

CITY OF NEWTON

DOCKET REQUEST FORM

**DEADLINE NOTICE: Council Rules require items to be docketed with the Clerk of the Council NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.**

To: Clerk of the City Council

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

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1. Please docket the following item (it will be edited for length if necessary):

Requesting a discussion with the Fire Chief about the Department's current methods and ability to respond to EV and electric bike lithium-ion battery fires, and possible measures to mitigate risk of damage to structures.

2. The purpose and intended outcome of this item is:

- Fact-finding & discussion
- Appropriation, transfer,
- Expenditure, or bond authorization
- Special permit, site plan approval,
- Zone change (public hearing required)

- Ordinance change
- Resolution
- License or renewal
- Appointment confirmation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I recommend that this item be assigned to the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Planning   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                 | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion        |

4. This item should be taken up in committee:

Immediately (Emergency only, please). Please state nature of emergency:

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- As soon as possible, preferably within a month
- In due course, at discretion of Committee Chair
- When certain materials are made available, as noted in 7 & 8 on reverse
- Following public hearing

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**5. I estimate that consideration of this item will require approximately:**

- One half hour or less
- More than one hour
- More than one meeting
- Up to one hour
- An entire meeting
- Extended deliberation by subcommittee

**6. The following people should be notified and asked to attend deliberations on this item. (Please check those with whom you have already discussed the issue, especially relevant Department Heads):**

City personnel

Citizens (include telephone numbers/email please)

Fire Chief Gentile or alternate \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. The following background materials and/or drafts should be obtained or prepared by the Clerk's office prior to scheduling this item for discussion:**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/04/08/ebike-battery-fire-explosion-safety/>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/06/realestate/e-bikes-fires-danger.html>  
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/02/02/science/electric-vehicle-fires-are-rare-when-they-occur-they-can->

**8. I  have or  intend to provide additional materials and/or undertake the following research independently prior to scheduling the item for discussion. \***

*(\*Note to docketer: Please provide any additional materials beyond the foregoing to the Clerk's office by 2 p.m. on Friday before the upcoming Committee meeting when the item is scheduled to be discussed so that Councilors have a chance to review all relevant materials before a scheduled discussion.)*

**Please check the following:**

- 9.  I would like to discuss this item with the Chairman before any decision is made on how and when to proceed.
- 10.  I would like the Clerk's office to contact me to confirm that this item has been docketed. My daytime phone number is:
- 11.  I would like the Clerk's office to notify me when the Chairman has scheduled the item for discussion.

Thank you.

Julia Malakie  
Signature of person docketing the item

[Please retain a copy for your own records]