

# **Committee on Ordinances approves mayor Mitchell's request to strengthen Problem Property ordinance**

The New Bedford City Council moved a step closer to strengthening the city's Problem Property ordinance – lowering the number of valid police complaints necessary for a property to be designated a problem property from eight to four within a 12 month period.

On Tuesday, March 27, the Committee on Ordinances unanimously approved changes by an 11-0 vote. The major ordinance change lowers the number of valid police complaints necessary for a property to be designated a problem property from eight to four.

Once a property is designated a problem property, the City of New Bedford has the authority to assess the cost of police officers responding to the property. The City Council is expected to approve the ordinance since only 5 'yes' votes are required.

The New Bedford City Council will now vote on Thursday, April 12, 2018, on making the ordinance official.

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