



CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Ordinance Committee Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, City Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, December 9, 2024**
Meeting Time: **8:30 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan, Councilor Fergus Cullen, City Attorney Joshua Wyatt, and Legal Assistant Patricia Moniello.

Excused: Councilor Lindsey Williams

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No citizens or members of the public present for public forum.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES –

- October 7, 2024

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Cullen.
All in favor. Unanimous.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSED OR PENDING ORDINANCES

City Attorney Josh Wyatt explained the intent of this ordinance is to make abundantly clear there is no smoking allowed in City buildings (clarifying this ordinance is for City non-school buildings, and that the school district presumably has its own smoking policies). This came to light when an individual was found to be smoking cigarettes for over an hour in the men's bathroom at City Hall and when questioned, he said there are no signs stating there is no smoking. It was determined there used to be signs in City Hall stating no smoking, but were removed, perhaps during the "way-finding" sign renovation at City Hall, and never reinstalled. This ordinance with new language is to expressly state the no smoking policy and to post signs so that everyone is clear about the rules. The local ordinance is intended to augment the existing state law banning indoor smoking.

Councilor Cullen asked for clarification on the age restrictions of section A and B and if point A's subsections should be moved to paragraph B instead. Attorney Wyatt explained that such a change would cause a need for a separate ordinance changing the fine schedule, given that the fine schedule is keyed to this numbering convention. Decision made to keep wording the way it flows now.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to endorse Ch. 105 Section 21. Seconded by Councilor Cullen. All in Favor. APPROVED.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION



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No general discussions brought forward.

7. BUILD AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Deputy Mayor Shanahan observed the next Ordinance Committee meeting would be tentatively scheduled for January 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., if needed.

8. ADJOURN

Councilor Cullen moved to adjourn - seconded by Deputy Mayor Shanahan. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8.38 a.m.