

# City of Revere, Massachusetts



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### Paul Argenzio

Ward Four Councillor

Office of the City Council

**To: The Honorable Members of the Revere City Council**  
**Paul Capizzi, City Solicitor**  
**Claire Inzerillo, Policy Writer & Analyst**  
**Rich Viscay, CFO**  
**Danielle Pietrantonio, Election Commissioner**

**From: Paul Argenzio, Chairman**  
**Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee**

**Re: Committee Meeting**

**Date: April 29, 2025**

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Please be advised that the Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee will hold a meeting on **Monday evening, May 12, 2025 from 5:00-5:45PM** in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 for the purpose of discussing the following Council Order(s):

- 25-006** An Ordinance Relative to Open Meeting Times for City Council Ways & Means Budget Hearings.
- 25-086** An Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Veteran Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.
- 25-099** An Ordinance Further Amending Free Cash Distributions to Stabilization Funds.
- 25-116** Motion presented by Councillor Silvestri: An Act Relative to Term Limits for Elected Officials in the City of Revere.
- 25-128** Motion presented by Councillors Kelley and Silvestri: That the City Council approve the following non-binding public advisory question to be placed on the November 2025 Municipal Election Ballot: Non-Binding Ballot Question The City of Revere is seeking input on whether to make changes to terms of office for elected officials. Question 1 Currently there are no term limits for elected officials in the City of Revere. Do you support a charter change that would set term limits for the offices of Mayor, At-Large City Councillor, Ward City Councillor, At-Large School Committee Member, and Ward School Committee Member? A YES vote means you support term limits for elected officials. A NO vote means you do not support term limits for elected officials.

**Public Hearing Notice  
City of Revere, MA**

Notice is hereby given that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, March 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 relative to the following proposed order:

**AN ORDINANCE FURTHER THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REVERE RELATIVE TO OPEN MEETINGS**

*Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows:*

**Section 1.** Section 2.03.050E Open Meetings of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the words, "City Council Ways & Means Sub-Committee Budget Hearings," before the word "sub-committees".

A copy of the aforementioned ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before March 18, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org).

Attest:  
Ashley E. Melnik  
City Clerk

Revere Journal  
March 5, 2025  
Send Invoice To: [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org)

**Public Hearing Notice  
City of Revere, MA**

Notice is hereby given that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 relative to the following proposed order:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A VETERAN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT**

*Be it ordained by the City of Revere, MA as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Title 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 2.92:

**Chapter 2.92 VETERAN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT**

**§ 2.92.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the Revere veteran property tax work-off abatement program.

**§ 2.92.020 Hours, rate, and abatement.**

Participants of this program shall be paid at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. Participants shall work no more than 66.6 hours and shall receive a property tax abatement of up to one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), dependent on hours worked.

**§ 2.92.030 Application process.**

The number of veterans, including qualifying spouses, participating in the program shall be limited each year to a maximum of five (5). Applications will be available and accepted at the Veteran Service's Office the first two weeks of April of each year.

A. Required documents.

All applicants must demonstrate proof of Revere residency and owner occupancy pursuant to Section 2.92.040. The following documents are also required for an application to be considered complete:

1. If applicant is a veteran:
  - a. DD214 form.
2. If applicant is a spouse of a disabled veteran:
  - a. DD214 form of the disabled veteran;
  - b. Marriage license; and,
  - c. Letter from the VA indicating disabled veteran status.
3. If applicant is a spouse of a deceased veteran:
  - a. DD214 form of the deceased veteran;
  - b. Marriage license; and,
  - c. Death certificate of the deceased veteran.

**§ 2.92.040 Eligibility.**

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

- A. Must be a veteran, a spouse of a disabled veteran, or a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran.

- B. Must have a principal place of residence in the city of Revere and have ownership in that principal place of residence. The ownership interest may include a joint tenancy, tenancy in common, tenancy by the entirety, life tenancy, or beneficial interest in a trust which has an ownership interest in this principal residence.
- C. The tax abatement received under this program shall be in addition to any other property tax exemptions for which the participant is eligible, excluding the senior citizen property tax work-off abatement in Chapter 2.88 of this Title. An individual is not permitted to participate in more than one work-off program in the city.

**§ 2.92.050      Accounting for abatements.**

The tax abatement provided to participants by this program shall be applied to the actual tax bills for the fiscal year. The full tax shall be committed and billed, with the reduction shown on the bill as an abatement or credit against the amount due. The reduction shall be processed as an abatement and charged against the overlay account. Abatements for the fiscal year shall be based upon certifications by the Veteran Services Office for work performed on or before June 30.

**§ 2.92.060      Certification of service.**

The city's Veteran Services Office shall certify to the Assessor's Office the amount of service performed by the participant as of June 30th of the fiscal year. Such certification shall be provided to the board of assessors prior to the time the actual tax for the fiscal year is committed and in sufficient time to allow for an abatement to be reflected on the actual tax bill for the fiscal year. A copy of the certification shall be provided to the veteran taxpayer, or qualifying participant, before the actual tax bill is issued.

**§ 2.92.070      Tax treatment of abatement.**

The amount of the property tax abatement the veteran taxpayer, or qualifying participant, receives under this program shall not be considered income or wages for purposes of state income tax withholdings, unemployment compensation or worker's compensation.

**§ 2.92.080      Partial completion.**

A participant who completes less than 66.6 hours of work shall be entitled to a pro-rata abatement based upon certified hours of work completed at the rate of pay established in Section 2.92.020.

A copy of the aforementioned ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before April 22, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org).

Attest:  
Ashley E. Melnik  
City Clerk

Revere Journal  
April 2, 2025  
Send Invoice To: [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org)

## Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere:

### **AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING FREE CASH DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE CITY OF REVERE**

*Be it ordained by the City of Revere, MA as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 2.90.050 of Title 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by removing the word “ten” and inserting in place thereof the word “five.”

**SECTION 2.** Section 3.05.020 of Title 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by removing the word “twenty” and inserting in place thereof the word “fifteen.”

**SECTION 3.** Title 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 3.08:

#### **Chapter 3.08 HIGH SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND.**

##### **§ 3.08.010 The high school stabilization fund.**

There is hereby created, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B, a high school stabilization fund. The city treasurer shall be the custodian of such fund. The fund shall be utilized for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to any purpose for which the city may lawfully borrow money. Any appropriation or transfer of funds into or out of this stabilization fund must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the city council.

##### **§ 3.08.020 Transfers to the high school stabilization fund.**

Within ninety days of the certification of free cash by the department of revenue, the mayor shall present to the city council, and the city council shall approve, a transfer to high school stabilization fund of a sum equal to not less than ten percent of the total free cash amount certified by the department of revenue.

**SECTION 4.** Title 3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 3.09:

#### **Chapter 3.09 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) STABILIZATION FUND.**

##### **§ 3.09.010 The other post employment benefit stabilization fund.**

There is hereby created, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 5B, an other post employment benefit stabilization fund. The city treasurer shall be the custodian of such fund. The fund shall be utilized for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to any purpose for which the city may lawfully borrow money. Any appropriation or transfer of funds into or out of this stabilization fund must be

approved by a two-thirds vote of the city council.

**§ 3.09.020 Transfers to the other post employment benefit stabilization fund.**

Within ninety days of the certification of free cash by the department of revenue, the mayor shall present to the city council, and the city council shall approve, a transfer to the other post employment benefit stabilization fund of a sum equal to not less than five percent of the total free cash amount certified by the department of revenue.

A copy of the aforementioned proposed ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org) on or before April 22, 2025.

Attest:  
Ashley E. Melnik  
City Clerk

Revere Journal  
Bill to: [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org)  
April 9, 2025

## **AN ACT RELATIVE TO TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 59 of chapter 43 of the General Laws, no person shall hold the office of city councillor at-large for more than five terms.

**Section 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 59 of chapter 43 of the General Laws, no person shall hold the office of ward councillor for more than five terms.

**Section 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 2024, no person shall hold the office of school committee member-at-large for more than five terms.

**Section 4.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 2024, no person shall hold the office of ward school committee member for more than five terms.

**Section 5.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17C of chapter 43 of the General Laws, no person shall hold the office of mayor for more than three terms.

**Section 6.** This act shall not apply to any person holding the office of mayor, city councillor at-large, ward councillor, school committee member-at-large, or ward school committee member who has exceeded the term limits as provided for in Sections 1 through 3 on the effective date of this act.

**Section 7.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.