

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE, AD HOC COMMITTEE,  
LAUNDROMAT FEES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 21, 2010 7:00 PM



The City Council Ad Hoc Committee met in the 3rd Conference Room of City Hall on Wednesday, October, 21, 2010. Chair, Robert Arconti called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members:** Robert Arconti, Chair, Sal Tumino and Duane E. Perkins.

**Ex Officio:** Councilman, Paul Rotello

**Also in attendance:**

Robin Edwards, Assistant Corporation Counsel, David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance and Dean Esposito, Director of Weights and Measures, and members of the public.

Chair Arconti began the meeting with introductions and stating that this meeting was a continuation of a previous meeting which took place on September 9, 2010. Chair Arconti continued by stating since the previous meeting he has visited Laundromats in Danbury. He believes that the times are accurate and has learned that there is no regulation or guarantee of the temperature. Councilman Tumino added that he doesn't believe that the timers can be manipulated and the city should not impose a tax on these small business owners. Councilman Perkins added that he was reluctant to add a tax to small business owners which would have to be passed on to the Laundromat users. Chairman Arconti clarified that there is currently a fee charged for the inspection. The fee schedule was adopted in 2008, and it is the charge of the committee to make a recommendation as to whether this fee should be repealed. A discussion of the fees and what elimination of this fee would mean to the costs associated with the inspections ensued. Mr. Esposito commented to the committee that any complaints that come to his office are investigated regardless of any fees paid by the Laundromat owners. He further stated that his works closely with the State of CT on such matters. A discussion regarding the process of rescinding the fee took place.

**Councilman Tumino moved to recommend to the Council that the annual license fee for Commercial Dryers set by resolution of the Council under Ordinance Section 22-2(b)(c) be eliminated, and that the fees paid for inspections not conducted be returned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Perkins. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.**

As there was not further business before the committee, Councilman Perkins made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Tumino to adjourn the meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Arconti, Chairman

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Sal Tumino

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Duane E. Perkins