

MEETING of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the Town Council held Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Stephen N. Rawson and Raymond J. Trinke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor David Houle was excused

I. Minutes:

VOTED to accept the minutes of the August 31, 2023 meeting and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinke. The motion carried unanimously by the two members present.

II. Business

1. Consider and act on proposed amendments to the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, Rhode Island, 2004 as amended §26-32 *No parking schedule of streets* and §26-33 *Time limit parking schedule*; or take any other action thereon.

Discussion: Col. Stephen J. Lynch, Police Chief, stated that this had been an issue on a particular street and that issue has been resolved. He is withdrawing his request for amendments.

There were no votes taken.

2. Consider and act on a request from Councilor Justin P. Batalon to consider amendments to Sec. 26-20 *Overnight parking prohibited from November 1 to March 31* of the Burrillville General Ordinances; or take any other action thereon.

Discussion: Col. Stephen J. Lynch, Police Chief, stated that the overnight parking ordinance impacts the police and Department of Public Works. He says that the ordinance, as written, works; Burrillville is often the most impacted by winter storms. He supports keeping it as written.

Jeffrey McCormick, Director of Public Works, said he doesn't want to see it changed. Councilor Stephen N. Rawson agreed. He said it's a matter of safety and it should be kept as it is.

Councilor Raymond J. Trinke asked whether those people who live in apartments and rely on on-street parking have the opportunity to move to a municipal lot while the plows are coming by. Col. Lynch said that they do.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinke. The motion carried unanimously by the two members present.

3. Consider and act on a recommendation from the Planning Board for amendments to the Revised General Ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, RI 2004 as amended, Ch. 4 *Animals* and Sec. 30 -71 *Zoning district uses*; or take any other action thereon.

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Discussion: Ray Goff, Town Planner, stated that the current procedure to get permission to have chickens is an application to the Zoning Board of Review for a fee of \$500. Often people just want a half dozen chickens to have eggs for their personal use. Councilor Stephen N. Rawson asked how they came up with the number of chickens per lot size. Mr. Goff and Steven Detonnancourt, Building Inspector, said it was in response to what they were seeing and compared to other towns. It was discussed that the new ordinance, if passed, should be advertised so people are aware of the change.

The penalties were discussed. The proposed changes refer to the penalties already enumerated in the chapter. Kerry Courtemanche, Animal Control Officer, stated that in the future she may ask for a review of the penalties in the chapter.

VOTED to send to the Town Council with a positive recommendation.


Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinqué. The motion carried unanimously by the two members present.

III. Other business None

IV. Adjournment

VOTED to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Raymond J. Trinqué. The motion carried unanimously by the two members present.



Vicki T. Martin, Town Clerk