

City of Revere, Massachusetts



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Paul Argenzio

Ward Four Councillor

To: The Honorable Members of the Revere City Council
Paul Capizzi, City Solicitor
Steve Morabito, DEI Director
Vincent Argenzio, STR Office
From: Paul Argenzio, Chairman
Legislative Affairs Committee
Re: Committee Meeting
Date: September 3, 2024 (Note New Start Time)

Please be advised that the Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee will hold a meeting on **Monday evening, September 9, 2024 from 5:00PM-6:00PM** 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):

- 24-061** An Ordinance Providing Interpretation and Translation Services for Public Meetings and Public Documents.
- 24-176** An Ordinance Further Regulating Short-Term Rentals.
- 24-220** Communication from the DEI Director relative to an ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the display of flags, and the use of City Hall.
- 24-221** Communication from Veterans' Services relative to an ordinance establishing regulations for veterans memorial poles.

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, August 26, 2024 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 PROVIDING FOR INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.03.050 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new sub-section:

F. Interpretation Services for Public Meetings.

1. Definitions

- a. "Interpretation" or "interpretation services" shall mean the act of a qualified interpreter communicating live conversation from the source language into the target language.
- b. "Public body," pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 18-25, shall mean a multiple-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee within the executive or legislative branch or within any county, district, city, region or town, however created, elected, appointed or otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose; provided, however, that the governing board of a local housing, redevelopment or other similar authority shall be deemed a local public body; provided, further, that the governing board or body of any other authority established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the commonwealth or any part thereof shall be deemed a state public body; provided, further, that "public body" shall not include the general court or the committees or recess commissions thereof, bodies of the judicial branch or bodies appointed by a constitutional officer solely for the purpose of advising a constitutional officer and shall not include the board of bank incorporation or the policyholders protective board; and provided further, that a subcommittee shall include any multiple-member body created to advise or make recommendations to a public body.
- c. "Public meeting," pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 18-25, shall mean a deliberation by a public body with respect to any matter within the body's jurisdiction, provided, however, "meeting" shall not include:
 - i. an on-site inspection of a project or program, so long as the members do not deliberate;
 - ii. attendance by a quorum of a public body at a public or private gathering, including a conference or training program or a media, social or other event, so long as the members do not deliberate;
 - iii. attendance by a quorum of a public body at a meeting of another public body that has complied with the notice requirements of the open meeting law, so long as the visiting members communicate only by open participation in the meeting on those matters under discussion by the host body and do not deliberate;
 - iv. a meeting of a quasi-judicial board or commission held for the sole purpose of making a decision required in an adjudicatory proceeding brought before it; or
 - v. a session of a town meeting convened under section 9 of chapter 39 which would include the attendance by a quorum of a public body at any such session.

- d. “Public notification” shall mean any document disseminated by a city department for public consumption.
 - e. “Translation” or “translation services” shall mean the act of a qualified translator converting written content from the source language into the target language.
2. The purpose of this section is to ensure inclusivity and accessibility by providing language interpretation and translation services for public meetings and documents. Said interpretation and translation services shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. Public meetings shall be interpreted from English to at least one language other than English.
 - b. The use of interpretation shall be triggered if at least 10% of the city’s population speaks the said language according to the US Census’ American Community Survey 5
 3. All city departments shall provide translated documents including but not limited to public notifications or informational pamphlets in a language other than English.
 - a. All public notifications shall be translated from English to at least one language other than English.
 - b. The use of translation shall be triggered if at least 10% of the city’s population speaks the said language according to the US Census’ American Community Survey.
 4. The City shall arrange for professional interpretation services to be available at all public meetings in accordance with the provisions set out by sub-section 2.03.050(2). Interpretation services shall include but are not limited to simultaneous interpretation during the meeting. The City shall require reasonable qualifications, including but not limited to certification from interpreters.
 5. The City shall develop and implement a plan, called the Language Access Plan, outlining procedures for interpretation and translation services. The plan shall be made publicly available on the City’s official website.
 6. The City shall provide public notice of the availability of interpretation services at public meetings through various channels, including but not limited to the official City website, public announcements, and printed materials. Notice shall include information on how to request specific language assistance.
 7. Funding for interpretation and translation services shall be allocated in the City’s annual budget, and necessary resources shall be provided to ensure the effective implementation of this ordinance.
 8. This ordinance shall take effect within 90 days of passage.

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 on or before August 13, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org.

Attest:

Ashley E. Melnik
City Clerk

Revere Journal
July 31, 2024
Bill to: amelnik@revere.org

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AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE CITY OF REVERE

SECTION 1. Section 8.09.030(A)(2) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new sub-section (a):

- a. The City shall grant no more than two (2) Short-Term Rental Licenses to a dwelling.

SECTION 2. Section 8.09.030(A)(3) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new sub-section (a):

- a. The City shall grant no more than two (2) Short-Term Rental Licenses to a dwelling.

SECTION 3. Section 8.09.040(A)(1) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new sub-section (a);

- a. The operator shall submit proof of owner occupancy, including but not limited to:
 - i. a valid Massachusetts ID;
 - ii. a valid Massachusetts Driver's License;
 - iii. vehicle registration; and,
 - iv. a voter registration card.

SECTION 4. Section 8.09.040(A)(2) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby deleted in its entirety, and the remaining numbered sub-sections are hereby re-numbered accordingly.

SECTION 5. Section 8.09.040(B) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word "three."

SECTION 6. Section 8.09.080(A) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting this sub-section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following the sub-section (A):

- A. Any person who violates a provision of this chapter shall be fined four-hundred and ninety dollars per violation per day. Each day's failure to comply with a notice of violation or any other order shall constitute a separate violation. In addition to fines described in this section, the city may issue a cease-and-desist order, and seek an injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin the offering, advertising, or use of the unit as a short-term rental.

SECTION 7. This section shall take effect upon its passage.

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Sheryl Pelletier, *Paralegal* | Claire Inzerillo, *Policy Writer & Analyst*

TO: Chairman Argenzio, Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee

FR: Claire Inzerillo, Policy Writer and Analyst 

CC: Nick Catinazzo, Director of Short Term Rental Office
Vincent Argenzio, Short Term Rental Officer

RE: **Amendments to the ordinance regulating short term rentals in the City of Revere.**

DA: August 27, 2024

Members of the Legislative Affairs Sub-committee:

In light of relevant discussions and recent research, I request this Subcommittee accept the following minor amendment to the proposed changes that were outlined at the Public Hearing on August 26, 2024 at 6pm:

Add new SECTION 8: Section 8.09.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is further amended by inserting the following new sub-section (H):
“H. Accessory Dwelling Units, as defined in Chapter 17.25 of the Zoning bylaws of the City of Revere are prohibited from being used as a short term rental.”

Thank you for your consideration.



City of Revere

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr.

06/26/2024

Dear Honorable Members of the Revere City Council,

As the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director, I am writing to present for your consideration the proposed ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the display of flags and the use of City Hall. This ordinance is designed to uphold the values of unity, respect, and inclusivity within our city, while also providing crucial legal protections.

The proposed ordinance, detailed in Chapter 1.10 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, outlines essential regulations for the display of flags. It ensures that flags will be displayed in accordance with federal and state guidelines, prioritizing the United States flag, followed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag, and then the City of Revere flag. Additionally, it grants the Mayor the authority to lower flags to half-staff for solemn occasions, allowing us to honor significant moments and individuals within our community with the appropriate respect and recognition.

Furthermore, the ordinance embraces our city's diversity by permitting the display of additional flags representing recognized governments, branches of the U.S. military, the Blue Star Service Flag, the MIA-POW flag, and, during June, the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag and the Juneteenth Flag. Considering the *Shurtleff v. Boston* case, the ordinance clarifies that the city's flagpoles are not a forum for public expression but represent the official sentiments of the City of Revere.

This ordinance also addresses the use of Revere City Hall, designating meeting spaces primarily for governmental services. However, it allows for the use of these spaces by non-profit organizations and for fundraising purposes in partnership with the city, ensuring that our public facilities serve the greater good without commercial exploitation.

This ordinance is not merely a set of regulations; it reflects our city's values and is a safeguard against potential legal issues. By adopting this ordinance, we can ensure that we honor our symbols, respect our community members, and embrace the diversity that makes Revere a vibrant and strong community.

I kindly urge you to support this ordinance and pass it into effect. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Steven Morabito

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
City of Revere

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DISPLAY OF
FLAGS AND USE OF CITY HALL.

SECTION 1. Title 1 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting new chapter 1.10 – Control of City Hall:

Section 1.10.10 – Display of flags.

It is the policy of the City of Revere that flags should be displayed in conformance with Federal and State policies, as stated in the Federal “Our Flag” publication of the Congress, House Document No. 96-144; Chapter 2, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 2, Section 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

A. Outdoor flags will be flown at Revere City Hall in the following order of precedence: first, the United States flag; second, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag; and third, the City of Revere flag.

B. Flags on City Hall Plaza shall be displayed in accordance with the above standards. However, the Mayor may order flags to be lowered to half-staff, including, but not limited to flags of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in honor of the death of a City employee killed in the line of duty, or in observance of a specific event or circumstance.

C. Pursuant to the proclamation of the Mayor, or resolution of the City Council, other flags may be flown by the City in place of the City of Revere flag.

a. The City’s flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The following flags may be displayed by the City as an expression of the City’s official sentiments:

i. Flags of governments recognized by the United States may be displayed upon the proclamation of the Mayor or by resolution of the City Council.

ii. Flags of the various branches of military services of the United States of America may be displayed upon the proclamation of the Mayor or by resolution of the City Council.

iii. The Blue Star Service Flag may be displayed upon the proclamation of the Mayor or by resolution of the City Council.

iv. The official MIA-POW flag may be displayed upon the proclamation of the Mayor or by resolution of the City Council.

v. During the month of June, the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag and the Juneteenth Flag may be displayed upon the proclamation of the Mayor or by resolution of the City Council.

vi. The City shall acquire ownership of all flags that it flies in place of the City of Revere flag.

Section 1.10.20 – Control of rooms in City Hall.

A. Meeting spaces in City Hall, including but not limited to the City Council Chambers, exist for the purpose of housing governmental services.

B. Public buildings and facilities owned by the City of Revere shall not be available for use by a for-profit or commercial entity. From time to time, the City may allow use of a City-owned space for a non-profit or fundraising purpose hosted in partnership with the City at the Mayor's discretion.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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Anthony T. Zambuto
Councillor-at-Large

Office of the City Council

To: The Honorable Members of the Legislative Affairs Committee
From: Councillor Anthony T. Zambuto
Re: Amendment to Council Order 24-220
Date: August 28, 2024

Dear Chairman Argenzio:

Please consider the following amendments to the proposed ordinance establishing rules for flag display and the use of space at City Hall:

1. Strike Section 1.10.100(C) and insert in place thereof the following new Section 1.10.100(C)

- C. At the discretion of the Mayor, the following flags relative to the United States armed forces and military may be flown by the City in place of the City of Revere flag.
- i. Flags of the various branches of military services of the United States of America.
 - ii. The Blue Star Service Flag.
 - iii. The official MIA-POW Flag.

2. Insert new Section 1.10.100(D) as follows:

- D. The City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression of the public.



City of Revere

Patrick M. Keefe, Jr
Mayor

Isaac C McDaniel
Director of Veteran Services

TO: Honorable City Council

FR: Isaac McDaniel, VSO

CC: Christopher Ciaramella, DPW Superintendent
Claire Inzerillo, Policy Writer and Analyst

**RE: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL POLES
IN THE CITY OF REVERE**

DA: June 21, 2024

Dear Honorable City Council,

I submit AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL POLES IN THE CITY OF REVERE to this esteemed body. As you know, the City of Revere proudly honors our deceased residents who served with distinction in the United States military by erecting Memorial Poles along public ways. Many of you have been present at these dedication ceremonies, and all have surely driven or walked by one of these poles at some point. The purpose of this proposed ordinance is to articulate regulations pertaining to the circumstances, character, and standards under which this city will grant the dedication of the memorial poles.

The Veterans Service Office, with its unique perspective and understanding of the sacrifices made in the name of defending this great country, is proposing to codify our eligibility requirements. Having served overseas myself, I have a firsthand understanding of the toll that deployment takes on an individual, on their family, and even within their community. It is our goal to uphold this particular honor in a special, intentional way.

Please note that this ordinance will not affect pre-existing Memorial Poles.

I look forward to any questions you may have and appreciate your consideration.



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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR VETERANS
MEMORIAL POLES IN THE CITY OF REVERE

SECTION 1. Title 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 12.22:

12.22 – VETERANS MEMORIAL POLES.

12.22.10 Purpose.

The City of Revere proudly honors deceased residents who served with distinction in the United States military by erecting Memorial Poles along public ways. It is the purpose of this policy to articulate regulations pertaining to the circumstances, character, location, and other standards under which the City of Revere will permit the dedication of memorial poles.

12.22.20 Definitions.

- A. “Memorial Pole” shall mean City of Revere-owned poles in the public way which have been designated in honor of a deceased Service Member.
- B. “Service Member” shall mean a person who has served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard, in accordance with section 101(a)(5) of title 10, United States Code.
- C. “Veterans Service Officer” or “VSO” shall be the Director of Veterans Service for the City of Revere, either in a permanent or acting capacity.

12.22.30 Eligibility.

Recognition through a Memorial Pole in the City of Revere may be granted to individuals who fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- A. Service Members who died while on active duty (KIA);
- B. Deceased Service Members who had served in a hostile environment;
- C. Deceased Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA) Service Members, as classified by the Geneva Convention, United States Code, or other applicable regulation; or
- D. Deceased Service Members who were awarded decorations for combat, including the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Valor, or Purple Heart.

Eligible individuals must have resided in the City of Revere upon entering their military service or lived a substantial portion of their lives in the City of Revere. Any individual to be considered must have been discharged honorably.

12.22.40 Types of Recognition.

Deceased Service Members meeting the criteria of section 12.22.30 may be commemorated through:

- A. Erection of a Memorial Pole at a public location, subject to approval by the relevant municipal department responsible for the safety and access of said location; or,
- B. Designation of an alternative memorial when installation of a Pole is impractical due to logistical considerations, subject to approval by the Veterans Service Officer.

12.22.50 Procedure.

Applications for Memorial Poles honoring a deceased service member can be requested at the Veterans Service Office in-person or on the City of Revere website (www.revere.org/departments/veterans-office).

- A. To be considered, applications shall include the Service Member's Death Certificate and Discharge Certificate (DD Form 214). The Veterans Service Office reserves the right to request additional documentation in order to verify service records or military achievements including but not limited to medals and awards.
- B. The Veterans Service Officer reviews the application and if approved, prepares a Notification of Approval and Memorandum of Recommendation for the City Council and the Mayor's consideration.
- C. Upon an affirmative vote by the City Council and subsequent signature by the Mayor, the Veterans Service Officer may consult with relevant City staff and family members or representatives of the service member to determine the Memorial Pole location.

12.22.60 Memorial Poles.

- A. The City of Revere Department of Public Works is responsible for erecting approved Memorial Pole materials.
- B. Memorial Pole design shall align with existing standards, with the option for additional elements based on the circumstances of the deceased service member.

- C. The Veterans Service Officer shall maintain records of all Memorial Poles, including the service member's name, location of the pole, and installation logistics.
- D. All Memorial Poles located in the City of Revere shall be decorated annually on Memorial Day with a wreath and two flags of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. This section shall take effect upon its passage.