



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 16, 2026 - 6:30 PM**

1. ROLL CALL
2. NEW BUSINESS
 - 2.1. Resolution Amending Chapter 161 Of The Code Of The City Of Middletown To Permit Dogs In Designated Downtown Parks

WHEREAS, the Middletown Business Improvement District Board of Directors suggests that dogs be allowed in certain downtown municipal parks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Section 161-7, City Parks, of Article I, Dogs, of Chapter 161, Animals, of the Code of the City of Middletown, is hereby amended by modifying Section 161-7A, to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 161-7A. No dogs shall be permitted in any park owned by the City of Middletown, except in areas specifically designated for such use by the Department of Recreation and Parks, or as otherwise set forth in § 161-7B, or as permitted in § 161-7D.

Section 2. Section 161-7, City Parks, is hereby further amended by adding a new subsection D, to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 161-7D. Dogs shall be permitted in the following downtown parks:

Erie Way Park – 1-31 Union Street
Jerry's Park – 44-46 North Street
John F. Degnan Square – 29-37 West Main Street
Run 4 Downtown Park – 9-15 North Street
North Street Park – 118 North Street

subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- (1) All dogs must be leashed at all times;
- (2) All dogs must be licensed by the City of Middletown or another municipality, up-to-date with vaccinations, and a current license tag must be visible on each dog's collar;
- (3) All dogs must be under the control of the owner or responsible party in compliance with Section 161-2;
- (4) Owners/responsible parties must clean up after their dogs and dispose of dog waste in compliance with Section 161-5;
- (5) Dogs are prohibited from digging. Any holes created must be filled in by the owner or responsible party before leaving the park.
- (6) No dog treats or dog food are permitted in the parks;
- (7) Dogs are not permitted on benches;
- (8) Aggressive and/or threatening dogs are not permitted in the parks; and
- (9) Aggressive behavior, dog bites to persons or dogs and/or other such incidents must be reported to the Middletown Police Department at 845-343-3151.

Section 3. Section 161-7, City Parks, is hereby further amended by modifying Subsection C, to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 161-7C. A violation of any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, constitute an offense, and shall be punishable as provided in § 161-8C.

Section 4. Severability.

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

2.2. Amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the City of Middletown to Clarify Restrictions on Possession of Open Containers of Alcoholic Beverages

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel is recommending the addition of a requirement of intent to consume alcohol to the City's prohibition of possession of an open container of alcohol in certain public places in the City of Middletown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Article I of Chapter 156, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of the City

of Middletown, is hereby amended by modifying Section 156-1-1, Restrictions on possession of open containers, to read in its entirety as follows:

§156-1-1. Restrictions on possession of open containers.

No person shall possess an open container of liquor, beer, wine or other alcoholic beverage while such person is on any public highway, public street, public parking area, any City-owned property or in or on any vehicle in a public place, with the intent to consume such alcoholic beverage in such public place, excepting those premises duly licensed for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages in the City of Middletown.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

3. ADJOURNMENT