

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 1, 2025 @ 6:30 PM – YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY – AGENDA RESULTS
Virtual Meeting with Anchor Location In-Person and Remote Participation

Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com or www.WITN22.org

I. Call to Order
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Youth in City Government Day 2025
All Council	Recognize Wilmington City Council Interns (Spring 2025)
Cabrera	Recognize Overseer Helena Michelle Creamer
Hackett	Recognize Sanford Boys Basketball Championship
Oliver	Recognize Justin Womack (Owner of Oath84)
Oliver	Recognize Wilmington VA Medical Center (75 th Anniversary)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Oliver	Sympathy Elizabeth Dendy
Owens	Sympathy Stacey Lee Maxwell
Spadola	Sympathy Paul Joseph Smith, Sr.

VI. Public Comment

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website <https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment050125> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President of City Council will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website.

Note: Per Council Rules (CC Rule 2), the public shall register to speak by 6:45pm.

VII. Legislative Business

Note: To view the full legislation, click on the hyperlinked agenda number.

JOHNSON

[#0034](#) Sub.1 to Ord. 25-013 Amend Chapter 48 of the City Code to Permit the Cultivation, Manufacture, Testing, and Retail of Recreational

PASSED

Marijuana Within Certain Commercial, Manufacturing, and Waterfront
Zoning Districts (**3rd & Final Reading – Public Hearing**)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. In light of and consistent with the passage of the Delaware Marijuana Control Act by the Delaware General Assembly, this Ordinance amends various sections of Chapter 48 of the City Code to explicitly permit and limit the cultivation, manufacture, testing, and retail of recreational marijuana within certain commercial, manufacturing, and waterfront zoning districts in the City of Wilmington as follows: (i) marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities, and retail marijuana stores will be permitted as a matter of right in the C-5 (Heavy Commercial) commercial zoning district, the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) and M-2 (General Industrial) manufacturing and industrial zoning districts, and the W-1 (Waterfront Manufacturing), W-2 (Waterfront Manufacturing/Commercial), and W-3 (Waterfront Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation) waterfront zoning districts and (ii) marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores will be permitted as special exception uses in the W-4 (Waterfront Residential/Commercial) waterfront district. In addition, this Ordinance requires a buffer zone of 300 feet between any of the four permitted marijuana-related uses and (i) residential zoning districts or (ii) public and private schools serving any grade between kindergarten and twelfth grade. Finally, this Ordinance establishes parking requirements for laboratory, research, and testing facilities, which will apply to marijuana testing facilities.*

#0045 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Enact Legislation that will Amend Title 22 Chapters 9 of the Delaware Code to Enable the City of Wilmington to Impose Excise Tax of up to 3% on the Sale of Marijuana and Marijuana Products by a Retail Marijuana Store Located within the Boundaries of the City, in Addition to Any Amounts Imposed by the State

RES. 25-027
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation that will amend Title 22 (Municipalities), Chapter 9 (Municipal User Tax) of the Delaware Code to enable the City of Wilmington to impose a local excise tax of up to 3% on the sale of marijuana and marijuana products by a retail marijuana store located within the boundaries of the City, in addition to any amounts imposed by the State. The State's Retail Marijuana Tax rate is 15%. The additional revenue generated by the local marijuana excise tax would be allocated to bolster the City's capacity to develop holistic support systems that benefit the high concentration of Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIAs) in the City.*

DARBY

#0046 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Set Rules on Water Utility Arrearage Monitions Actions (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

ORD. 25-019
**Finance &
Economic
Development**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to prohibit the Department of Finance from foreclosing on owner-occupied residential properties which receive City utilities, and whose debts consist solely of unpaid water, sewerage, and stormwater fees, interest, penalties, and costs. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2025.*

OLIVER[#0047](#)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Clarify the Conditions Whereby the City May Immobilize and/or Tow a Vehicle
(1st & 2nd Reading)

ORD. 25-020
Public Works &
Transportation

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance makes stylistic, but not substantive, changes to Section 37-125 of the City Code.*

HARLEE[#0031](#)

Ord. 25-012 Amend Chapter 10 of the City Code to Revise Fees for Ambulance and Related Services Provided by the Fire Department **(3rd & Final Reading)**

PASSED

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 10-1 of the City Code regarding the fees for ambulances and related services provided by the City's Fire Department to (i) increase the rates for basic ambulance service and administration of oxygen, (ii) delete the cervical collar rate, and (iii) add a loaded mile rate. The City will collect such fees from private insurers, Medicare, and Medicaid.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications**IX. Adjournment**

Note: This meeting will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

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