



CITY OF BANGOR
Government Operations Committee

Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 5:15 PM

May immediately follow other committees

City Council Chambers & Zoom
Penquis Building, 262 Harlow Street

Agenda

1. Robot Demonstration by Bangor Police Department
2. Ordinance Revision: Loitering on Medians
3. Resolve: Accepting and Appropriating \$38,000 in funding from Center for Tobacco Independence for In-School Tobacco Treatment Services
4. Order: Authorizing Application for Data Innovation Project Fellowship
5. Public Health Updates
6. Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee: Nominations

Upcoming Items (subject to change)

(Items may go to Government Operations Committee or be moved to another committee, depending on timing.)

- BCAT Update
- Climate Grant (EECBG) Update
- Event Permit Policy
- Main Street Parking
- Succession Plan
- Community Connector Advertising Policy Update

TO: Government Operations Committee; Courtney O'Donnell
FROM: David Szewczyk
RE: Proposed Ordinance Revision – Loitering on Medians
DATE: May 30, 2024

In response to expressed safety concerns, staff has drafted a potential ordinance change to the City's loitering ordinance. The concerns involve citizens loitering on narrow medians located in high-volume or high-speed traffic areas, which is dangerous. The proposed ordinance provision (the underlined section of the attached) would make it unlawful for any person to loiter, either alone or with others, on medians less than six feet wide in high-volume or high-speed traffic areas.

The enforcement of this proposed ordinance would be by an order to disperse given by a police officer or any law enforcement officer per §174-3 of the City's existing ordinances. A person who fails or refuses to obey an order to disperse would be subject to a civil penalty per existing ordinance §9-26 (minimum \$100; maximum \$2,500).

§174-1 Prohibited acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, loaf, wander, stand or remain idle, either alone or in consort with others, in a public place in such manner as to:

- A.** Obstruct any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building or hinder or impede the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians.
- B.** Commit, in or upon any public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building any act or thing which is an obstruction or interference to the free and uninterrupted use of property or to any business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public street, public highway, public sidewalk or any other public place or building, all of which prevents the free and uninterrupted ingress, egress and regress therein, thereon and thereto.

It shall also be unlawful for any person to loiter, either alone or with others, on medians less than six feet wide in high-volume or high-speed traffic areas, due to safety concerns.

Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~.



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

06/10/2024

Council Meeting Date: 06/10/2024

Item No:

Responsible Dept: Health & Community Services

Requested Action: Resolve

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Resolve

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$38,000 from the Center for Tobacco Independence to Provide Tobacco Treatment in Penobscot County High Schools

Summary

This Resolve would authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$38,000 in funding from the Center for Tobacco Independence to provide tobacco treatment in Penobscot County high schools from June 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 and to execute applicable contract.

Bangor Public Health and Community Services will be responsible for providing the tobacco treatment services and will work with CTI to identify schools. Bangor Public Health and Community Services has been providing tobacco treatment services since 2022.

Committee Action

Committee: Government Operations Committee

Meeting Date: 06/03/2024

Action:

For:

Against:

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: Consent



CITY OF BANGOR RESOLVE

06/10/2024

Date: 06/10/2024

Item No:

Assigned to Councilor:

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$38,000 from the Center for Tobacco Independence to Provide Tobacco Treatment in Penobscot County High Schools

Whereas, Bangor Public Health and Community Services will be responsible for providing the tobacco treatment services and will work with CTI to identify schools.

Whereas, Bangor Public Health and Community Services has been providing tobacco treatment services since 2022.

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate \$38,000 in funding from the Center for Tobacco Independence to provide tobacco treatment in Penobscot County high schools from June 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 and to execute applicable contract.



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

06/03/2024

Council Meeting Date: 06/03/2024

Item No:

Responsible Dept: Health & Community Services

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Order

Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a University of Southern Maine Data Innovation Fellow for the Bangor Public Health and Community Services Department

Summary

This Order will authorize the City Manager to apply for a University of Southern Maine (USM) Data Innovation Fellow.

If awarded, through the Data Innovation Program, the Public Health and Community Services Department would be granted a Fellow to assist with the preparation of Bangor's application for public health accreditation from approximately September 2024 through May 2025. Thanks to the support of the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, fellowship positions are paid work experiences and available at no cost to the City of Bangor (and other awarded organizations).

The USM Data Innovation Project's (DIP) Applied Research Fellowship Program places DIP-trained graduate students from USM in community organizations to support their applied research and evaluation efforts. This program both enhances community organizations' data capacity and provides USM graduate students with hands-on education and skill building on program evaluation.

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Meeting Date: 06/03/2024

Action:

For:

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Staff Comments & Approvals

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CITY OF BANGOR ORDER

06/03/2024

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Item No:

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Whereas, the University of Southern Maine (USM) Data Innovation Project's (DIP) Applied Research Fellowship Program places DIP-trained graduate students from USM in community organizations to support their applied research and evaluation efforts; and

Whereas, this program both enhances community organizations' data capacity and provides USM graduate students with hands-on education and skill building on program evaluation; and

Whereas, if awarded, the Public Health and Community Services Department would be granted a Fellow to assist with the preparation of Bangor's application for public health accreditation from approximately September 2024 through May 2025; and

Whereas, thanks to the support of the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, fellowship positions are paid work experiences and available at no cost to the City of Bangor;

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to apply for a University of Southern Maine Data Innovation Fellow for the Bangor Public Health and Community Services Department.



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To: MMA's Key Municipal Officials in Senate District 9
From: Diane Hines, President, Maine Municipal Association
Date: April 24, 2024
Re: Nominations to MMA's 2024-2026 Legislative Policy Committee

This memo begins the process of electing 70 dedicated municipal officials to serve on MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) over the next two-year period. Given the importance of this Policy Committee to MMA's overall mission, I urge you to help us identify nominees for service during the 2024-2026 biennium.

The LPC brings elected and appointed officials together from towns and cities across the state. According to its by-laws, the purpose of the LPC is "*to define municipal interests and to maximize those interests through effective participation in the legislative process.*" Operating something like a town meeting, the LPC establishes MMA's public policy positions on all matters of direct and statewide municipal interest for representation in the State House.

After the next LPC is elected, its first task will be to develop MMA's legislative agenda for submission to the Legislature in January 2025. Beginning in early 2025, the LPC will meet to determine MMA's position on all municipally related legislation submitted by the Governor and legislators. MMA's legislative staff advocates for the positions established by the LPC.

The membership of the LPC tends to be a mixture of seasoned municipal officials, who bring an extraordinary depth of experience to the table, and new members with fresh concerns and insights. Speaking as a former Chair of the LPC, it is my observation that the debates and decision-making accomplished by this Committee often include public policy discussions of the highest caliber. The results certainly help establish MMA's credibility in the Maine legislative process.

A Nomination Form is enclosed. Two municipal officials are elected from each of Maine's 35 Senate Districts. What follows is background information on the process of election, and the suggested time commitment to serve.

Background Information. Any elected or appointed municipal official holding office in any MMA member community is eligible to serve on the Committee. There are two seats on the LPC for each State Senate District. Members serve two-year terms, representing their own community and the other municipalities in their Senate District.

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LPC activities require a time commitment of approximately ten hours a month during legislative sessions (i.e., during the first 4 months of each calendar year) which includes attendance at the monthly meeting and contacts with other communities and legislators in the district as issues arise. The LPC is also engaged in the development of MMA's legislative agenda during the fall and early winter of each even-numbered year, which typically involves at least one additional meeting in Augusta. All mileage expenses are reimbursed. MMA's strength as a municipal advocate depends on the active help of a dedicated LPC membership.

More information about MMA's Legislative Policy Committee and the Association's entire advocacy program can be found at the Legislative/Advocacy link at MMA's website <https://www.memun.org/Advocacy-Communications/Legislative-Policy-Committee/Handbook>. In particular, the *LPC Handbook* describes the Association's overall policy development process and procedures in more detail.

Nomination Process

Your municipality is entitled to nominate a representative to the LPC.

- The nominee may be either elected or appointed but must be serving currently as a municipal official.
- You may nominate any municipal official from any member town or city within your Senate/LPC District; you do not have to nominate someone from your municipality.
- The names and brief bios of all municipal officials properly nominated will appear on the LPC ballot, which will be distributed on June 13th.

Nominee Profile

Because the municipal officers may not be familiar with a nominee from another municipality, a brief description of each nominee who completes the enclosed **Nominee Profile Sheet** will be provided with the ballots that are distributed in mid-June. Please make sure that the person you nominate has a chance to complete the Nominee Profile Sheet and that it is returned to MMA with the Nomination Form.

Deadline for Submitting Nomination

- ✍ The Chairman of your Board of Selectman, Council or Assessors (the "nominator") *and the nominee* must sign the nomination form for it to be valid. If you are unable to obtain the signature of the nominee prior to the deadline, an email from the nominee signifying their willingness to serve, will serve as their signature.
- ☒ The forms must be returned to MMA by 5:00 P.M. on June 12, 2024, to be counted. Ballots will be sent out immediately after the nomination process closes, so make sure the nomination form is received by MMA by that deadline. Please return the nomination form *and* nominee profile to **Laura Ellis** at MMA either by FAX (624-0129), by email (Lellis@memun.org) or by mail using the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, please call MMA's Advocacy & Communications staff at 1-800-452-8786 or 623-8428.

NOMINATION FORM


Maine Municipal Association's
Legislative Policy Committee
July 2024 to June 2026

Senate District 9 (*Bangor appoints 1 LPC Member*)


Bangor

Hermon

The municipal officers of _____ hereby nominate:
Print name of your municipality

Nominee: _____ 
Print name of Nominee


Nominee's municipality: _____ Position: _____

Date: _____ 
Signature of Nominator

Print name of Nominator

Consent

I agree to accept the nomination and to serve if elected to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee:

Date: _____ 
Signature of Nominee

Please return Nomination Form by 5:00 p.m. by Wednesday, June 12, 2024, to:

Laura Ellis - Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330
FAX: 624-0129

Nominations Received After 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Will Not Be Counted

LPC NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

To: Legislative Policy Committee Nominees

From: Maine Municipal Association

Date: April 24, 2024

To help municipal officials make an informed choice when they vote for their LPC representatives, we ask nominees to provide some background information regarding their municipal service and why they want to be LPC members. A “nominee profile” is included on the ballot for each nominee who provides us with a profile.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Municipality: _____ **Years in current position:** _____

Mailing Address: _____
(include zip code, please)

Email address: _____

Prior (recent) municipal experience: _____

Have you served on the LPC before? No Yes **If yes, what years?** _____

If you have served on any other MMA Committees, please note them: _____

Please indicate your primary issues of concern, and/or reasons for wanting to serve on the LPC:

Please return this completed form to Laura Ellis at MMA either in the enclosed envelope, via email (lellis@memun.org) or fax 624-0129 by June 12, 2024.

Thank You!