



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87113070242>. To listen to this meeting via phone call 1-646-558-8686 and use the Meeting ID 871 1307 0242.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: *The meeting will begin jointly with the Public Facilities Committee to receive an update from the Commissioner of Public Buildings on the NewCAL project.*

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#156-20

Request for comparison of dog license fines

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting a comparison of Newton's fine for failure to license a dog to other communities. In addition, requesting an increase in the fine for failure to license a dog.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#157-20

Request for review and changes to off-leash dog ordinance

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting a review and possible changes to the off-leash dog ordinance to include:

- a) raising fees required by dog walking companies in order to better maintain sites heavily used by dog walkers; and
- b) requiring background checks on dog walkers to assure safety of dog owners and dogs; and
- c) requesting the development of regulations for dog walking and dog daycare companies to assure appropriate care for dogs.

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Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#295-20

Request for an amendment to the Newton dog ordinances

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, BAKER, KALIS, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, DOWNS, NORTON, AND HUMPHREY requesting amendment of the relevant Newton ordinances relating to care and custody of dogs in public spaces, including licensing, leashing, paying for off-leash privileges in certain parks, and cleaning up, so as to allow staff involved in the supervision of Newton's parks and conservation areas to enforce those ordinances or regulations, including issuing non-criminal citations pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Sec. 21D, in addition to the enforcement provided by the Newton police.

#185-20

Request for a discussion on farm structure maintenance responsibility

COUNCILORS RYAN, LIPOF, AND KALIS requesting a discussion to understand responsibility for large and small maintenance projects of the Newton farm structures.

#49-20

Request for update on leaf blower ordinance compliance

COUNCILORS BAKER, LEARY, RYAN, AND HUMPHREY requesting update from the Executive Department on compliance with Newton's leaf blower ordinance and discussion of possible revisions to the ordinance's enforcement provisions to improve compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Krintzman, Chair