



Cambridge City MA

Policy Order POR 2019 #327

Ordained
Jan 27, 2020 5:30 PM

Fuel pump warning labels

Information

Department:	City Clerk's Office, JD	Sponsors:	Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Councillor Quinton Zondervan
Category:	Policy Order		

Links

[➡ Origin AR-19-126 : Report on reviewing the language for Fuel pump warning labels.](#)

Attachments

[Fuel Pump Warning Label Amendment Petition amendments by ordinance committee on 12_10_19](#)
[200127.Fuel Pump Warning Label - self-service station regulations - Final pub. 3530-Ordinance 1418](#)





Body

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of its response to the climate crisis; and
- WHEREAS: [An estimated 43% of emissions in Massachusetts come from transportation](#), and driving personal gasoline-powered vehicles causes a large portion of those emissions; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's [Climate Action Plan](#) states that in order to reach our sustainability goals, the City must actively pursue innovative methods to reduce vehicular emissions; and
- WHEREAS: Many gasoline nozzles come equipped with a "nozzle talker" that could easily hold a small label; and
- WHEREAS: Requiring these labels at the gas pump will provide consumers with information about the impact of fossil fuel consumption directly at the point of purchase, which may encourage them to reduce their consumption and use alternative forms of transportation when appropriate; and
- WHEREAS: The fight to reverse climate change requires that everyone take action to change their behavior, and the City must underscore the fact that each individual's behavior can make an impact on the environment and on public health; and
- WHEREAS: In [City Manager's Agenda #13 of October 17, 2016](#), the City Solicitor opined that such an ordinance would violate neither the First Amendment nor the Commerce Clause, as long as it contains "purely factual and uncontroversial" information; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the proposed amendment to article 8.12.010 of the Municipal Code (as attached) be referred to the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report before the end of 2019; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor and the appropriate staff to review the language of this draft amendment and to report back to the City Council in advance of the Ordinance Committee hearing.

Meeting History

Oct 7, 2019 5:30 PM Video	City Council	Regular Meeting	 Draft
BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SEVEN MEMBERS			
vice mayor devereux spoke in support.			
kelley spoke in opposition			
supports idea but not ordinance.			
councillor carlone spoke in support.			
goes to ordinance committe			
RESULT:	ORDER ADOPTED [7 TO 2]		
YEAS:	Dennis J. Carlone, Jan Devereux, Alanna Mallon, Marc C. McGovern, Sumbul Siddiqui, Timothy J. Toomey, Quinton Zondervan		
NAYS:	Craig A. Kelley, E. Denise Simmons		
Dec 10, 2019 3:00 PM Video	Ordinance Committee	Committee Meeting	 Draft
RESULT:	REFERRED AS AMENDED		
Jan 13, 2020 5:30 PM Video	City Council	Regular Meeting	 Draft
The Council adopted the amendments proposed by the Ordinance Committee.			
RESULT:	PASSED TO A SECOND READING		<i>Next: 1/27/2020 5:30 PM</i>
Jan 27, 2020 5:30 PM Video	City Council	Regular Meeting	 Draft
RESULT:	ORDAINED [7 TO 1]		
YEAS:	Dennis J. Carlone, Patricia Nolan, Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler, Alanna Mallon, Marc C. McGovern, Sumbul Siddiqui, Quinton Zondervan		
NAYS:	Timothy J. Toomey		