

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

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CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: September 8, 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: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 following reappointments to the Cultural Council
 - a. Christopher Antao

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

- b. Vania Marie Noverca-Viveiros

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ken Schadeegg to the Historical Commission

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

3. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Richard R. Mancini to the Historical Commission

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

4. Fiscal Year 2026 Quarterly Budget Report

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the report to the Committee on Finance.

5. Mayor and loan order of \$10,000,000 for the construction and/or improvement of City Streets

Councilor Raposo requested that an updated street renovation list be obtained from the City Engineer prior to the discussion of this loan order in the Committee on Finance. On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the loan order be authorized to be published and referred to the Committee on Finance.

6. Mayor and request from Purchasing Agent for City Council approval to conduct a public online auction for surplus property

Councilor Pereira requested that a communication be sent to the Purchasing Agent and the Director of Management Information Services to ensure that clear information is available on the City's website regarding this auction to provide full access to the public, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to approve the request.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

7. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

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

Councilor Camara exited the Council Chamber at 7:12 p.m.

8. City Council President communication and revised policy to City Council re: outside legal council

A motion was made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Hart for the communication to be accepted and placed on file and the order to be adopted.

Councilor Pereira stated that requests for the use of outside counsel should come before the full City Council for a majority vote to ensure simplicity and transparency for the public. Vice President Dionne agreed that a majority vote should be required, as a single Councilor may feel a topic is important enough to expend this funding, while others may disagree. Councilor Pereira also stated that the policy is very lengthy and should be reduced to only include basic regulations regarding funding.

President Ponte and the City Clerk discussed Section 12 of the policy, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for the use of funding, and the City Clerk stated that this could be amended to require only a majority vote.

Councilor Cadime suggested that this matter be referred to the Committee on Finance for further discussion and stated that some of the sections included in the policy would be beneficial in the future. Councilor Cadime also emphasized that all requests for legal opinions will first go to Corporation Counsel and that no single Councilor should have the right to use the funding for outside legal services without a majority vote. Councilor Cadime also suggested that the maximum response time from an outside attorney should be included in the policy, as a delay may significantly affect the Council's ability to act upon matters in question.

Councilor Raposo agreed that this should be discussed in the Committee on Finance. President Ponte clarified that he had requested Councilor feedback and that the policy presented does include all recommended amendments. Councilor Raposo acknowledged that this policy has been amended with Councilor suggestions, but that he is opposed to certain amendments that have been implemented.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting. President Ponte asked the City Clerk to include this matter on the upcoming September 22, 2026, Committee on Finance agenda.

9. Corporation Counsel request to strike out §2-33 in City code, which relates to Authority to retain outside legal counsel

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

Councilor Camara returned to the Council Chamber at 7:19 p.m.

On a further motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take item 14 out of order.

RESOLUTIONS

14. Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, Director of City Operations, Director of Community Maintenance, Director of Financial Services and Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, Esq., to develop a comprehensive plan for an accurate financial analysis of the cost and distribution of solid waste and recycling carts.

Vice President Dionne explained that this resolution would address trash collection for larger residential properties and stated that the City currently has 591 six-family properties and 159 carts more than the current allocation for these properties. Vice President Dionne also stated that there are as many as 3,000 excess carts that may exist in the City but are not properly inventoried. Vice President Dionne emphasized the need to count these excess carts and begin imposing annual or monthly fees for them, as the financial savings from this plan would most likely be able to offset the City's current collection costs.

Councilor Pereira expressed concern regarding the proposed project of identifying and counting these excess carts, as well as the cost of performing this type of inventory. Councilor Pereira also stated that many multifamily properties now house more residents than they did in the past, due to the current economy, and that this population change affects trash and recycling costs. Councilor Pereira suggested that a Taskforce be re-created, as this would assist with a comprehensive review of the City's current solid waste protocols.

Councilor Camara and Vice President Dionne discussed how residents would be able to obtain additional disposal carts, if they were necessary for a specific property. Vice President Dionne explained that residents or property owners could pay a yearly or monthly fee for additional carts, which would offset the City's current expenditure to pay for excess solid waste and recycling collection.

Councilor Peckham agreed that population changes affect many of the City's expenditures and stated that he had submitted a related resolution at a previous meeting regarding this matter. Councilor Peckham emphasized the need to identify the number of people living in Fall River to properly provide adequate budgets, City services, and accurate taxation.

Vice President Dionne stated that the City had previously collected information regarding the number of assigned carts for six-family properties, and that this process could be used to determine how many excess carts there are for all residential structures. Vice President Dionne also emphasized the ongoing adjustments to the solid waste collection plans, which have not yielded any permanent financial savings and suggested that the Administration implement a "three-strike rule" for those who violate the City's trash disposal policies.

Councilor Raposo asked if the Administration or the Department of Community Maintenance had previously conducted an audit or inventory of the number of residential carts. Councilor Raposo requested that this information be obtained prior to discussion of this resolution. President Ponte asked the City Clerk to send a letter to the Director of Community Maintenance to obtain the information requested by Councilor Raposo.

Vice President Dionne and Councilor Pereira discussed the various City Council meetings that have occurred in the past regarding this matter, with no permanent solution. Vice President Dionne stated that this resolution would provide the City Council with more information regarding trash and recycling plans prior to any matters, such as contracts with collection companies, being approved or adopted.

Councilor Cadime agreed with Vice President Dionne that a long-term plan for solid waste and recycling disposal needs to be created and emphasized the need for the City to utilize the barcodes on the carts to create an adequate inventory. Councilor Cadime requested that the Department of Community Maintenance provide information regarding the current cart inventory and any tracking reports they may use for carts in the City.

Councilor Camara made brief remarks regarding the recent amendments within the Massachusetts General Laws that allow accessory dwelling units to be built on certain residential properties. Councilor Camara stated that this change may increase the number of disposal carts needed for various properties.

Vice President Dionne stated that, prior to her serving on the City Council, she had discussed the barcodes on the carts with former Administrations and was informed that the City did not utilize the barcode images for inventory. Vice President Dionne explained that this has since been implemented, and a digital system can be used to inventory the existing carts. Councilor Camara clarified that different personnel now work within the Department of Community Maintenance who may not have knowledge of the program's implementation, but who have worked to address this issue more efficiently. President Ponte commended Vice President Dionne for submitting this resolution and stated that he would vote in favor of its adoption.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

10. Second Reading and Enrollment:

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

On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was voted 2 yeas, 7 nays, that the proposed ordinance be granted leave to withdraw, with Councilors Canuel and Pereira voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.

On a further motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to table the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCES

11. Second Reading and Enrollment:

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Handicapped parking removals

- Third Street, West, 155 feet south of Branch Street
- Hunter Street, East, 126 feet south of Hope Street
- Mason Street, East, 328 feet south of Pleasant Street
- Pine Street, South, 20 feet east of Robeson Street
- South Beach Street, East, 104 feet south of Oliver Street
- South Beacon Street, West, 343 feet north of Sprague Street
- Washington Street, West, 128 feet north of William Street

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. (Prior to the following motion, Councilor Peckham had exited the Council Chamber at 8:12 p.m.) On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Councilor Peckham absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

- 12.** Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel to draft an ordinance establishing a fee or fine, over \$250, for after-the-fact curb removal applications.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

- 13.** Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the City Administrator, Director of City Operations, and Chair of the Historical Commission to review renovations at Oak Grove Cemetery to ensure the preservation of historic features and continued maintenance.

Councilor Pereira stated that she received many calls from constituents regarding a bright blue primer being applied to the exterior walls of Oak Grove Cemetery prior to the application of the gray paint. Councilor Pereira stated that the Historical Commission should be more involved in the renovations and repairs to the cemetery to ensure that proper preservation protocols are followed. Councilor Pereira referenced a recent project to relocate a historical land marker and stated that she was not sure if the Historical Commission was involved with that relocation.

Councilor Peckham provided information regarding the recent relocation of a historic land marker and the involvement of the City's Historical Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission with this project. Councilor Peckham provided details regarding how the project was planned, delays that occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and various parties, including attorneys, who were involved in the relocation of this historic stone from the seventeenth century. Councilors Peckham and Pereira held a brief discussion regarding the details and plans for this project. Councilor Pereira reiterated the need for the City's Historical Commission to participate in any future renovations or repairs to Oak Grove Cemetery.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

15. Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, Director of Financial Services and Director of Management Information Systems to discuss developing a public portal providing access to the City's financial systems and data.

Councilor Canuel stated that he believes this resolution would help to provide more financial information to the public and that this tool is currently utilized by other municipalities, such as Arlington and New Bedford as well as by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Councilor Canuel also stated that he has confirmed that this program can be linked to the City's MUNIS software as an add-on. Councilor Canuel clarified that this application would not be used to replace existing audits but would provide more transparency regarding financial actions taken by the City. Vice President Dionne commended Councilor Canuel's resolution and stated that this program would also benefit the City Councilors during budgetary meetings.

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

16. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the Director of Human Resources to discuss the planned Compensation Study, use of the data for future financial decisions, and its potential impact on ordinances amending existing salary totals.

Councilor Raposo commended the Director of Human Resources for his work on this data collection project and stated that many proposed ordinances related to salaries result in lengthy discussions regarding how other municipalities compensate their employees. Councilor Raposo stated that this study will provide a ranking of municipal positions and the related compensation totals for these positions.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

17. Committee on Public Safety convene with the Chief of Police and Director Traffic and Parking to discuss speeding enforcement practices and procedures.

A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham to adopt the resolution. Councilor Pereira stated that she has received numerous complaints from residents throughout the City regarding speeding on various roads. Councilor Pereira also explained that pedestrians have been struck by cars due to this excessive speeding. Councilor Peckham expressed his support for the resolution and stated that he has discussed this matter with the Police Chief.

Councilor Cadime stated that he cannot support this resolution as the enforcement policies and procedures of the Police Department fall under the jurisdiction of the Mayor and Police Chief, not the City Council. Councilor Cadime suggested that a discussion could be held to address residents' concerns regarding quality of life or public safety, but that the Committee cannot demand changes to the current enforcement protocols. Councilor Pereira suggested that the resolution be amended and any language directing the Police Chief be removed.

On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 9 yeas to amend the resolution by striking out the entire third paragraph and "enforcement practices and procedures to improve" within the fourth paragraph. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, as amended.

CITATIONS

18. Anthony F. Cordeiro – Recipient of the Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen Award
Councilor Pereira stated that the presentation of the Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen Award will be held at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, MA, on September 16, 2026. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the citation 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 item 19c out of order.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Jointly Owned Pole Location

19. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
One (1) new jointly owned pole location on each of the following streets:
c. Bedford Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the order be referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

On a further motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to take items 19a, b, d, e and f together.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Jointly Owned Pole Location

19. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
One (1) new jointly owned pole location on each of the following streets:
a. Airport Road
b. Bay Street
d. Mott Street
e. Rodman Street
f. Stafford Road

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the orders.

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to take items 20 through 22 together.

Auto Repair Shop License

20. Evis Alexander Aragon Mendez, 84 Orange Street, Fall River, MA 02724 d/b/a Motta Auto Repair & Service for a license to operate an auto repair shop at 830 Globe Street, on Lot G-13-52, Assessors Plan.

Curb Removal

21. Jessica McCausland, 498 Reading Street, Fall River, MA, 02720 – Removal of 12 feet of curbing for a total opening of 25 feet on Montgomery Street

Second Hand Article Store

22. TVI Inc. d/b/a Savers, 11400 SE 6th Street, Suite 125, Bellevue, WA, 98004, for permission to operate and maintain a second hand article store located at 133 Mariano Bishop Boulevard (retail sale of used goods to be sold)

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

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ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

23. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal(s)

Jody Oliveira d/b/a Ground Earth Inc., 1741 Stafford Road

Marco Tavares d/b/a Auto Stop, 325 Oman Street

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

Approved, September 10, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

24. Auto Repair Shop License Transfer

License no. 21 located at 605 Globe Street from Robert P. Fortier d/b/a Fortier's Auto Sales & Service Inc. to Justin R. Fortier d/b/a Fortier's Auto Sales & Service, Inc.

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

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25. Police Chief's Report on Licenses

Taxicab Drivers

Shawn Pinto

Private Livery Drivers

Danilson Claudio Moreira Tavares

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

26. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Zayo Group, LLC, for the installation of permanent aerial fiber attachments on existing National Grid utility poles:

a. Bedford Street – 737 linear across 9 existing poles

Councilor Raposo asked if items 26a through 26c were related to any of the items addressed during the City Council Public Hearings. The City Clerk explained that these items are different petitions. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Periera, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

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b. Locust Street – 903 linear feet across 8 existing poles

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

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

c. Stonehaven Road – 1,731 linear feet across 12 existing poles

Councilor Pereira asked if these wires had already been installed at the new Diman Vocational Technical Regional High School. President Ponte confirmed that this project had to be started to provide internet access prior to the first day of school. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

Approved, September 10, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

27. Claims

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

28. Assistant Corporation Counsel response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Collin Dias re: July 28, 2026, Special Meeting of the City Council

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.

29. Communication from city resident re: bus stop location near 102 Laurel Street

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

30. Drainlayer License

JPB Construction Co., Inc.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer application.

Approved, September 10, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

31. Planning Board Minutes – July 8, 2026

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

32. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – July 16, 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.

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

33. Notices of Casualty and Loss

a. 34 Friendship Street

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

b. 484 Highland Avenue

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

TABLED MATTERS

On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to lift item 6a from the table.

PRIORITY MATTERS

6a. 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

A motion was made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Hart to adopt the order.

Councilor Cadime asked whether additional information regarding this matter had been provided by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue through the City's Director of Financial Services. Councilor Cadime and the City Clerk held a brief discussion regarding an email that was sent following the July 14, 2026, meeting.

A brief recess was held from 8:08 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

President Ponte stated that various email communications were identified, but the communication regarding the decision of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue was not available.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was voted 8 yeas, 1 nay, to table the matter, with Councilor Camara voting in the negative.

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Public Works and Transportation recommending:

Adoption, as amended

10a. Order – Timothy R. Long, 1343 Newhall Street – Removal of 9 feet, 1 inch of curbing for an opening total of 24 feet, 1 inch, at 677 Meridian Street

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

Approved, September 10, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Councilor Peckham exited the Council Chamber at 8:12 p.m.

A recess was held from 8:12 p.m. to 8:13 p.m. for the signing of the ordinances.

On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., with Councilor Peckham absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anís da Silva Paulino Leite". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

City Clerk

In City Council, September 22, 2026
Approved.

Ines Leite

From: Ines Leite
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2026 1:01 PM
To: Trevor Coelho; Tyler Antaya
Subject: Online Auction Link

Good afternoon.

During the September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting of the City Council a discussion was held regarding the request from the Purchasing Agent to conduct an online surplus auction for decommissioned vehicles and equipment.

Could you send me the link for the online auction so that I can share it with members of the City Council?

The Council is also asking that the link be made visible on the website's homepage and that the public be made aware of its location and availability.

Sincerely,
Inês Leite

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
AGENDA

5:00 P.M. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 5:55 P.M.)

Jointly Owned Pole Location

1. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Airport Road

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P19-50) on Airport Road, beginning at a point approximately 300 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Sykes Road and Airport Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31303762.

2. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Bay Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P23-50) on Bay Street, beginning at a point approximately 75 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Barker Street and Bay Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31290821.

3. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Bedford Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned 50-foot, Class 2 midspan pole (P55-50) on Bedford Street, beginning at a point approximately 142 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Eddy Street and Bedford Street between existing Poles 55 and 56. In accordance with Plan No. 31285835.

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4. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Mott Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P6-50) on Mott Street, beginning at a point approximately 125 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Cambridge Street and Mott Street, roughly 53 feet south of existing Pole 7. In accordance with Plan No. 31304045.

5. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Rodman Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P53-50) on Rodman Street, beginning at a point approximately 156 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Rodman Street and Warren Street. This pole would be approximately 67 feet north of existing Pole 54. In accordance with Plan No. 31304016.

6. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Stafford Road

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P9-50) on Rodman Street, beginning at a point approximately 147 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Stafford Road and Pelham Street. This pole would be approximately 38 feet south of existing Pole 9. In accordance with Plan No. 31304053.

Auto Repair Shop License

7. Evis Alexander Aragon Mendez, 84 Orange Street, Fall River, MA 02724 d/b/a Motta Auto Repair & Service for a license to operate an auto repair shop at 830 Globe Street, on Lot G-13-52, Assessors Plan.

Curb Removal

8. Jessica McCausland, 498 Reading Street, Fall River, MA, 02720, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
498 Reading Street	13'	0'	0'	13'
Montgomery Street	0'	12'	0'	12'
Total				25'

The existing parcel was previously served by a 13-foot curb opening on Reading Street. The applicant requests permission to create an additional 12-foot curb opening/driveway along Montgomery Street. The total opening for the location will be 25 feet. Previous asphalt or pavers will be required for any new driveway beyond the sidewalk area.

Second Hand Article Store

9. TVI Inc. d/b/a Savers, 11400 SE 6th Street, Suite 125, Bellevue, WA, 98004, for permission to operate and maintain a second hand article store located at 133 Mariano Bishop Boulevard (retail sale of used goods to be sold).

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

Presentation of Citations

- Anthony F. Cordelro – Recipient of the Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen Award

1. Citizen Input
2. *Resolution – Review inactive Parks Capital Projects to determine if \$50,000 is available to support Mae's Playground (adopted 7-14-2026)

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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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

10. **Second Reading and Enrollment:**
 - *Proposed Ordinance – Amending §62-2(C), Solid waste – collection and disposal, generally

ORDINANCES

11. Second Reading and Enrollment:

*Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Handicapped parking removals

- Third Street, West, 155 feet south of Branch Street
- Hunter Street, East, 126 feet south of Hope Street
- Mason Street, East, 328 feet south of Pleasant Street
- Pine Street, South, 20 feet east of Robeson Street
- South Beach Street, East, 104 feet south of Oliver Street
- South Beacon Street, West, 343 feet north of Sprague Street
- Washington Street, West, 128 feet north of William Street

RESOLUTIONS

12. *Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel to draft an ordinance establishing a fee or fine, over \$250, for after-the-fact curb removal applications.
13. *Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the City Administrator, Director of City Operations, and Chair of the Historical Commission to review renovations at Oak Grove Cemetery to ensure the preservation of historic features and continued maintenance.
14. *Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, Director of City Operations, Director of Community Maintenance, Director of Financial Services and Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, Esq., to develop a comprehensive plan for an accurate financial analysis of the cost and distribution of solid waste and recycling carts.
15. *Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, Director of Financial Services and Director of Management Information Systems to discuss developing a public portal providing access to the City's financial systems and data.
16. *Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the Director of Human Resources to discuss the planned Compensation Study, use of the data for future financial decisions, and its potential impact on ordinances amending existing salary totals.
17. *Committee on Public Safety convene with the Chief of Police and Director Traffic and Parking to discuss speeding enforcement practices and procedures.

CITATIONS

18. Anthony F. Cordeiro – Recipient of the Roger Valcourt Outstanding Citizen Award

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Jointly Owned Pole Location

19. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., One (1) new jointly owned pole location on each of the following streets:
 - a. Airport Road
 - b. Bay Street
 - c. Bedford Street
 - d. Mott Street
 - e. Rodman Street
 - f. Stafford Road

- Auto Repair Shop License
20. Evis Alexander Aragon Mendez, 84 Orange Street, Fall River, MA 02724 d/b/a Motta Auto Repair & Service for a license to operate an auto repair shop at 830 Globe Street, on Lot G-13-52, Assessors Plan.
- Curb Removal
21. Jessica McCausland, 498 Reading Street, Fall River, MA, 02720 – Removal of 12 feet of curbing for a total opening of 25 feet on Montgomery Street
- Second Hand Article Store
22. TVI Inc. d/b/a Savers, 11400 SE 6th Street, Suite 125, Bellevue, WA, 98004, for permission to operate and maintain a second hand article store located at 133 Mariano Bishop Boulevard (retail sale of used goods to be sold)

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

23. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal(s)
Jody Oliveira d/b/a Ground Earth Inc., 1741 Stafford Road
Marco Tavares d/b/a Auto Stop, 325 Oman Street
24. Auto Repair Shop License Transfer
License no. 21 located at 605 Globe Street from Robert P. Fortier d/b/a Fortier's Auto Sales & Service Inc. to Justin R. Fortier d/b/a Fortier's Auto Sales & Service, Inc.
25. Police Chief's Report on Licenses
Taxicab Drivers
Shawn Pinto
- Private Livery Drivers
Danilson Claudio Moreira Tavares
26. *Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Zayo Group, LLC, for the installation of permanent aerial fiber attachments on existing National Grid utility poles:
a. Bedford Street – 737 linear across 9 existing poles
b. Locust Street – 903 linear feet across 8 existing poles
c. Stonehaven Road – 1,731 linear feet across 12 existing poles

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

27. *Claims
28. *Assistant Corporation Counsel response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Collin Dias re: July 28, 2026, Special Meeting of the City Council
29. *Communication from city resident re: bus stop location near 102 Laurel Street
30. Drainlayer License
JPB Construction Co., Inc.
31. Planning Board Minutes – July 8, 2026
32. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – July 16, 2026

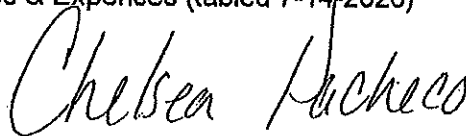
BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

33. *Notices of Casualty and Loss
a. 34 Friendship Street
b. 484 Highland Avenue

TABLED MATTERS

PRIORITY MATTERS

- 6a. *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 (tabled 7-14-2026)



Assistant City Clerk

OTHER POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Public Works and Transportation recommending:

Action

- Order – Timothy R. Long, 1343 Newhall Street – Removal of 9 feet, 1 inch, of curbing for an opening total of 24 feet, 1 inch, at 677 Meridian Street

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

September 2, 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 reappointment:

Name: Christopher Antao

Address: 1510 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Cultural Council

Term: September 6, 2026

Expires: September 5, 2029

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
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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 reappointment:

Name: Vania Marie Noverca- Viveiros

Address: 324 Meridian Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Cultural Council

Term: September 6, 2026

Expires: September 5, 2029

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

September 2, 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 reappointment:

Name: Ken Schadegg

Address: 1247 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Historical Commission

Term: September 6, 2026

Expires: September 5, 2029

Sincerely,


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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 reappointment:

Name: Richard R. Mancini

Address: 243 French Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Historical Commission

Term: September 7, 2026

Expires: September 6, 2029

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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BUDGET REPORT



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FALL RIVER, MA

September 1, 2026

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

Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Your approval is respectfully requested of the attached Loan Order and appropriation in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 to be used for the construction and/or improvement of City streets to supplement and expand upon the funds provided for under Chapter 90. The loan order has been reviewed and approved by Bond Counsel.

This Loan Order is intended to be utilized over the next several fiscal years in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan, to get the total investment each year to about \$5 million. There will likely be \$2-3 million issued from this authorization each fiscal year. We are looking to issue \$1,850,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Paul E Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
LOAN ORDER
(Street Improvements)

ORDERED: That the City appropriates the amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to be used for the construction and/or improvement of City streets to supplement those provided for under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts M.G.L. Chapter 90 Program; or, to take any other action relative thereto.

To meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bond of the City to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require.

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ENGINEERING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

PAUL E. COOGAN

Mayor

DANIEL AGUIAR

Director of Engineering & Planning

September 1, 2026

The Honorable Mayor Paul E. Coogan

City of Fall River

One Government Center

Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Street Reconstruction Funding Request

Dear Mayor Coogan:

As you are aware, the City Council recently acted on a resolution to provide street reconstruction funding as a supplement to our Chapter 90 appropriation. The intended goal was to provide a consistent level of street reconstruction funding in the vicinity of \$5,000,000.00 annually. That number would be funded through Chapter 90 and the remainder be provided through loan authorization.

I respectfully request that the administration act on the wishes of the council and proceed with the appropriate steps to secure this funding.

As always, I am available at any time to discuss this proposal with the administration and the Council. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Aguiar

Director of Engineering and Planning

One Government Center • Fall River, MA 02722

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FALL RIVER, MA

September 6, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Attached please find pursuant to Section 2-972 the Municipal Code of the City of Fall River the attached letter from Purchasing Agent, Trevor Coelho, as it refers to the request to conduct an online surplus auction to aid in disposal of the decommissioned vehicles and equipment

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

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PURCHASING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

September 2nd, 2026

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Coogan,

Pursuant to Chapter 2. Administration, ARTICLE VIII. Public Property, § 2-972. Surplus property: I seek your assistance to solicit council approval to conduct a public online surplus auction to aid in the disposal of the decommissioned vehicles and equipment being stored across several city-wide departments (IT, Parks, Treasury, Community Utilities, Fire, and Community Maintenance). Please see the listing on the attached breakdown. This will be facilitated through our continued partnership with Gov Deals.

In my capacity as Purchasing Agent, I will coordinate this effort in conjunction with Al Oliverira, Director of City Operations.

These vehicles are decommissioned due to either major accidents, older vehicles with higher mileage with mechanical issues, or repairs that prohibit them from passing inspections. In the case of any operational vehicles, the cost of repairs is too costly for a continued investment. Any emergency equipment or Fall River specific identifiers will be removed or indiscernible prior to the auction process. An inspection of any/all vehicles or equipment being auctioned can be accommodated upon request. The equipment is no longer of usage to the departments and there is no interdepartmental interest in these vehicles or equipment. The estimated value is under \$10,000.00 for each individual item. Auction proceeds would be considered general fund.

§ 2-972 Surplus Property; Surplus property determined by the Purchasing Agent to be no longer useful for any municipal purpose shall be sold or disposed of under such terms and conditions as the City Council shall by order determine. Surplus property, which is not bid on or claimed within a reasonable amount of time may be disposed of by the Purchasing Agent in a manner he deems to be in the best interest of the City, with documentation

Thank you,

Trevor Coelho
Purchasing Agent

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Process Date
Surplus Only



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CITY OF FALL RIVER

Condition Code (Required)	
(a) Good	(c) Fair
(b) Broken	(d) Other

Surplus Disposal Form

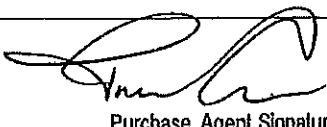
Department: Information Technology

QTY	Description	Manufacturer/Model	Est. Value (each)	Branded?	Code
2	Printer	RICOH Aficio	\$20	N	C
2	Printer	HP LaserJet Pro 400	\$25	N	C
2	Printer	HP LaserJet Pro M452	\$35	N	C
1	Shredder	GBC Shredmaster 4220	\$20	N	C
1	CRT Monitor	CTX	\$5	N	D
1	Printer	HP OfficeJet Pro L7590	\$10	N	C
1	Printer	HP OfficeJet Pro 8710	\$20	N	C
1	Printer	HP LaserJet Pro CM1415	\$20	N	C
1	Shredder	Fellowes S8-89C	\$15	N	C
1	Shredder	Swingline	\$10	N	C
120	Asset Tracking Device	BeWhere B3-MIOT-NA	\$2	N	A
1	Printer	HP Color Laser Jet CM2320	\$15	N	C
74	PC	Dell Optiplex	\$20	N	D
33	PC	HP Elite Desk	\$25	N	D
	ID Scanner	MaxID	\$10	N	C
43	Monitors w/ stand	Assorted	\$10	N	D
12	Monitors w/o stand	Assorted	\$5	N	D
3	Laptop Cage	Bretford	\$25	N	C
1	Printer	HP LaserJet Pro M404n	\$50	N	C
1	JoeBox		\$10	N	D
1	48 Port Gigabit Switch	Cisco	\$20	N	C
2	48 Port Managed Switch	SG500X	\$60	N	C
4	24 Port Managed Switch	SG500X	\$40	N	C
1	48 Port Switch	Catalyst2950	\$5	N	C
100+	Keyboard	Dell and Verbatim	\$1	N	A

Do not use this form for transfers

Directions: Fill out the above fields for Surplus. Department Supervisor must sign form to begin process of evaluation. Send original to Purchasing Dept for processing. Purchasing will obtain additional required signatures if eligible for disposal.

 8/26/26 Department Signature/Date
 City Operations Director Signature/Date

 9/2/26 Purchase Agent Signature/Date
 Administration Approval Signature/Date

Process Date
Surplus Only



Condition Code (Required)	
(a) Good	(c) Fair
(b) Broken	(d) Other

Surplus Disposal Form

Department: PARK

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Directions: Fill out the above fields for Supplier. Department Supervisor must sign form to begin process of evaluation. Send original to Purchasing Dept for processing. Purchasing will obtain additional required signatures if eligible for disposal.

Department Signature/Date

City Operations Director Signature/Date

Purchase Agent Signature/Date

Administration Approval Signature/Date

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

(a) Good (c) Fair
(b) Broken (d) Other

Surplus Disposal Form

Department: Fall River Wastewater Treatment Facility

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Directions: Fill out the above fields for Surplus. Department Supervisor must sign form to begin process of evaluation. Send original to Purchasing Dept for processing. Purchasing will obtain additional required signatures if eligible for disposal.

Department Signature/Date

City Operations Director Signature/Date

Purchase Agent Signature/Date

Administration Approval Signature/Date.

Surplus Only*

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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Department: Community Utilities - Water Maintenance

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Directions: Fill out the above fields for Stimulus. Department Supervisor must sign form to begin process of evaluation. Send original to Purchasing Dept for processing. Purchasing will obtain additional required signatures if eligible for disposal.

Department Signature/Date

City Operations Director Signature/Date

Purchase Agent Signature/Date

Administration Approval Signature/Date _____

Surplus Only*

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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Surplus Disposal Form

Department: FIRE

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Directions: Fill out the above fields for Surplus. Department Supervisor must sign form to begin process of evaluation. Send original to Purchasing Dept for processing. Purchasing will obtain additional required signatures if eligible for disposal.

Department Signature/Date

7/10/26

City Operations Director Signature/Date

Purchase Agent Signature/Date

9/2/26

Administration Approval Signature/Date



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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic &
Parking

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

August 24, 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 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:

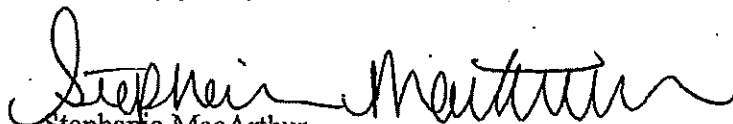
Article:	70	<u>Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours</u>
Section:	372	Monday-Friday
		7:00AM-6:00PM

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
King Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet South of Globe Street For a distance of 181 feet South

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

One Government Center Fall River, MA 02722
TEL: (508) 324-2123 FAX (508) 324-2578 EMAIL SMacarthur@fallriverma.gov

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Traffic & Parking Division



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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

August 27, 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
Section: 385

Loading Zone
6:00AM-7:00PM
Sunday-Saturday

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

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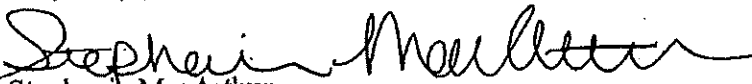
Name of Street
Tenth Street

Side
West

Location
Starting at a point 213 feet
South of Bedford Street for
a distance of 26 feet South.

Hours/Days
6:00AM-7:00PM
Sunday-Saturday

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

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CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 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 was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

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

Article: 70

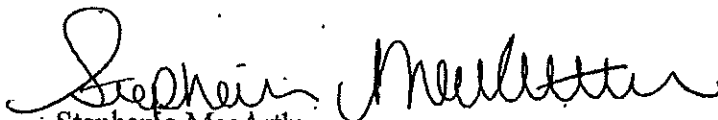
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Third Street	East	Starting at a point of 192 feet South of Morgan Street, for a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA
Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 2026

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

Honorable Council Members:

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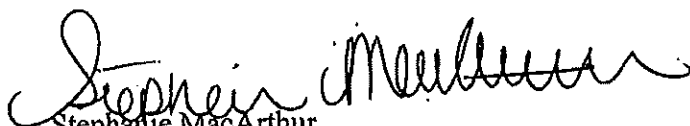
Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Arizona Street	South	Starting at a point of 237 feet West of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet Westerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 2026

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City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

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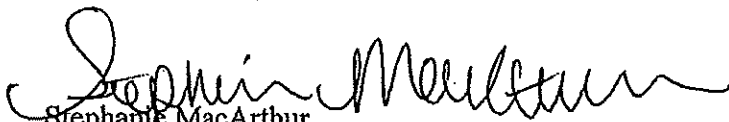
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Boutwell Street	West	Starting at a point of 135 feet North of Alden Street, for a distance of 20 feet Northerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 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 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
Cross Street	East	Starting at a point of 20 feet North of Fruit Street, for a distance of 20 feet Northerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 2026

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Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

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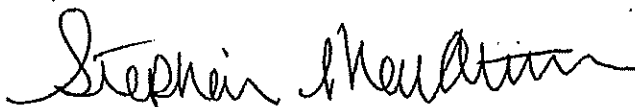
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Downing Street	South	Starting at a point of 213 feet East of Haffards Street, for a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 2026

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One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

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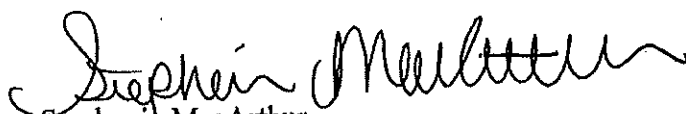
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dwelly Street	South	Starting at a point of 20 feet West of Tuttle Street, for a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 28, 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 was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

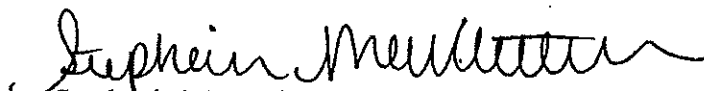
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Montaup Street	East	Starting at a point of 113 feet South of Slade Street, for a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

August 20, 2026

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

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

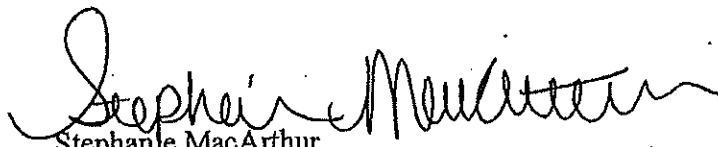
By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street
Walnut Street

Side
North

Location
Starting at a point of 101 feet East of Linden Street, for a distance of 20 feet Easterly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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

Honorable Council Members:

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

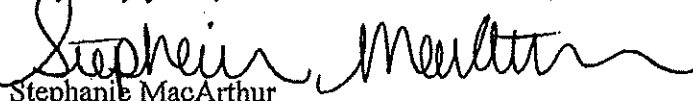
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brownell Street	North	Starting at a point 78 feet East of Almy Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Director of Traffic & Parking

August 21, 2026

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Fall River, MA 02720

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Section: 387

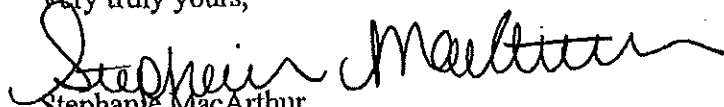
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Eagle Street	East	Starting at a point 24 feet North of Hope Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Director of Traffic & Parking

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Fall River, MA 02720

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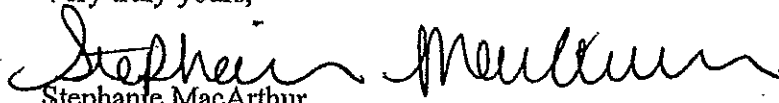
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
June Street	West	Starting at a point 22 feet North of Cherry Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Fall River, MA 02720

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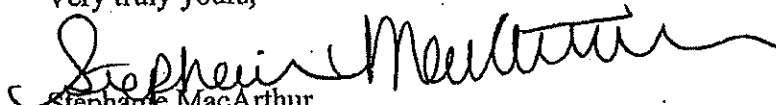
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Locust Street	South	Starting at a point 121 feet East of Orange Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Mulberry Street	East	Starting at a point 161 feet South of William Street. For a distance of 20 feet South..

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Mulberry Street	West	Starting at a point 150 feet South of William Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
North Main Street	East	Starting at a point 57 feet South of Vestal Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


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Director of Traffic & Parking

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Director of Traffic & Parking

August 21, 2026

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Quequechan Street	West	Starting at a point 67 feet North of Pleasant Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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FALL RIVER, MA

CLIFF A. PONTE
President
City Council

September 2, 2026

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

Dear Members of the City Council:

At the July 28, 2026 Special Meeting of the City Council, this Honorable Body adopted an order related to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Mayor and City Council for the availability of funding to retain outside legal counsel when necessary to obtain legal advice.

The existing City Council policy governing the use of outside legal counsel was adopted, as amended, on July 13, 2021. I respectfully request that the City Council consider, and vote upon, the attached, revised policy.

I look forward to the City Council's consideration and deliberation of the attached policy.

Sincerely,

Cliff A. Ponte
City Council President

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City of Fall River
City Council Policy on Use of Outside Legal Counsel

INTENT

In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between Mayor Paul E. Coogan and the City of Fall River City Council, this policy establishes a proper procedure for any contact with outside legal counsel for the City Council that will result in financial charges to the City of Fall River. To stay on budget, and to ensure that consistent advice is received, a formal system needs to be in place for these services.

POLICY

1. Any member of the City Council may request that the Council consider retaining outside legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter involving the official duties, authority, responsibilities, or interests of the City Council.
2. Each Councilor shall be entitled to one individual legal consultation with the outside legal counsel for the City Council per fiscal year, without prior approval from the Council President or Vice President, with such consultation limited to two (2) hours of attorney time. The inquiry must concern an official matter within the scope of the City Council's authority. The Councilor shall notify the City Council Secretary when the individual legal consultations are requested and used, and the City Council Secretary shall maintain a record of each Councilor's fiscal year allotment.
3. Any request for legal services beyond the annual individual legal consultation shall be subject to the approval process established in this policy.
4. Any request for legal services by an individual City Councilor, by a City Council Committee or its Chair, shall be submitted in writing to the City Council President or the City Council Vice President and consent to the City Council Secretary at city_council@fallriverma.gov.
5. Prior to making a request for legal services, City Councilors shall first try to find the answer to their questions by looking at applicable state law, researching available guidance, or speaking with a state agency. Only after a legal opinion has been rendered by Corporation Counsel may a Councilor submit a written request for a second legal opinion, if one is needed.
6. City Councilors will notify the City Council President or the City Council Vice President if a written response is needed.
7. The request will include a brief description of the matter. The request shall identify the specific legal question, dispute, or matter for which outside counsel is being sought and, when applicable, the opinion or position of Corporation Counsel with which there is a disagreement or potential conflict.
8. The request will indicate whether the matter is a high or low priority.
9. The request will indicate when the opinion is needed. For example, if it is needed for inclusion in the City Council's packet on Thursday, then the City Councilor needs the opinion no later than Wednesday.

10. The City Council President or City Council Vice President shall review the completed submission within two days of its receipt and decide whether such question should be forwarded to the Corporation Counsel, taking into consideration matters, such as the budget, or whether the question has been previously asked.
11. If approved, the City Council President or City Council Vice President will forward the request, as well as contact information for the City Councilor requesting legal services, to Corporation Counsel.
12. If the request is denied, the individual City Councilor may request that the full City Council consider and vote upon the request for access. Retention of outside counsel must be authorized by a vote of the full City Council at a properly posted public meeting. Approval requires a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the City Council.
13. The City Council Secretary shall keep a list of requests and report to the Council Leadership each month how many requests were filed, as well as the number approved and the number denied.
14. Corporation Counsel should sign off on the monthly bill and added to City Council agenda for City Councilors to accept and place it on file. Corporation Counsel will attach a MUNIS report showing used and available funds.
15. In the event of an emergency, City Council Leadership and/or the City Clerk advise of the emergency.
16. Outside legal counsel for the City Council should attend all Fall River City Council Committee on Ordinances and Legislation meetings, unless it is agreed by Corporation Counsel that they will not be representing the Council on matters before the Committee. The Chair of the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation will make arrangements to discuss the agenda with outside legal counsel once the agenda is prepared to allow the attorney to prepare for such meeting.
17. If the Chair of a respective sub-committee is requesting the attendance of outside legal counsel, the Chair needs to send that request in writing to the City Council President and City Council Secretary. The Chair is required to speak with the attorney prior to the meeting to prepare them for possible discussions. If the City Councilor feels the meeting is going to last longer than 30 minutes, the City Council Secretary and City Council President must be notified.
18. Open Meeting Law complaints will continue to be sent to the Office of the Corporation Counsel.
19. The City Council President will determine if outside legal counsel for the City Council needs to attend meetings of the Committee on Finance or Regular and Special Meetings of the City Council. If their attendance is required, the City Council should consider taking items out of order to keep billing hours in line.
20. This policy shall be effective on September 9, 2026.
21. The City Council as a body will be notified when services or opinions are requested.



**OFFICE OF THE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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2 September 2026

City Council of Fall River
Once Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear City Council:

Please accept this letter as a formal request to have the following issue placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting:

Ordinance Striking §2-33 Authority to Retain Outside Legal Counsel

Ordinance §2-33 was initially passed without approval as to form and legal character as required by §2-123.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Alan J. Rumsey
Corporation Counsel

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 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Administration, be amended as follows:

By inserting in Article II, a new section to read as follows:

§2-33 Authority to retain outside legal counsel

- A. The City Council is authorized, by a majority vote, to retain outside legal counsel for the limited purposes of obtaining independent legal opinions, advice or analysis related to the following matters:
 - 1. The City Charter, City code, General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or federal laws
 - 2. The drafting and/or review of proposed City ordinances
 - 3. Investigatory or oversight functions of the City Council
- B. Limitations
Outside legal counsel retained by the City Council shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not supersede or replace the roles of Corporation Counsel defined in Chapter 2, Article V, Division 7
- C. Appropriation and funding
 - 1. The City Council shall, through the annual budget process or by separate appropriation order(s), establish a dedicated budgetary line item or fund for the retention of outside legal services
 - 2. Any expenditures shall be subject to standard municipal procurement procedures and applicable state procurement laws
- D. Transparency and reporting
 - 1. Any commitment to the services of outside legal counsel shall be documented and approved by a vote of the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council shall approve by majority vote the defining rules and procedures in relation to obtaining outside counsel which shall be proposed by the City Council President and approved prior to the beginning of each fiscal year

In City Council, June 9, 2026
Passed to be ordained, 6 yeas, 3 nays.
Notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor

A true copy. Attest:

Onés da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

That Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Administration, be amended as follows:

By striking out Section 2-33, which section relates to Authority to retain outside legal counsel, in its entirety:

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on August 11, 2026, voted 3 yeas, 2 nays, to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Canuel and Councilor Pereira voting in the negative.



Assistant Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

That Section 62-2 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to solid waste be amended as follows:

By striking Section 62-2(C) in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

- C. The City shall collect municipal solid waste and recyclables from single-family dwellings and multiple-family residential buildings containing up to four (4) dwelling units per parcel as shown on the City of Fall River Assessors Maps, as amended. Municipal solid waste shall be collected only if placed in a bag and placed in a green cart. Recyclables shall only be placed in blue carts. Municipal solid waste shall not be placed in blue or brown carts.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 09 2026

*Referred to the Committee
on Ordinances and Legislation*

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 23 2026

*Passed through
first reading,
8 years, 1 day*

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 14 2026

*Referred to the Committee
on Ordinances & Legislation
5 years, 3 days*

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	West	Starting at a point 155 feet south of Branch Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Hunter Street	East	Starting at a point 126 feet south of Hope Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Mason Street	East	Starting at a point 328 feet south of Pleasant Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Pine Street	South	Starting at a point 20 feet east of Robeson Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
South Beach Street	East	Starting at a point 104 feet south of Oliver Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
South Beacon Street	West	Starting at a point 343 feet north of Sprague Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Washington Street	West	Starting at a point 128 feet north of William Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 11 2026

*Passed through
first reading*

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councillor Joseph D. Camara)

WHEREAS, from time to time, curb removal applications are submitted after the curb removal work has been completed without the required permit, and

WHEREAS, §A110-13 of Appendix A – Fee Schedule, which relates to Streets, sidewalks and other public places, includes a fee of \$250 for curb removal applications, and

WHEREAS, the City code does not include any additional fee or fine that may be applied when such work is completed prior to applying for and obtaining the proper permit from the City of Fall River, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel to draft a proposed ordinance establishing a fee or fine, in an amount greater than \$250, to be applied to after-the-fact curb removal applications.

(Filed 8-17-2026)

(Councillor Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, Oak Grove Cemetery, a garden cemetery established in 1855, is the final resting place of many notable residents and representatives of Fall River, including actors, artists, humanitarians and politicians, and

WHEREAS, this landmark is the largest, active City-owned cemetery with monuments that reflect the names of those who operated textile manufacturing mills that drove the City's economy in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries within its 130 acres, and

WHEREAS, Oak Grove Cemetery attracts visitors due to the many noteworthy burials, including the Borden Family Plot, the gravesite of Lewis Howard Latimer, and the Hargraves Mausoleum, and

WHEREAS, there have been recent renovations to various areas of this property that have raised concerns with residents and local elected officials due to the lack of consistency with the cemetery's historical landscape, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the City Administrator, the Director of City Operations, and the Chair of the Historical Commission to review current and proposed renovations at Oak Grove Cemetery, discuss protocols to ensure the preservation of historic memorials, gates, walls, and other significant features, and examine plans for the continued maintenance and protection of one of Fall River's most popular historic tourism destinations.

(Filed 8-31-2026)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Vice President Michelle M. Dionne)

WHEREAS, the Fall River Industrial Park landfill has been closed for fourteen years and the City of Fall River has not yet arrived at a fair, equitable, or comprehensive solution to address an ever-growing challenge regarding disposal of trash and recycling, and

WHEREAS, expediency has been prioritized while addressing the exorbitant cost of solid waste and recycling disposal without a comprehensive financial evaluation, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 10,000 residential properties within Fall River and the City utilizes a formula to determine the number and size of the carts each property should have, but the Administration has not yet obtained an inventory of excess carts distributed and the related impact this has on overall disposal costs, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, the Director of City Operations, the Director of Community Maintenance, the Director of Financial Services and Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, Esq., to discuss developing a comprehensive plan to obtain an accurate financial analysis related to the cost and distribution of solid waste and recycling carts.

(Filed 9-1-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Councillor Michael G. Canuel)

WHEREAS, residents of Fall River deserve clear, accessible, and user-friendly information regarding how municipal revenues are allocated and spent, and

WHEREAS, other municipalities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provide interactive financial transparency tools that allow residents to search for government spending by category, department, fund, vendor, and other relevant criteria, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, the Director of Financial Services and the Director of Management Information Systems to discuss the creation of a public-facing, interactive financial transparency portal utilizing the City's existing financial systems and data, allowing residents to search and review municipal spending by category, department, fund, vendor, and other relevant criteria, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration provide frequent updates to the Committee on Finance regarding the development and implementation of this program.

(Filed 9-1-2026)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, a Human Resources Compensation Study is currently being solicited for bid by the City of Fall River to compare various employee salary schedules with other municipalities, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, proposed ordinances with recommended salary amendments are presented to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, and

WHEREAS, determining a reasonable salary limitation for various positions can be challenging without comparable data from other cities and towns, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the Director of Human Resources to discuss the planned Human Resources Compensation Study, ways that the data collected within the study may be utilized for future financial decisions and how this study may affect future proposed ordinances to amend existing salary totals.

(Filed 9-1-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, several residents have shared complaints regarding drivers speeding in various areas throughout the City, and

WHEREAS, speeding is an unsafe practice that can lead to property damage, injury, or loss of life, and

WHEREAS, stronger enforcement of illegal speeding will likely dissuade further speeding violations within the City, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Safety convene with the Chief of Police and Director of Traffic and Parking to discuss enforcement practices and procedures to improve resident safety on this issue.

(Filed 9-2-2026)

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
JOINT PETITION FOR PERMANENT AERIAL FIBER ATTACHMENTS
PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c. 166, § 22**

*Project: Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School / 251 Stonehaven Road
Attachments along Bedford St.*

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Fall River:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") and Zayo Group, LLC ("Zayo")(collectively, "Petitioners"), each a company subject to M.G.L. c. 166 and each having existing locations in the public ways of the City of Fall River, hereby jointly petition the City Council pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166, § 22 for authorization for Zayo to attach permanent fiber optic cable and associated fixtures to existing National Grid utility poles located in the public ways, described below, including any lawful replacement of a listed pole at the same authorized location.

1. The permanent fiber route will serve Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School at 251 Stonehaven Road and is needed to maintain the internet service that is in operation using temporary aerial attachments.
2. The project consists of approximately 737 linear feet of permanent aerial fiber attachments across 9 existing National Grid utility poles along portions of Bedford Street, substantially as shown on the Proposed Pole Plan for Zayo Service No. S473296 (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

FIBER ATTACHMENT POLE SCHEDULE

The permanent attachment route includes the following existing National Grid poles and approximate span distances on Bedford St - beginning east of Eastern Ave, ending at Stonehaven Rd. Install fiber optic cables and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 67 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole #75.

Street	Begin. Pole	End Pole	Pole Owner	Status	Approx. Span (ft)
Bedford St	67	68	National Grid	Existing	119
Bedford St	68	69	National Grid	Existing	106
Bedford St	69	70	National Grid	Existing	74
Bedford St	70	71	National Grid	Existing	106
Bedford St	71	72	National Grid	Existing	81
Bedford St	72	73	National Grid	Existing	90
Bedford St	73	74	National Grid	Existing	97
Bedford St	74	75	National Grid	Existing	64

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7. This Joint Petition falls within that provision because (a) Zayo and National Grid are each a company subject to M.G.L. c. 166 and each have existing locations in the public ways of the City of Fall River; and (b) Zayo seeks to attach its permanent fiber facilities to National Grid's existing pole infrastructure in the City.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners respectfully request that the City Council:

1. Authorize Zayo, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166, § 22, to attach its permanent fiber optic cable and associated fixtures to National Grid's existing poles along the route shown in Exhibit A, including any lawful replacement of a listed pole at the same authorized location;
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3. Authorize the City Clerk to record the resulting order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 166, § 22.

The requested authorization is subject to applicable law(s), City requirements, and National Grid's pole-attachment and safety requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC CO.
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID**

By: DocuSigned by:
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Name: Marc Bristol

Title: Director, Program & Project Management

Date: 9/1/2026

ZAYO GROUP, LLC

By: Signed by:
Gillian Leytham

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Name: Gillian Leytham

Title: VP, Underlying Rights

Date: 9/1/2026

Attachments

Exhibit A: Proposed Pole Plan – Zayo Service No. S473296 (251 Stonehaven Road)(Attachments along Bedford Street)

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CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
ORDER ON JOINT PETITION FOR TEMPORARY AERIAL FIBER ATTACHMENTS
M.G.L. c. 166, § 22

ORDERED:

That permission be and hereby is granted to Zayo Group, LLC to attach and maintain approximately 737 linear feet of permanent fiber optic cable and associated fixtures on utility poles of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid along portions of Bedford Street in the City of Fall River, as identified in the Permanent Fiber Attachment Pole Schedule contained in the Joint Petition and substantially as shown on the plan submitted as Exhibit A. This authorization includes any lawful replacement of a listed National Grid pole at the same authorized location.

This Order is entered pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166, § 22 on the written joint petition of the Petitioners and under the provision authorizing the City, without notice or hearing, to permit one qualifying petitioner to attach its wires and fixtures to the existing poles of another qualifying petitioner.

This Order authorizes Zayo's permanent attachments and does not grant or alter a National Grid pole location. Any National Grid renewal, repair, or replacement of an existing pole at its lawfully authorized location remains governed by National Grid's existing location rights and applicable law; a reference in this Order to a listed pole includes its lawful replacement at the same authorized location.

Substantially as shown on the attached plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted by the City of Fall River, Massachusetts on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A:

*Proposed Pole Plan
Zayo Service No. S473296
(251 Stonehaven Road)
(Attachments along Bedford Street)*

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● Existing Utility Pole

— Proposed Fiber Route

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
JOINT PETITION FOR PERMANENT AERIAL FIBER ATTACHMENTS
PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c. 166, § 22**

*Project: Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School / 251 Stonehaven Road
Attachments along Locust St.*

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Fall River:

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") and Zayo Group, LLC ("Zayo")(collectively, "Petitioners"), each a company subject to M.G.L. c. 166 and each having existing locations in the public ways of the City of Fall River, hereby jointly petition the City Council pursuant to M.G.L. c. 166, § 22 for authorization for Zayo to attach permanent fiber optic cable and associated fixtures to existing National Grid utility poles located in the public ways described below, including any lawful replacement of a listed pole at the same authorized location.

1. The permanent fiber route will serve Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School at 251 Stonehaven Road and is needed to maintain the internet service that is in operation using temporary aerial attachments.
2. The project consists of approximately 903 linear feet of permanent aerial fiber attachments across 8 existing National Grid utility poles along portions of Locust Street, substantially as shown on the Proposed Pole Plan for Zayo Service No. S473296 (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

FIBER ATTACHMENT POLE SCHEDULE

The permanent attachment route includes the following existing National Grid poles and approximate span distances: on Locust St - beginning at Stonehaven Rd and ending at 251 Stonehaven Rd. Install fiber optic cables and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole #74 and ending at existing National Pole #78-22.

Street	Begin. Pole	End Pole	Pole Owner	Status	Approx. Span (ft)
Locust St	74	75	National Grid	Existing	148
Locust St	75	76	National Grid	Existing	161
Locust St	76	77	National Grid	Existing	159
Locust St	77	78	National Grid	Existing	125
Locust St	78	78-1	National Grid	Existing	140
Locust St	78-1	78-21	National Grid	Existing	48
Locust St	78-21	78-22	National Grid	Existing	122
Locust St	78-22	Bldg	National Grid	Existing	N/A

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7. This Joint Petition falls within that provision because (a) Zayo and National Grid are each a company subject to M.G.L. c. 166 and each have existing locations in the public ways of the City of Fall River; and (b) Zayo seeks to attach its permanent fiber facilities to National Grid's existing pole infrastructure in the City.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners respectfully request that the City Council:

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ORDER ON JOINT PETITION FOR TEMPORARY AERIAL FIBER ATTACHMENTS
M.G.L. c. 166, § 22**

ORDERED:

That permission be and hereby is granted to Zayo Group, LLC to attach and maintain approximately 991 linear feet of permanent fiber optic cable and associated fixtures on utility poles of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid along portions of Locust Street in the City of Fall River, as identified in the Permanent Fiber Attachment Pole Schedule contained in the Joint Petition and substantially as shown on the plan submitted as Exhibit A. This authorization includes any lawful replacement of a listed National Grid pole at the same authorized location.

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Substantially as shown on the attached plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted by the City of Fall River, Massachusetts on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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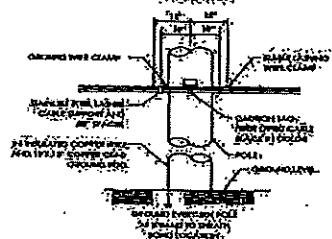


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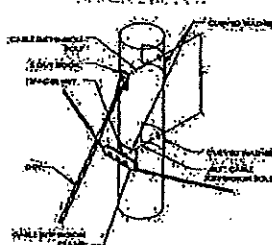
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INSTALLATION



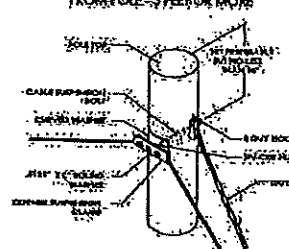
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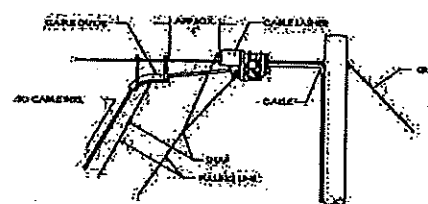
TYPICAL DETAILS

SUSPENSION STRAND - PULL AWAY
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TYPICAL DETAIL "E"

TYPICAL ARRANGEMENT OF
 CABLE LASHES AND CABLE GUIDE



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**CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
JOINT PETITION FOR PERMANENT AERIAL FIBER ATTACHMENTS
PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c. 166, § 22**

*Project: Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School / 251 Stonehaven Road
Attachments along Stonehaven Rd*

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FIBER ATTACHMENT POLE SCHEDULE

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Stonehaven Rd	75	1	National Grid	Existing	94
Stonehaven Rd	1	2	National Grid	Existing	111
Stonehaven Rd	2	3	National Grid	Existing	132
Stonehaven Rd	3	4	National Grid	Existing	104
Stonehaven Rd	4	5	National Grid	Existing	104
Stonehaven Rd	5	6	National Grid	Existing	142
Stonehaven Rd	6	7	National Grid	Existing	160
Stonehaven Rd	7	8	National Grid	Existing	91
Stonehaven Rd	8	9	National Grid	Existing	209
Stonehaven Rd	9	10	National Grid	Existing	197
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Stonehaven Rd	11	12	National Grid	Existing	125
Stonehaven Rd	12	74	National Grid	Existing	61

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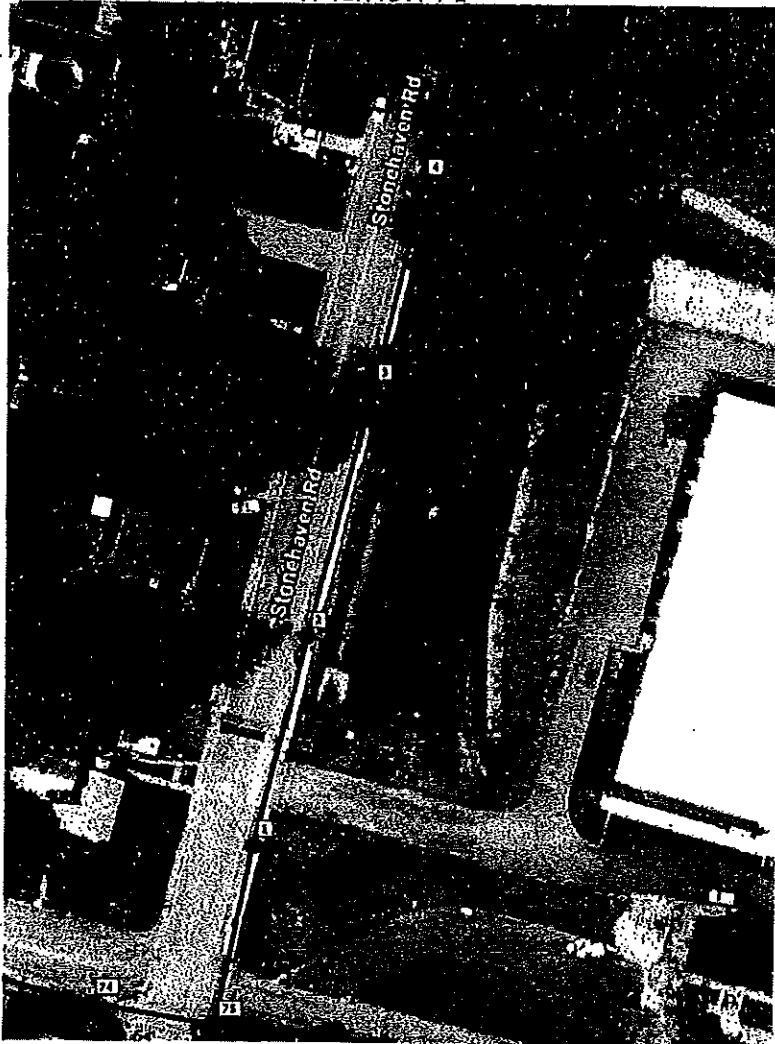
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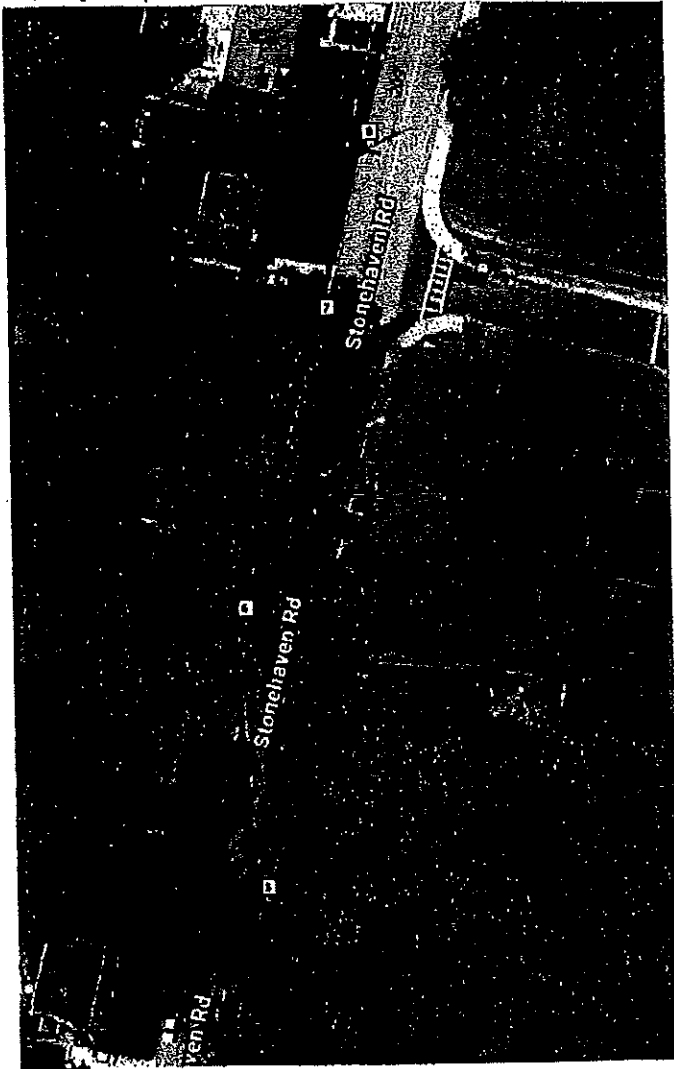


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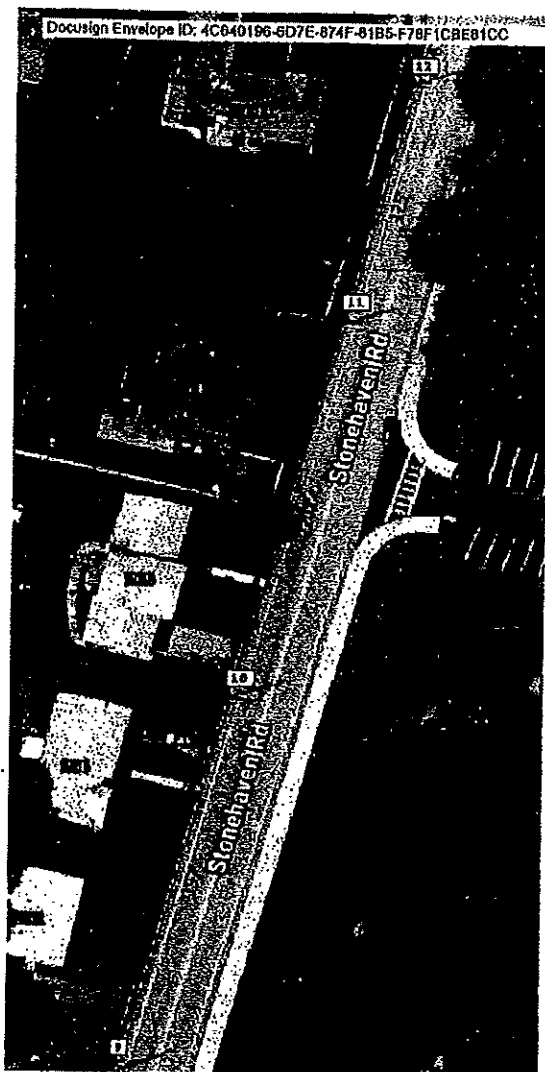


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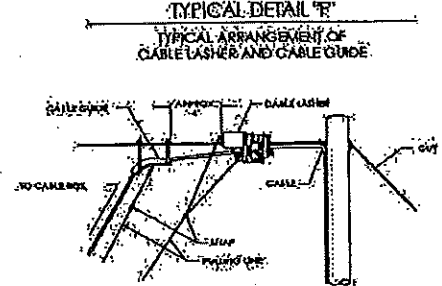
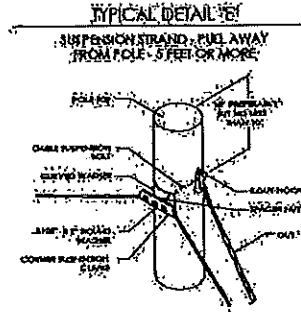
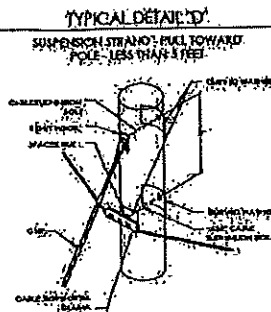
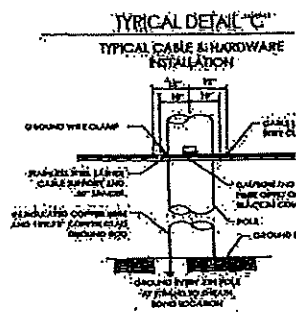
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GENERAL AERIAL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS



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County Street Collision

Workfile ID:

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958 County Street, Fall River, MA 02723

Phone: (508) 726-1648

FAX: (508) 678-7082

Preliminary Estimate

Customer: COREY, ERIC

Job Number:

Written By: Mike Carvalho

Insured: COREY, ERIC

Policy #:

Claim #:

Type of Loss:

Date of Loss:

Days to Repair: 0

Point of Impact:

Owner:

Inspection Location:

Insurance Company:

COREY, ERIC

County Street Collision

925 COUNTY ST

958 County Street

FALL RIVER, MA 02723

Fall River, MA 02723

(774) 223-8235 Cell

Repair Facility

(508) 726-1648 Business

VEHICLE

2012 TOYO Corolla LE Automatic 4D SED 4-1.8L Gasoline Electronic Fuel Injection

VIN: 2T1BU4EE9CQ821598

Interior Color:

Mileage In:

Vehicle Out:

License:

Exterior Color:

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State:

Production Date:

Condition:

Job #:

TRANSMISSION

Automatic Transmission

Overdrive

POWER

Power Steering

Power Brakes

Power Windows

Power Locks

Power Mirrors

Heated Mirrors

DECOR

Dual Mirrors

Console/Storage

CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning

Intermittent Wipers

Tilt Wheel

Cruise Control

Rear Defogger

Keyless Entry

Alarm

Message Center

Steering Wheel Touch Controls

Telescopic Wheel

RADIO

AM Radio

FM Radio

Stereo

Search/Seek

CD Player

Auxiliary Audio Connection

SAFETY

Drivers Side Air Bag

Passenger Air Bag

Anti-Lock Brakes (4)

Front Side Impact Air Bags

Head/Curtain Air Bags

Hands Free Device

SEATS

Cloth Seats

Bucket Seats

WHEELS

Wheel Covers

PAINT

Three Stage Paint

OTHER

Traction Control

Stability Control

California Emissions

Power Trunk/Liftgate

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MIKE'S AUTO BODY

535 BAY ST, FALL RIVER, MA 02724
Phone: (508) 675-1192
FAX: (508) 675-1191

Workfile ID:
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Preliminary Estimate

Customer: Corey, Eric

Job Number:

Written By: Steven Medeiros

Insured: Corey, Eric
Type of Loss:
Point of Impact:

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Claim #:
Days to Repair: 0

Owner:
Corey, Eric
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Inspection Location:
MIKE'S AUTO BODY
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2012 TOYO Corolla LE Automatic 4D SED 4-1.8L Gasoline Electronic Fuel Injection

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License:
State: MA

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Exterior Color:
Production Date:

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Condition:

Job #:

TRANSMISSION

Automatic Transmission
Overdrive

POWER

Power Steering
Power Brakes
Power Windows
Power Locks
Power Mirrors

Heated Mirrors

DECOR

Dual Mirrors
Console/Storage

CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning
Intermittent Wipers
Tilt Wheel
Cruise Control
Rear Defogger
Keyless Entry
Alarm
Message Center
Steering Wheel Touch Controls
Telescopic Wheel

RADIO

AM Radio

FM Radio

Stereo

Search/Seek

CD Player

Auxiliary Audio Connection

SAFETY

Drivers Side Air Bag
Passenger Air Bag
Anti-Lock Brakes (4)
Front Side Impact Air Bags
Head/Curtain Air Bags
Hands Free Device

SEATS

Cloth Seats

Bucket Seats

WHEELS

Wheel Covers

PAINT

Clear Coat Paint

OTHER

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FALL RIVER, MA

WHEREAS, Eric R. Corey and the City of Fall River ("Fall River") desire to resolve any and all claims against Fall River.

WHEREAS, the Claim asserted by Eric R. Corey against Fall River concerns Eric R. Corey's vehicle damage allegedly due to the incident referenced in our claim #26-8065, "The Claim" allegedly occurring on or about July 25, 2026, at Earl Street, Fall River, MA (The "Incident").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above, and the promises, agreements, covenants, and provisions contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed that the Claim shall be settled and compromised in full upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Payment by Fall River to Eric R. Corey. Fall River shall pay Eric R. Corey \$2,000.00 (the "Payment") within forty-five (45) days of the date of the last signatory by providing a check in said amount to Eric R. Corey, 925 County Street, Apt. 3F, Fall River, MA 02723.
2. Release. Eric R. Corey, for himself and his legal representatives, beneficiaries, assigns and successors in interest, hereby knowingly and voluntarily release, remise and forever discharge Fall River and its, officers, employees, agents, insurers, sureties, attorneys and representatives, whether in their individual or official capacities from any and all actions or causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, claims, complaints, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, payments, damages, claims for attorneys' fees, costs, interest, punitive damages, judgments and demands whatsoever, in law or equity, that she now have, may have, ever had, or ever will have, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, from the beginning of the world to the Date of this Settlement arising out of or relating to (a) the Incident or (b) the Claim.

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

CITY CLERK #26-143
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: MAKENNA TORRES
2. Claimant's complete address: 126 Kellogg St Fall River MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: 774 294 1427 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto damage
5. Date and time of accident: 7/22/20 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 214,448
12:34pm
6. Exact location of the Incident! (Include as much detail as possible):
NH pot hole at end of Kellogg St and caused a bubble in my tire
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):

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: 8/11/20

Claimant's signature: Makenna Torres

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1. Claimant's name: Syan E Brown
2. Claimant's complete address: 271 JENCKS St Apt 3N Fall River MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-955-2556 Work: 02723
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto accident / Property damage
5. Date and time of accident: 8/17/2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ TBD
7:00AM
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Fall River MA Walmart; Quequechan St & Jefferson St
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Water main break was announced after 8am. I was driving my route to work and my car stopped with the water. My car was no longer turning on, in result, car got totaled.
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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Date: 8/18/2026

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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FALL RIVER, MA

Claimant's name:

Adam Branco

2. Claimant's complete address:

245 Rhode Island Ave Fall River MA 02704

3. Telephone number:

Home:

774 930 1694

Work:

(508) 674-8424

4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):

Auto Accident

5. Date and time of accident:

8/3/26

Amount of damages claimed: \$ 30,000 -

6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):

245 Rhode Island Ave Fall River MA 02704

7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):

Your employee backed into my sign.

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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Date:

8/18/26

Claimant's signature:

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FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Geralyn Julian
2. Claimant's complete address: 92 Warren St. Fall River MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: _____ cell: _____ Work: 008 642 3922
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
pothole damage
5. Date and time of accident: 6/7/26 3:5pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 241.31
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
700 block of Quequechan St.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
This area is riddled with potholes and I could not avoid all of them. I hit a deep one which cracked and warped my rim. Purchased a used matching one from ebay.
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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Date: 8/6/26

Claimant's signature: Geralyn Julian

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: RICARD LOMES
2. Claimant's complete address: 73 HOME ST FALL RIVER MA 02720 APT #4
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 972 3740 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
PROPERTY DAMAGE
5. Date and time of accident: 06/25/2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 6000.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
73 HOMEST, FALL RIVER MA 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
FALL RIVER POLICE DEPT. HAD A WARRANT WHICH THEY WAS SUPPOSED TO ANNOUNCE THEM SELF, BUT INSISTED OF BREAKING BOTH DOOR, MY MAMI DOOR, AND GARIE DOOR. THEY ACTUALLY BROKE A SLIDING DOOR LOCK AS WELL. THE WARRANT WAS NOT JUSTIFIED AS IT SHOW NO "GUN" WAS SEIZED AS THAT WHAT THEY WAS LOOKING FOR.
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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Date: 08/20/2026

Claimant's signature: _____

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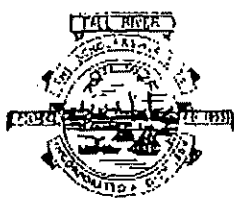
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Date: 8/20/2026

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**City of Fall River
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1. Claimant's name: Matthew Tetrault
2. Claimant's complete address: 15 S. Hillside st. Assonet, Ma 02702 CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 5086332879 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
auto accident/property damage
5. Date and time of accident: 8/3/26 9:59am Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1002.24
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Davol st. just before central st. on park side. At turn off just before the small building with boat
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
While traveling south on Davol st a sewer man hole cover detached causing damage to the passenger side rear wheel.
The tire was blown and rim was cracked leaving my vehicle disabled. Please see incident report by police department
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: 8/3/26

Claimant's signature: _____

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August 18, 2026

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Collin Dias
560 Ray Street
Fall River, MA 02720
Cdias@fallriverschools.org

Re: Open Meeting Law Complaint - July 28, 2026 City Council Special Meeting

Dear Mr. Dias:

The Fall River City Council (the "Council") denies that it violated the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The July 28, 2026 special meeting was open and accessible to the public. You entered the meeting room, attended the meeting, spoke during Citizen Input, and engaged in a substantive exchange with several councilors about the School Department budget. The complaint does not allege that the Council, its President, or any councilor denied you entry, directed you to leave, or prevented you from seeing or hearing the Council's deliberations. No remedial action is warranted under the Open Meeting Law.

The complaint was placed before the Council as Agenda Item 25 at its August 11, 2026 regular meeting. The Council reviewed the allegations, and this letter constitutes its response under G.L. c. 30A, § 23(b), and 940 CMR 29.05(5).

I. The Material Record

The Council convened its duly posted special meeting in the City Council Hearing Room at 5:30 p.m. on July 28, 2026. All nine councilors were present. Citizen Input was the first agenda item. The approved minutes identify "Collin Dias, 560 Ray Street - Budget" as a participant and summarize Mr. Dias's discussion with Vice President Michelle Dionne and Councilors Linda Pereira and Joseph Camara concerning the School Transportation line item and the School Department budget. The public meeting then proceeded through the remaining agenda items.

The complaint concerns a separate encounter immediately before the meeting between Mr. Dias and Corporation Counsel Alan Rumsey. The complaint itself characterizes the subject of that exchange as "a private matter unrelated to the orderly conduct of the meeting" and states that it involved a Facebook meme. Mr. Rumsey is not a member of the Council. The complaint does not allege that any councilor participated in the exchange, directed it, authorized it, or was aware of it when it occurred.

The Council does not adopt the complaint's characterization of that disputed exchange and need not resolve it to answer the Open Meeting Law claim. Even accepting the complaint's account solely for purposes of the legal analysis, Mr. Dias was not excluded from the meeting. He remained in the hearing room, participated during Citizen Input, and addressed the very budget issue he says he came to discuss. His later decision to leave early, which the complaint describes as a choice made in part to avoid Mr. Rumsey, was not an exclusion by the Council.

II. The Allegations Do Not Establish an Open Meeting Law Violation

The Open Meeting Law defines a "meeting" as "a deliberation by a public body with respect to any matter within the body's jurisdiction." G.L. c. 30A, § 18. A "deliberation" is a communication between or among a quorum concerning public business within the body's jurisdiction. *Id.* The alleged one-on-one, pre-meeting exchange between a nonmember of the Council and an attendee was not a deliberation of the Council and therefore was not itself a Council meeting governed by the Act.

The timing of an event immediately before a posted meeting does not, by itself, place every interaction in the room within the Open Meeting Law. Pre-meeting conduct could implicate G.L. c. 30A, § 20(a), if it actually barred a person from attending an open meeting. That did not occur here.

The Division has explained that public access includes the opportunity to be physically present at a meeting and to see and hear the public body's deliberations. See OML 2025-125. In that determination, the Division found a violation where the complainant was barred from attending meetings in person and no alternative means of access was provided. By contrast, the Division found no violation where a complainant was not actually prevented from attending or denied access to the meeting. See OML 2022-41; OML 2019-14. Here, the complaint itself acknowledges that Mr. Dias entered the meeting, participated in Citizen Input, and thereafter remained free to attend the public proceedings. Whatever disagreement may have occurred before the meeting, the allegations do not establish that the Council or its presiding officer denied Mr. Dias access to the meeting.

This case presents an even clearer record of access: Mr. Dias entered the hearing room, attended the meeting, spoke during Citizen Input, and exchanged views with councilors. The complaint's assertion that Mr. Rumsey stood near Mr. Dias's path from his seat to the restroom, requiring Mr. Dias to pass by him, does not amount to exclusion from the Council meeting. Nor does Mr. Dias's voluntary early departure establish that the Council denied access. The complaint identifies no action by the Council that prevented Mr. Dias from being physically present or from seeing and hearing the Council's deliberations.

The record also establishes that Mr. Dias was permitted to address the Council. Although the Open Meeting Law leaves public participation to the chair's discretion, the Council included Citizen Input on its agenda and allowed Mr. Dias to speak about the budget. Thus, the meeting was not merely open to him; he participated in it.

III. The Alleged Personal Exchange Is Not Attributable to the Council

The Open Meeting Law regulates public bodies and their members in the conduct of public meetings. See G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18, 20; 940 CMR 29.02. Corporation Counsel's presence at a Council meeting to advise on an agenda item does not convert every separate act or private conversation into an act of the Council. The complaint alleges no facts showing that Mr. Rumsey acted at the Council's request, on the Council's behalf, or under the authority of the Council when he allegedly discussed the Facebook meme. Indeed, the complaint expressly describes the subject as a private matter unrelated to the orderly conduct of the meeting.

The Council is therefore not required, in this Open Meeting Law proceeding, to adjudicate the disputed words, tone, positioning, or intent attributed to Mr. Rumsey. Those allegations do not establish that the Council held a closed meeting, excluded Mr. Dias, interfered with his ability to observe deliberations, or otherwise failed to comply with G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25.

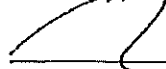
IV. Requested Relief

Mr. Dias asks for an independent investigation, a public apology from Mr. Rumsey, and Council rules of conduct. Because the allegations do not establish an Open Meeting Law violation by the Council, the Council respectfully declines to adopt those measures as remedial action. This response is limited to the Open Meeting Law and expresses no opinion concerning any separate procedure that may exist for addressing allegations of personal misconduct.

Conclusion

The July 28, 2026 special meeting was open and accessible. Mr. Dias attended, addressed the Council, and participated in discussion of the School Department budget. The alleged pre-meeting exchange was not a deliberation of the Council, was not alleged to have been undertaken by or at the direction of the Council, and did not exclude Mr. Dias from the meeting. The Council therefore finds no violation, intentional or otherwise, and has taken no remedial action. The Council respectfully requests that the complaint be considered resolved.

Sincerely,



Gary P. Howayeck, Esq.

Assistant Corporation Counsel

cc: Office of the Attorney General, Division of Open Government (openmeeting@mass.gov)

Ines Da Silva Paulino Leite, City Clerk

Members of the Fall River City Council

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OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

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Please note that all fields are required unless otherwise noted.

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Your Contact Information:

First Name: Collin

Last Name: Dias

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FALL RIVER, MA

Address: 560 Ray Street

City: Fall River

State: MA

Zip Code: 02720

Phone Number: 7747076790

Ext: _____

Email: cdias@fallriverschools.org

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): _____

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

☒ Individual

☐ Organization

☐ Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

☒ City/Town

☐ County

☐ Regional/District

☐ State

Name of Public Body (including city/
town, county or region, if applicable): Fall River City Council

Specific person(s), if any, you allege
committed the violation: _____

Date of alleged violation: 7/28/26

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

See attached.

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

An Independent Investigation into the matter.
A public Apology from Mr. Rumsey.
The City Council adopt rules of conduct.

Review, sign, and submit your complaint**I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.**

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: Caleb R. Diaz

Date: 8/4/26

Submitted by Collin Dias as part of Open Meeting Law Complaint.

ATTACHED:

I attended the July 28, 2026 Fall River City Council meeting in my capacity as an elected member of the Fall River School Committee. Although I was participating as an individual member and did not claim to speak for or bind the School Committee as a body, my attendance and intended testimony were directly related to my official responsibilities.

School Committee Policy BBA identifies the adoption of a budget sufficient to carry out the School Committee's policies as one of the Committee's principal responsibilities. It also identifies public relations, keeping the public informed about the schools, and remaining informed about the needs and wishes of the community as important functions of the Committee.

Policy BBAA states that an individual member has a duty to maintain knowledge of the schools' goals, objectives, and programs; vote and act impartially for the good of students; and represent the Committee and the schools to the public in a manner that promotes interest and support. It also requires a member "to accept the will of the majority vote in all cases, and to remember that he/she is one of a team and must abide by, and carry out, all Committee decisions once they are made."

Policy BCA further provides that a School Committee member's primary responsibility is to the children and that a member represents the entire community at all times. Because the School Committee had voted to approve the budget, my attendance and intended testimony were consistent with my responsibility to support and carry out that decision and advocate for the interests of the students and school community.

On July 28, 2026, I attended a meeting of the Fall River City Council in my capacity as a member of the Fall River School Committee. I intended to participate in public input and speak in support of the School Department budget.

This incident took place in the City Council Hearing Room. Immediately before the meeting began, Fall River Corporation Counsel Alan Rumsey was present in the Hearing Room, presumably in his official capacity as Corporation Counsel and in connection with the memorandum of understanding scheduled for discussion by the City Council.

Mr. Rumsey approached me in a stern and confrontational manner regarding a private matter unrelated to the orderly conduct of the meeting. As he approached, he asked, "Is this you?" while apparently referring to a Facebook meme that he believed I may have posted.

Mr. Rumsey positioned himself immediately beside me and partially in or near my only reasonable path of travel from where I was seated. At the time, I had intended to get up and use the restroom before the meeting began. Because of his positioning and the confrontation that followed, I was unable to do so without attempting to pass directly by him. By the time the interaction ended, the meeting was about to begin, and I did not want to leave and miss any part of the proceedings.

During the interaction, Mr. Rumsey told me, "I will find out." I presumed this was in relation to who made the meme. I asked him, "Is that a threat?" Mr. Rumsey responded, "It just might be." Multiple witnesses were present and observed or heard the interaction.

Considering Mr. Rumsey's stern approach, his partial obstruction of my path of travel, and his response after I directly asked whether he was threatening me, I felt threatened, intimidated, and in fear of my safety. The incident interfered with my ability to move freely within and leave the meeting area immediately before a public meeting.

I believe the City Council failed to ensure reasonable and unobstructed public access to its meeting when an official present in connection with Council business confronted and intimidated an attendee and partially obstructed that attendee's reasonable path of travel immediately before the meeting.

I also left the meeting early, in part to avoid Mr. Rumsey because I feared for my safety. I also fear retaliation for filing this complaint, which I file in my official capacity as a School Committee member because I attended the meeting in my official capacity as a School Committee member when this incident took place, carrying out official responsibilities as stated in the Fall River Public Schools Policy Manual.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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*Referred to
Corporation Council*

8/13/26 emailed to Corporation Council. Response due 8/19/26

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September 2, 2026

Fall River City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

**RE: FORMAL REQUEST FOR BUS STOP RELOCATION - 102 LAUREL STREET /
AETNA STREET**

Dear Members of the Fall River City Council:

I respectfully submit this letter requesting that the City Council amend Section 70-379 of the Fall River City Code with respect to the currently designated bus stop on Laurel Street, East Side, described as "From Aetna Street southerly for a distance of 65 feet," and consider relocating this designated bus stop area to a safer and more appropriate location.

Under Section 70-112 of Chapter 70, the location of all bus stops is specified by the City Council. I am therefore asking the Council to formally review the present location and consider a safer and more appropriate placement.

Reasons supporting this request:

1. **Safety of my family and use of my driveway.** Passengers frequently stand in or immediately around my driveway while waiting for the bus, and I often have to ask people to move so I can enter or leave my property. When I must back out of the driveway onto Laurel Street, visibility is even more limited, making it difficult to determine whether a person is standing or walking behind my vehicle.
2. **Safety of bus passengers.** The current placement causes passengers to wait immediately beside an active residential driveway, creating an avoidable risk of contact with vehicles entering or exiting the property.
3. **Visibility and traffic safety.** The bus stop is very close to the Laurel Street/Aetna Street intersection. A stopped bus and groups of waiting passengers can obstruct sight lines for drivers approaching or travelling through the intersection. There have also been multiple accidents at or near this intersection.
4. **Accessibility.** Because of the driveway, legally parked vehicles, and limited curb space, the bus may not always be able to approach the curb properly when a passenger uses a wheelchair or otherwise requires accessible boarding.
5. **Proximity.** The physical bus stop sign is less than approximately 30 feet from the corner of Laurel Street and Aetna Street and approximately 10 feet from my driveway. These measurements are distinct from the 65-foot bus-stop area described in Section 70-379 and further illustrate the limited space between the intersection, the stop, and an active residential driveway.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the City Council review and amend the current Laurel Street bus-stop designation and consider relocating the stop to a location that better protects passengers, pedestrians, residents, and motorists. I respectfully ask that this request be considered in connection with the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayara Oliveira
102 Laurel Street, Fall River, MA 02724
774-365-9380

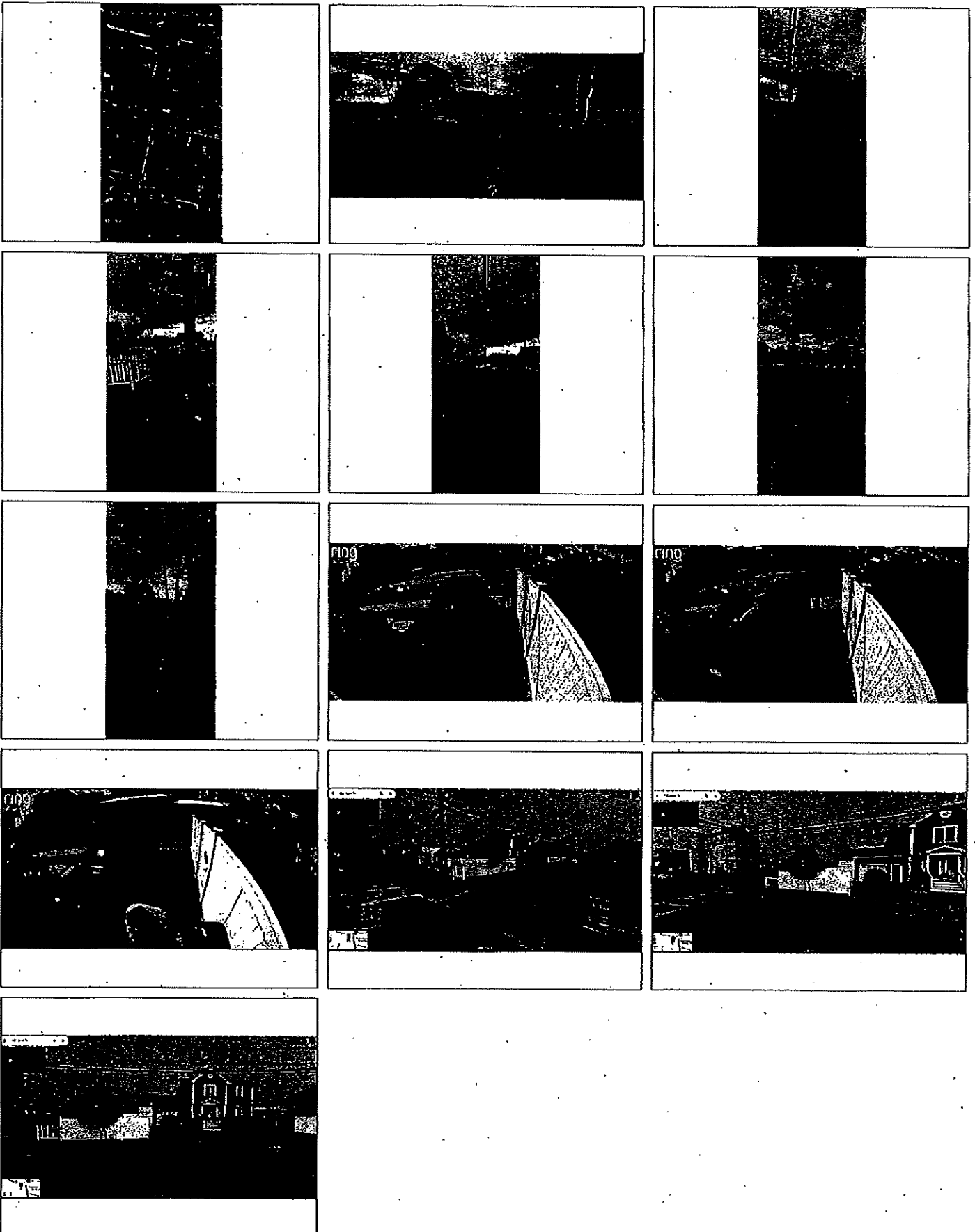
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SUPPORTING LOCATION PHOTOS

102 Laurel Street / Aelna Street - bus stop, driveway, intersection, and supporting views



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Providence, RI 02940-9690

Toll Free: 1-800-59-AMICA
(1-800-592-6422)
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August 5, 2026

Fall River Town Clerk
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

File Number: 60010765437
Date of Loss: July 21, 2026
Owner/Insured: Thomas M. Jezak
Street: 34 Friendship Street
Town: Fall River
Type of Loss: Water

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FALL RIVER, MA

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that we insure the above named individual(s). A claim has been made for Damage to Real Property and as the insurer, we are presently in the process of adjusting the loss.

We are mandated to comply with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 139 and as such, if there are any present liens on the above property, please notify us within 10 days of receipt of this letter. If we do not hear from you, we will be under no obligation to pay you any portion of this claim.

Sincerely,

Berny J. Contreras

Berny J. Contreras
Claims Department
800-592-6422 x47052
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MADISON, WI 53783-0001

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1 GOVERNMENT CTR RM 636
FALL RIVER, MA 02722-7700

Claim Number: 01-010-064148
Date Of Loss: 07/31/2026
Policy Number: BP00087505
Policyholder: Kmlc Llc

August 4, 2026

ATTENTION: Building Commissioner or Inspector of Buildings Fire Department or Arson Squad, Board of Health or Board of Selectmen C/O City or Town Hall

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MASS. GEN. LAWS, CHAPTER 139, SECTION 3B

Our Insured: KMLC LLC
Property Address: 484 Highland Ave Fall River, MA, 02720-3744
Policy Number: BP00087505
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This correspondence shall serve as notice that, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 139, Section 3B, a claim has been made involving loss, damage or destruction to a building or other structure which may either exceed \$1,000 or cause Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 143, Section 6 to be applicable.

If any notice pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 139, Section 3B is appropriate, please direct such notice to my attention and kindly, pursuant to the information provided above, include the insured's name, address, policy number, claim number and date of loss. If you contact us via email, please use claimdocuments@afics.com and be sure to reference the claim number in the subject line of your email.

Please contact me with any questions.

Claim related documents and photos may be emailed to ClaimDocuments@afics.com. Please include claim number 01-010-064148 in the subject line.

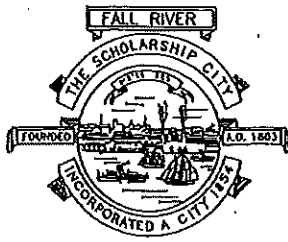
Sincerely,

Derek Sturtevant

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Senior Desk Adjuster
AFICS on behalf of Midvale Indemnity Company
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

July 9, 2026

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Following the Division of Local Services Informational Guideline Release No. 16-102, we are requesting acceptance of G.L. c. 44, § 53F¾ for a PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to establish a Special Revenue fund. This will bring the operation of long-standing fund back into compliance.

Additionally, we are submitting an order to appropriate funds for use in accordance with the existing MOU. It is stated that appropriations are limited to the actual unencumbered balance of the Fund at the time of the appropriation and anticipated receipts cannot be appropriated. Therefore, there will be two to three appropriations per year. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F¾ of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body for roughly the first half of the year for this fund.

1. \$586,600.00 That the sum of \$586,600.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated to and from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.

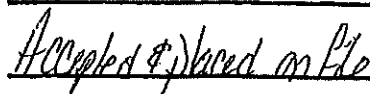
If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,


Paul Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 14 2026



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City of Fall River, In City Council

July 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$586,600.00 be and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds in the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund pursuant to Section 53F ¾ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and the same is hereby appropriated for cable related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement between the cable operator, Comcast, and the City, including but not limited to: (i) supporting public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitoring compliance of cable operator with the franchise agreement; or (iii) preparation of renewal of the franchise license.

PEG Access - FREDTV, Operating Salaries & Expenses	\$330,000.00
PEG Access - FREDTV, Capital	\$106,600.00
PEG Access - FRCMedia, Operating Salaries & Expenses	\$150,000.00

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