 192 feet south of Morgan Street
- Arizona Street, South, 237 feet west of County Street
- Baker Street, East, 100 feet south of Warren Street
- Boutwell Street, West, 135 feet north of Alden Street

- Cross Street, East, 20 feet north of Fruit Street
- Division Street, North, 80 feet east of Grant Street
- Downing Street, South, 213 feet east of Haffards Street
- Dwelly Street, South, 20 feet west of Tuttle Street
- Garfield Street, West, 86 feet south of Globe Street
- John Street, West, 30 feet south of Branch Street
- Linden Street, West, 85 feet north of Walnut Street
- Montaup Street, East, 113 feet south of Slade Street
- Orchard Street, North, 22 feet west of Quarry Street
- St. Mary Street, West, 13 feet south of Norfolk Street
- South Beach Street, West, 257 feet south of Middle Street
- Tecumseh Street, North, 145 feet west of Manchester Street
- Walnut Street, North, 101 feet east of Linden Street
- William Street, North, 36 feet east of Mulberry Street

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

1d. Proposed Ordinance – Amending §2-401, Chief of Police – Appointment; powers and duties; term

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

Committee on Finance recommending:

Adoption:

1e. Loan order – $10,000,000 for the construction and/or improvement of City Streets

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was voted 8 yeas, 1 nay, to adopt the loan order, with Councilor Peckham voting in the negative.*
*Approved, September 24, 2026*
*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

Adoption, as amended:

1f. Order re Revised policy to City Council re: outside legal counsel

*On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, as amended, with Councilor Raposo opposed.*

*A recess was held from 9:07 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. for the signing of the election warrant.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.*

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy Attest:
Maria da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Michael G. Canuel)

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River has temporarily suspended grocery transportation services for veterans and seniors due to the unexpected departure of a driver, and

WHEREAS, this transportation is an essential service for veterans and seniors who rely upon it to access groceries and other necessities, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs convene with the Administration, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Veteran Services to discuss the timeline, barriers, and available interim options for restoring grocery transportation services for veterans and seniors.

(filed 10-8-26)