

Date: January 29, 2024

City Council Order No. 24-017

Offered by Councillor Anthony T. Zambuto

HEARING CALLED AS ORDERED ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STABILIZATION FUND FOR DRAINAGE, STORMWATER, AND CULVERT PROJECTS. (LANGUAGE ATTACHED)

Supporting Documentation:

1. Chapter 3.07. Stormwater Drainage Culvert Stabilization Fund

Chapter 3.07 DRAINAGE, STORMWATER, AND CULVERT STABILIZATION FUND

3.07.010 The drainage, stormwater, and culvert stabilization fund.

There is hereby created, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B, a drainage, stormwater, and culvert stabilization fund. The city treasurer shall be the custodian of such fund. The fund shall be utilized for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to any purpose for which the city may lawfully borrow money. Any appropriation or transfer of funds into or out of this stabilization fund must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the city council.

3.07.020 Transfers to the drainage, stormwater, and culvert stabilization fund.

Within ninety days of the certification of free cash by the department of revenue, the mayor shall present to the city council, and the city council shall approve, a transfer to the capital improvement stabilization fund of a sum equal to not less than twenty percent of the total free cash amount certified by the department of revenue.



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City Council Order No. 24-057

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THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LEGISLATION: AN ACT RELATIVE TO CITY EMPLOYMENT AND CANDIDACY IN THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE, WARD COUNCILLOR, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF REVERE. (ATTACHED)

Supporting Documentation:

1. AnActRelativetoCandidatesandElectedOfficials

An Act Relative to City Employment and Candidacy in the Offices of Mayor, City Councillor-at-Large, Ward Councillor, and School Committee of the City of Revere

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

PREAMBLE

- WHEREAS, the City of Revere recognizes that separation of powers is a model that divides government into separate branches, each of which has separate and independent powers. Separation of powers is associated with the checks and balances system in the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, the checks and balances system provides each branch of government with individual powers to check the other branches and prevent any one branch from becoming too powerful; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Revere recognizes that there must be a limitation on the power of government to ensure its residents' right to liberty and protection from tyranny; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Revere recognizes that elected officials are morally obligated to serve the public free from conflicts of interest; and
- WHEREAS, special legislation is necessary to allow the City of Revere to prevent egregious conflicts of interest arising from a lack of separation of powers which devalues the trust and confidence that the voters place in its elected officials.
- <u>Section 1.</u> No city councillor or member of the school committee shall hold any appointive city office or city employment during their term and until two years following the expiration of the term for which they were elected. This provision shall not prohibit a city officer or city employee who has taken a leave of absence from such office or employment from resuming their duties as such following service as a city councillor.
- **Section 2.** Candidates for the office of mayor, office of city councillor-at-large, office of ward councillor, or school committee, who serve in any appointive city office or city employment, shall take a leave of absence from their employment. City officers or employees shall be considered a candidate for office when nomination papers have been submitted and certified in accordance with all applicable election laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This provision shall not prohibit a city officer or city employee from resuming their duties pending the outcome of the regular municipal election or if applicable, the outcome of the preliminary election.
- <u>Section 3.</u> No person shall be a candidate for more than one municipal office at the same election.
- **Section 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.



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City Council Order No. 24-058

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THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LEGISLATION: AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF REVERE. (ATTACHED)

Supporting Documentation:

1. AnActRelativetoVacanciesOfficeofMayor

An Act Relative to the Filling of Vacancies in the Office of Mayor of the City of Revere.

Section 1. Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2011 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Section 1 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of 2004 is hereby repealed and inserting in place thereof the following new Section 1.:

- (a) Notwithstanding section 59A of chapter 43 of the General Laws, if a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor of the city of Revere by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, at any time during the first year, the first 6 months of the second year, the third year and the first 6 months of the fourth year of the mayor's term of office, the city clerk shall immediately order an election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy shall not be filled in the manner provided in this section if the vacancy occurs during the last 6 months of the term of office of mayor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor within 6 months of the city's regular municipal election, in the second year of the mayor's term of office, the city clerk shall order an election to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term at the city's regular municipal election.
- (b) The city council shall immediately hold a meeting to elect, by majority vote, 1 of its members to perform the duties of mayor until a new mayor is elected and sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. The city councillor elected to perform the duties of mayor shall be called "acting mayor," and they shall possess the powers of mayor only in matters not admitting of delay. If the city council fails to elect a member at said meeting or within 30 days thereafter, the president of the city council shall be called "acting mayor," and they shall possess the powers of mayor only in matters not admitting of delay. The acting mayor shall have no power to make permanent appointments or hires.
- (c) The mayor-elect chosen at such election shall take office immediately upon the certification of the results of the election and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the mayor's duties. Unless a councillor serving as acting mayor under this section formally resigns, the councillor shall, upon the election and qualification of a successor mayor, resume their service as a councillor in the capacity to which they were elected and shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall not be a preliminary election to fill the vacancy in the office of mayor. Candidates seeking to fill the vacancy, whose nomination papers have been duly certified, shall be considered to have been nominated.



Date: February 26, 2024

City Council Order No. 24-093

Offered by Councillor Anthony T. Zambuto

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BE REQUESTED TO DIRECT ALL SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO LIMIT DELIBERATIONS AT THEIR SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO ONLY MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE PARTICIPATING PUBLIC SO AS NOT TO VIOLATE THE OPEN MEETING LAW. WHEN COUNCILLORS, WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE, ARE ALLOWED BY A SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR TO DELIBERATE AT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS THEY ARE EFFECTIVELY CREATING A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS OPPOSED TO A QUORUM OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE. THE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR A COUNCILLOR TO DELIBERATE ON A MATTER NOT WITHIN THEIR SUB-COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION IS WHEN A SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT IS GIVEN BY A CHAIR DURING A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Supporting Documentation: