



City Council
General Government
Subcommittee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Justin Hurst (Chair)

~Final~

October 13, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

Zoom

Council President Whitfield
Councilor Govan
Mass Appeal (Media)

In person

Councilor Hurst (Chair)
Councilor Davila (member)
Councilor Martin (member)
Atty. Ken Shea
Atty. Downey

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Present	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Zoom	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Present	Late 5:06PM
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Present	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	

Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Excused	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Zoom	

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 13, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Amended Ordinance Chapter 279 Article VII — Door to Door Sales (09/08/2026)

On October 13, 2026, the General Government Committee, chaired by Councilor Justin Hurst, met to review the proposed Door-to-Door Solicitation Ordinance, sponsored by Councilors Hurst and Gerry Martin. Attorney Daniel Downing outlined proposed registration requirements, identification cards, background checks, and an appeals process to address aggressive solicitation practices and resident safety. The ordinance would limit commercial solicitation to 9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., require compliance with posted no-solicitation signs, and establish a voluntary Do Not Solicit Registry. Religious, political, charitable, and other noncommercial activities would generally remain exempt.

Discussion addressed enforcement, fines, registration suspension or revocation, accountability for individual solicitors and businesses, and protections against repeated violations. The committee also considered age restrictions, constitutional concerns, consistent ordinance language, registry administration, and improvements to the appeals process.

Councilors Hurst and Martin will seek additional community feedback and consult with the City Clerk and Police Department regarding implementation and enforcement. The ordinance will remain under unfinished business pending further review. No formal recommendation was made. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded by Councilor Victor Davila, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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