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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, March 17, 2016, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

Present: Council Majority Leader Archetto, Chair (appeared at 6:10 p.m.)
Councilman Mario Aceto, Vice-Chair
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Michael J Farina
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr. (appeared at 6:15 p.m.)
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Christopher G .Paplauskas
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Robert Strom, Director of Finance
Anthony Moretti, City Council Auditor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS:

12-15-02 *Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Stopping, Standing and Parking on Specific Streets (Legion Way from Pontiac to Elsie). Sponsored by Councilman Botts . (Cont. 1/14/2016 & 2/11/2016). [\[click to view\]](#)*

Councilman Farina stated that Councilman Botts, sponsor of this Ordinance, has asked that this Ordinance be continued for one more month.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this Ordinance for one month. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Lincoln Park Ave** – constituent stop sign request – Councilman Aceto. (Cont. 2/11/2016).

Mr. Coupe stated that he will check into this and contact Councilman Aceto tomorrow.

This item was continued.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS:

- **Presentation by RI Mattress Recycling Program for Municipalities.** Chairman Archetto.

Justine Fallon, Northeast Program Coordinator for Mattress Recycling Council, appeared to give a power point presentation. She stated that the company is in Connecticut and California and the program in Rhode Island will launch on May 1st. She also stated that right now, there are fifteen towns participating in this program. What they provide to municipalities, at no cost, is collection containers transport mattresses to recyclers. The municipality would have to have a secured site for the containers to be located. In return, the company asks that municipalities do not charge residents for discarding the mattresses. Typically, there would be one container per municipality and the municipality could limit quantity and the conditions of the mattresses that are being dropped off to be disposed.

Council President Lanni asked how the City deals with this at this time. **Mr. Coupe** stated that right now, the City does not accept mattresses. The homeowner would have to deal with Waste Management directly to dispose of the item. Council President Lanni stated that since the City provides safety services to the State facilities, he asked if we provide waste management. **Mr. Coupe** stated, no.

Councilman Botts asked how often the mattresses would be picked up. **Ms. Fallon** stated, as often as needed, as long as the company is given ample notice to do a pickup.

Councilman Stycos asked how the residents would know about this program. **Ms. Fallon** stated that primarily, the retailers will have flyers indicating which towns participate. Also, residents could be made aware of this program through radio, TV and other social media.

Mr. Coupe stated asked if there are any drop off areas where residents could drop mattresses off if Cranston decides not to participate in this program. **Ms. Fallon** stated that they could be dropped off at the landfill in Johnston or East Providence and West Warwick.

Chairman Archetto asked what the Administration's recommendation is regarding this program. **Mr. Coupe** stated that the Administration would have to assess this since someone would have to monitor this program and the site where the container would be located. The Administration will certainly look into this.

Councilman Aceto asked **Mr. Strom** whether there is in-fact an employee handling these issues. **Mr. Strom** stated that we have a Recycling Coordinator. Councilman Aceto stated that he believes that at one time, there was a Laborer who oversaw items being dropped off. He asked **Mr. Strom** to check into this.

2-16-01 ***Proposed Ordinance in Amendment of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (Handicap and Disabled Parking Space Permit Amendment) Councilman Stycos.*** [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Mr. Coupe explained this Ordinance with proposed amendments. He suggested that this Ordinance be further amended to stated "minimum of 30 days" rather than "maximum".

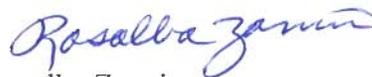
On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to further amend this Ordinance as follows: line #104, delete "maximum" and add "minimum". Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Stycos, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to correct grammatical error on line #80 as follows: remove "which". Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance as amended and motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

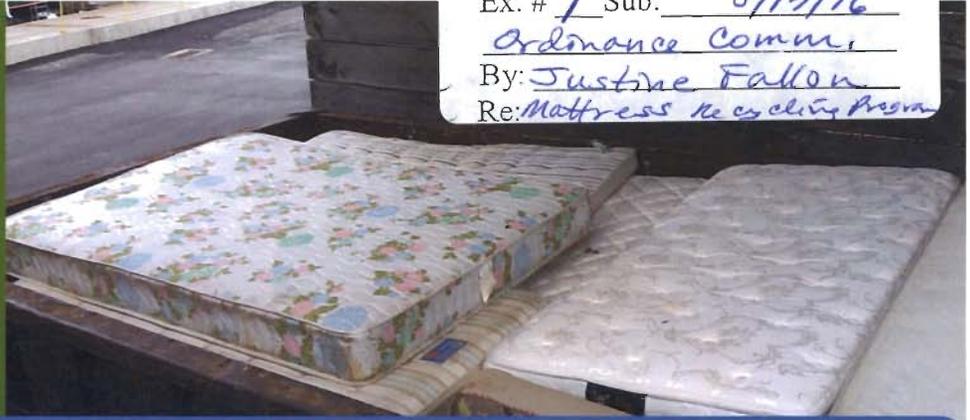


Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Ex. # 1 Sub: 3/17/16
Ordinance Comm.
 By: Justine Fallon
 Re: Mattress Recycling Program

Rhode Island's Public Law 2013-423 requires the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used & discarded in the state.



Rhode Island Mattress Recycling Program for Municipalities

The law does **not** require municipalities that collect used mattresses from their residents to recycle them. Municipalities may **voluntarily participate** in the program, thereby giving their residents access to a free recycling service for mattresses and box springs.



Want to be a collection site?
 Complete our online survey at
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The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry to plan and manage the Rhode Island mattress recycling program.

Beginning 2016, retailers and other businesses selling mattresses will collect a recycling fee on each mattress and box spring sold to Rhode Island consumers. These fees will be remitted to MRC and used to transport and recycle mattresses.

Benefits of Participating

Participating municipalities no longer incur mattress recycling costs.

MRC uses the collected recycling fees to pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses.

Recycling mattresses conserves natural resources and benefits the environment. Program participants divert mattresses from waste-to-energy facilities and landfills and allow materials like fiber, foam, steel and wood to be reused.

What MRC Provides

- Collection containers at your site
- Transportation from your site to the contracted recycler
- No-cost recycling services

Participation Requirements

- Provide a secure site for the collection container
- Keep mattresses dry and segregated
- Pack mattresses efficiently to maximize container capacity
- Complete required paperwork to track outgoing shipments

Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?

Most mattresses and box springs discarded by Rhode Island residents or collected in curbside bulky waste pickup are eligible for the program.

We are unable to accept:

- Severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs
- Items infested with bed bugs
- Mattress pads or toppers
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Car beds
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers, and playpens or their pads
- Infant carriers, lounge pads, or crib bumpers
- Water beds or camping-style air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and furniture



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