

# City of Fall River Massachusetts

## Office of the City Clerk

**INÊS DA SILVA PAULINO LEITE**  
CITY CLERK

**CHELSEA PACHECO**  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**MEETING:** February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, One Government Center

**PRESENT:** President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;  
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,  
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,  
and Andrew J. Raposo

**ABSENT:** Councilor Linda M. Pereira

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

### PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and requests for confirmation of reappointments to the Commission on Disability:
  - a. Ann O'Neil-Souza

*Vice President Dionne stated that the term start date for the three reappointments are listed with term start dates earlier in the month, and that those dates should be amended to match the date that the City Council confirms the appointments. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment with a February 10, 2026, effective date, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

- b. Dennis Polselli

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment with a February 10, 2026, effective date, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

- c. Daniel Robillard

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment with a February 10, 2026, effective date, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

2. Mayor and Five Year Financial Forecast

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

3. Mayor and proposed ordinance re: salary amendments for the Director of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

4. Mayor and order requesting approval to deficit spend the snow and ice account  
*The City Clerk clarified that, while an order had been included with the agenda packet, the approval of the City Council is not required and that the communication was submitted by the Administration to notify the City Council of the necessary deficit spending. On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

5. Mayor and order appropriating \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund

*On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted to refer the order to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Camara opposed and Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

6. Mayor and the following transfers and appropriations:

- a. \$1,230,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Fire and Emergency Services, Capital

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

- b. \$656,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Police, Capital

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

- c. \$350,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Administrative Services, Expenses

*On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

#### **PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS**

7. City Council President's letter re: status of Central Fire Station and asbestos testing report and related responses from Director of City Operations and Fire Chief  
*Councilor Raposo asked if President Ponte had received a copy of a new abatement report for the Central Fire Station within the past two weeks and President Ponte stated that he has not received results of any report that occurred after the January 27, 2026, City Council meetings. On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

8. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances  
*On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Second reading and enrollment**

9. Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to the titles of the Committee on Real Estate and the Committee on Human Services, Housing, Youth, Elder and Veterans' Affairs  
*On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*  
Approved, February 11, 2026  
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

## **RESOLUTIONS**

10. Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene with representatives of the Department of Community Maintenance, the Division of Traffic and Parking, the Public Safety Chiefs and the Chief Operating Officer of the Fall River Public Schools to discuss the snow removal protocols following the storm on January 25 and 26, 2026  
*Councilor Canuel made brief remarks regarding the need to discuss the challenges that the City faced following the large snow storm in late January and troubleshoot problems such as the low number of employed snow plow drivers, the rising costs of material, such as road salt, and related parking and sidewalk blockage following the snowfall. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

## **CITATIONS** – None

## **ORDERS – HEARINGS**

11. Street Acceptances – Hearings to be scheduled for February 24, 2026 for:
- Brookfield Terrace extending from the southerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to terminus
  - Fieldstone Lane extending from the southerly terminus of Hayfield Lane to Courtney Street
  - Stonybrook Circle extending from the westerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to terminus

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

## **ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

12. Auto Body Shop License Renewals

Thomas Santos d/b/a Santos Custom Coatings, LLC, 753 Pleasant Street

Paul Medeiros d/b/a Paul's Auto Body and Sales, 325 Oman Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

Approved, February 11, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

13. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal

S M Automotive, LLC d/b/a S M Automotive Repair, 193 Oak Grove Avenue  
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.  
Approved, February 11, 2026  
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

**COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**

14. Claims

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

15. Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins re: January 27, 2026, alleged violation by City Council

Vice President Dionne requested additional information regarding this complaint, and Councilor Canuel stated that the minutes show all meetings starting at appropriate times. The City Clerk stated that, as the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation meeting ended late, all subsequent meetings began later than the time listed on the City Council Meetings agenda and therefore the violations listed in the complaint did not occur. On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 16 through 18 together, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

16. Public Hearings – January 27, 2026

17. Committee on Finance – January 27, 2026

18. Regular Meeting of the City Council – January 27, 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

**BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES** – None

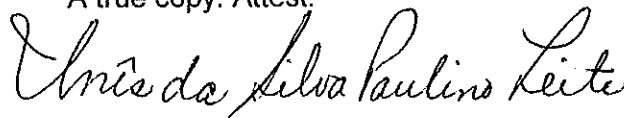
A recess was held from 7:54 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. for the signing of the proposed ordinance.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

  
City Clerk

In City Council, March 10, 2026  
Approved.



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**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2026**  
**AGENDA**

**6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IF THEY RUN PAST 6:00 P.M.)**

1. Citizen Input
2. \*Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2 Budget Report (referred 1-27-2026)
3. Transfers and appropriations

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 7:00 P.M.)**

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## BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

  
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PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

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February 2, 2026

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FALL RIVER, MA

Council President and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following reappointment:

Name: Ann O'Neil-Souza

Address 351 Kenyon Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Commission on Disability

Term: February 2, 2026

Expires: February 2, 2029

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

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PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

February 2, 2026

Council President and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

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FALL RIVER, MA

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following reappointment:

Name: Dennis Polselli

Address 420 Quequechan Street  
Apt. 223  
Fall River, MA 02723

Position: Commission on Disability

Term: February 7, 2026

Expires: February 7, 2029

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

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City of Fall River  
Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

February 2, 2026

Council President and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following reappointment:

Name: Daniel Robillard

Address 145 Old Second Street  
Apt. 103 East  
Fall River, MA 02721

Position: Commission on Disability

Term: February 7, 2026

Expires: February 7, 2029

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

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PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

CITY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
FALL RIVER, MA

February 5, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: 5-Year Financial Forecast

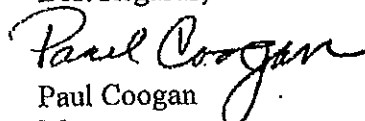
Dear Honorable Council Members:

Pursuant to Article 6-9 of the City Charter, I am submitting a 5-Year Financial Forecast of the City Revenues and Expenditures within the General Fund Operating Budget. The forecast presents a forward-looking view of the City's General Fund for fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

This document is intended to support long-term financial planning and policy decision-making needs, such as our upcoming Fiscal Year 2027 Budget process and the recently submitted Capital Improvement Plan. The projection is grounded in recent results, the fiscal year 2026 adopted budget, and conservative assumptions based on historical trends, current economic conditions, and known obligations.

As with any forecast, the numbers continue to be refined as projections are realized and projects move from planning to implementation. Overall, the 5-Year Financial Forecast is based on information that is available at this time and should be reviewed and updated periodically for frequent reference. I look forward to partnering with City Council to face any challenges to keep moving the City in the correct direction.

Best Regards,

  
Paul Coogan  
Mayor

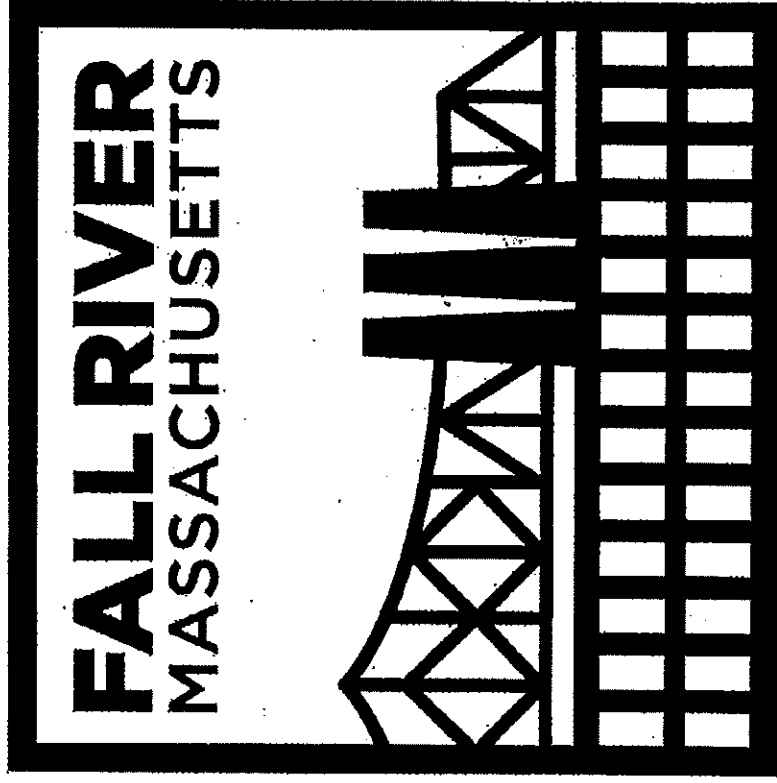
# City of Fall River Financial Forecast

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FALL RIVER, MA

*Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2027 through 2031*



## Introduction

This five-year financial forecast presents a forward-looking view of the City's General Fund for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 and is intended to support long-term financial planning and policy decision-making. The projection is grounded in recent results, the fiscal year 2026 adopted budget, and conservative assumptions based on historical trends, current economic conditions, and known obligations. The forecast reflects continued growth in core revenues, disciplined expenditure management following the City's return to zero-based budgeting, and the incorporation of significant long-term commitments, including education funding, debt service, pension obligations, and health insurance costs. While uncertainties remain, particularly in areas such as state aid, investment income, solid waste costs, and healthcare expenditures, the forecast demonstrates the City's capacity to maintain structural balance while proactively identifying and planning for emerging fiscal challenges.

The projections reflect the assumptions summarized below.

## Resource Assumptions

- Property taxes are projected to increase by 2 1/2% over the prior year base.
  - New Growth is estimated at \$2.1M, based on the assumptions from the Board of Assessors that the 5-year average of \$3.25M will return to more typical levels, with modest annual increases thereafter for inflation.
  - The approved debt exclusion for Duffee High School is incorporated into the tax levy.
- Cherry Sheet Aid for FY2027 reflects the Governor's current proposed budget amounts.
  - General Government State Aid is projected to increase by approximately 2.5% annually thereafter based on historic trends.
  - State Aid for Education is estimated to rise 2% beginning in FY2028, with FY2027 representing the final year of the Student Opportunity Act funding phase-in.
- Local Receipts are projected to grow by approximately 2% overall, based on historical averages, recent legal changes affecting penalties and interest and cannabis-related revenues, current economic indicators, and a conservative approach due to the volatility and unpredictability of certain revenue sources.
  - Motor Vehicle Excise revenue is projected to continue growing at a consistent rate. The number and value of the commitments, along with collections from both current and prior-year commitments, are assumed to increase by just over 3% annually.
  - Investment income is projected to decline from the elevated levels experienced over the past several years as interest rates normalize. However, improvements in internal investment strategies and our overall cash flow rates have increased during this same period, mitigating some of this decline.
- The Diman Regional assessment reflects the first and largest amortization schedule provided. This included about \$5M more than anticipated for the first issuance which has front-loaded the debt more than previously anticipated. The City plans to continue using the Diman Stabilization Fund to offset the General Fund impact of this assessment until the pension liability is fully funded in FY2035.

## Expenditure Assumptions

- In FY2026, the City returned to zero-based budgeting practices, resulting in reductions across nearly all departmental expense budgets. The Administration continues to actively pursue strategies to reduce operational costs and improve efficiency. This approach will remain in place as future budgets are developed to ensure appropriations remain necessary and sustainable.
- FY2026 salary estimates reflect the revised budgeted amounts that include all funded positions. Projected years incorporate assumed cost-of-living adjustments.
- FY2026 departmental expense estimates are based on actual expenditures through December 31, with future years increased for inflation.
- Although new Solid Waste contracts will begin in FY2027, costs have already increased significantly over the past two years and are now aligned with prevailing industry rates. In addition, the Administration is developing a municipal solid waste reduction strategy. As a result, only standard inflationary increases are assumed for this expenditure.
- Education expenditures for FY2026 reflect the approved budget. Future projections assume salary and expense increases consistent with anticipated State Aid growth; transportation costs increasing at the same inflationary rate as other departmental expenses, and assessments based on historical trends and current debt schedules. The Administration remains committed to funding education at 100% of Net School Spending.
- Debt service projections are based on current debt schedules and include estimated impacts from proposed debt issuances included in the most recent Capital Improvement Plan.
- Health insurance required substantial supplemental appropriations in FY2025 and increased the original appropriation amount by \$4.7M in FY2026. The forecast assumes gradual and sustainable base appropriation increases to better align with annual costs while rebuilding the Employer Health Insurance Trust Fund balance through supplemental appropriations as available. The base appropriation is projected to increase by 2.5% in FY2027, followed by annual increases of 2%. Health insurance costs remain inherently unpredictable due to factors such as utilization, risk pool composition, regulatory changes, and claims experience. These costs will be closely monitored in the Employer Health Insurance Trust Fund with guidance from the City's healthcare consultant.
- Pension assessments are projected based on the current amortization schedule, with no changes assumed to the funding date at this time.

The projections do not include estimates for new functions or programs or other unknown factors that could increase revenues or reduce expenditures. The assumptions used reflect a reasonable scenario based on information available as of the date of preparation. The Administration will continue to work closely with department heads to monitor revenues and expenditures and adjust as necessary.

General Fund 5-Year Forecast

Summary

|                               | FY2025<br>Actuals     | FY2026<br>Estimates   | FY2027<br>Projected   | FY2028<br>Projected   | FY2029<br>Projected   | FY2030<br>Projected   | FY2031<br>Projected   |
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| <b>RESOURCES:</b>             |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| State Aid: Education          | 210,136,941           | 237,679,990           | 257,714,042           | 262,878,075           | 268,146,130           | 273,520,343           | 279,002,899           |
| State Aid: General Government | 32,002,480            | 32,298,379            | 33,148,394            | 33,987,819            | 34,850,424            | 35,736,822            | 36,647,642            |
| Tax Levy                      | 140,712,858           | 148,132,878           | 151,936,873           | 157,697,692           | 163,622,131           | 169,719,557           | 176,293,707           |
| Local Receipts                | 32,210,245            | 32,088,705            | 27,995,293            | 28,429,755            | 28,749,548            | 29,603,869            | 30,494,791            |
| Indirects                     | 7,056,189             | 7,191,921             | 8,024,112             | 8,264,835             | 8,512,780             | 8,768,164             | 9,031,209             |
| General Fund Stabilization    | 1,530,284             | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)   | 16,933,488            | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| Other Sources                 | 131,176               | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| From Diman Stabilization      | -                     | 600,000               | -                     | 1,250,000             | 2,100,000             | 600,000               | 1,250,000             |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>        | <b>\$ 440,713,661</b> | <b>\$ 457,991,873</b> | <b>\$ 478,818,714</b> | <b>\$ 492,508,177</b> | <b>\$ 505,981,013</b> | <b>\$ 517,948,755</b> | <b>\$ 532,720,247</b> |

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| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>            |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| General Government              | 3,041,313   | 3,106,110   | 3,168,349   | 3,173,013   | 3,179,915   | 3,189,046   | 3,200,397   |
| Administrative Services         | 4,518,044   | 4,995,551   | 5,289,825   | 5,377,530   | 5,466,927   | 5,558,053   | 5,650,943   |
| Financial Services              | 2,052,353   | 1,922,717   | 1,970,184   | 2,017,359   | 2,065,684   | 2,115,184   | 2,165,890   |
| Facility Maintenance            | 3,037,769   | 2,833,480   | 2,887,212   | 2,942,032   | 2,997,961   | 3,055,024   | 3,113,245   |
| Community Maintenance           | 17,474,835  | 21,207,572  | 21,421,932  | 21,723,910  | 22,031,136  | 22,343,716  | 22,661,759  |
| Community Service               | 3,746,017   | 4,009,965   | 4,089,267   | 4,179,600   | 4,272,014   | 4,366,557   | 4,463,280   |
| Public Safety                   | 44,441,663  | 45,207,134  | 46,322,996  | 47,958,144  | 49,133,827  | 50,338,553  | 51,573,043  |
| Education                       | 191,127,725 | 220,967,446 | 240,673,082 | 245,263,330 | 249,932,895 | 254,703,073 | 259,575,115 |
| Debt Service                    | 14,665,634  | 14,402,321  | 14,100,329  | 14,825,874  | 15,238,520  | 13,722,115  | 14,373,329  |
| Insurance & Other               | 47,996,952  | 45,396,773  | 46,508,143  | 47,426,354  | 48,362,750  | 49,317,692  | 50,291,548  |
| Pension Assessment              | 40,693,939  | 43,299,321  | 46,257,496  | 49,726,808  | 53,456,318  | 57,465,542  | 61,775,458  |
| Reserve for Employee Benefits   | -           | 288,185     | 107,539     | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| Transfer to Stabilization Funds | 8,350,000   | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |

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| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>\$ 381,146,244</b> | <b>\$ 406,727,575</b> | <b>\$ 432,796,353</b> | <b>\$ 444,613,954</b> | <b>\$ 456,137,947</b> | <b>\$ 466,174,555</b> | <b>\$ 478,844,006</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>  | <b>\$ 40,140,889</b>  | <b>\$ 44,552,460</b>  | <b>\$ 46,022,361</b>  | <b>\$ 47,863,255</b>  | <b>\$ 49,777,786</b>  | <b>\$ 51,768,897</b>  | <b>\$ 53,839,653</b>  |

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| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; ASSESSMENTS</b> | <b>\$ 421,287,133</b> | <b>\$ 451,280,035</b> | <b>\$ 478,818,714</b> | <b>\$ 492,477,210</b> | <b>\$ 505,915,733</b> | <b>\$ 517,943,452</b> | <b>\$ 532,683,659</b> |
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| <b>BUDGET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b> | <b>\$ 19,426,528</b> | <b>\$ 6,711,838</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 30,967</b> | <b>\$ 65,280</b> | <b>\$ 5,303</b> | <b>\$ 36,587</b> |
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## General Fund 5-Year Forecast

## Revenue Detail

|                                            | FY2025                | FY2026                | FY2027                | FY2028                | FY2029                | FY2030                | FY2031                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                            | Actuals               | Estimates             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             |
| State Aid: Education                       | \$ 210,136,941        | \$ 237,679,990        | \$ 257,714,042        | \$ 262,878,075        | \$ 268,146,130        | \$ 273,520,343        | \$ 279,002,899        |
| Chapter 70                                 | 202,331,603           | 230,788,276           | 250,549,046           | 255,560,027           | 260,671,227           | 265,884,552           | 271,202,345           |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement              | 7,509,877             | 6,703,425             | 6,990,758             | 7,130,573             | 7,273,185             | 7,418,648             | 7,567,021             |
| Offset: School Choice                      | 295,461               | 188,289               | 174,238               | 187,475               | 201,718               | 217,043               | 233,532               |
| Receiving Tuition                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| State Aid: General Government              | \$ 32,002,480         | \$ 32,298,379         | \$ 33,148,394         | \$ 33,987,819         | \$ 34,850,424         | \$ 35,736,822         | \$ 36,647,642         |
| General Municipal Aid                      | 29,342,937            | 29,665,709            | 30,405,609            | 31,226,559            | 32,069,675            | 32,935,555            | 33,824,813            |
| Veterans Benefits                          | 1,201,951             | 1,166,032             | 1,168,178             | 1,151,752             | 1,135,557             | 1,119,590             | 1,103,848             |
| Abate ments: Vets, Blind,<br>Spouses       | 453,129               | 465,300               | 556,385               | 567,513               | 578,863               | 590,440               | 602,249               |
| State Owned Land                           | 658,705               | 664,524               | 681,724               | 698,767               | 716,236               | 734,142               | 752,496               |
| Offset: Public Libraries                   | 345,758               | 336,814               | 336,498               | 343,228               | 350,093               | 357,094               | 364,236               |
| <b>TOTAL STATE AID</b>                     | <b>\$ 242,139,421</b> | <b>\$ 269,978,369</b> | <b>\$ 290,862,436</b> | <b>\$ 296,865,894</b> | <b>\$ 302,996,554</b> | <b>\$ 309,257,165</b> | <b>\$ 315,650,541</b> |
| Tax Levy                                   | \$ 140,712,858        | \$ 148,132,878        | \$ 151,936,873        | \$ 157,697,692        | \$ 163,622,131        | \$ 169,719,557        | \$ 176,293,707        |
| Real Estate and Personal<br>Property Taxes | 139,588,687           | 147,514,364           | 151,686,873           | 157,447,692           | 163,372,131           | 169,469,557           | 176,043,707           |
| Tax Liens                                  | 1,124,172             | 618,514               | 250,000               | 250,000               | 250,000               | 250,000               | 250,000               |

## General Fund 5-Year Forecast

## Revenue Detail

|                             | FY2025                | FY2026                | FY2027                | FY2028                | FY2029                | FY2030                | FY2031                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                             | Actuals               | Estimates             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             |
| <b>Local Receipts</b>       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Motor Vehicle Excise        | \$ 32,210,245         | \$ 32,088,705         | \$ 27,995,293         | \$ 28,429,755         | \$ 28,749,548         | \$ 29,603,869         | \$ 30,494,791         |
| Meals Excise                | 9,774,198             | 10,085,415            | 10,406,542            | 10,737,893            | 11,079,795            | 11,432,583            | 11,796,605            |
| Room Excise                 | 1,860,102             | 1,930,346             | 1,984,447             | 2,040,065             | 2,097,241             | 2,156,019             | 2,216,445             |
| Other Excise (Boat)         | 150,147               | 186,453               | 190,182               | 193,986               | 197,865               | 201,823               | 205,859               |
| Cannabis Excise             | 10,326                | 8,622                 | 8,795                 | 8,971                 | 9,150                 | 9,333                 | 9,520                 |
| Penalties and Interest      | 1,720,694             | 1,678,013             | 1,711,574             | 1,745,805             | 1,780,721             | 1,816,336             | 1,852,662             |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes   | 1,244,629             | 1,079,011             | 1,086,603             | 1,094,248             | 1,101,946             | 1,109,699             | 1,117,507             |
| Solid Waste - Other         | 549,148               | 452,564               | 470,464               | 489,072               | 508,415               | 528,524               | 549,428               |
| Fees                        | 350,481               | 369,492               | 373,187               | 376,919               | 380,688               | 384,495               | 388,340               |
| Rentals                     | 1,619,152             | 1,719,042             | 1,750,838             | 1,933,221             | 1,968,978             | 2,005,397             | 2,042,489             |
| School                      | 92,947                | 91,641                | 91,641                | 91,641                | 91,641                | 91,641                | 91,641                |
| Library                     | 98,054                | 92,855                | 50,000                | 50,000                | 50,000                | 50,000                | 50,000                |
| Cemeteries                  | 19,840                | 20,835                | 21,043                | 21,464                | 21,893                | 22,331                | 22,778                |
| Departmental Revenue        | 89,740                | 82,603                | 84,042                | 85,507                | 86,996                | 88,512                | 90,054                |
| Licenses and Permits        | 982,116               | 881,937               | 903,985               | 965,182               | 994,137               | 1,023,961             | 1,054,680             |
| Fines and Forfeitures       | 2,895,583             | 2,823,982             | 2,913,839             | 3,006,555             | 3,102,221             | 3,200,931             | 3,302,782             |
| Investment Income           | 1,608,689             | 1,757,371             | 1,793,613             | 1,830,601             | 1,868,353             | 1,906,883             | 1,946,207             |
| Medicare Reimbursement      | 6,773,492             | 6,367,552             | 2,500,000             | 2,000,000             | 1,500,000             | 1,500,000             | 1,500,000             |
| Miscellaneous               | 1,943,672             | 1,450,000             | 1,464,500             | 1,568,628             | 1,719,506             | 1,885,401             | 2,067,793             |
|                             | 427,235               | 1,010,970             | 190,000               | 190,000               | 190,000               | 190,000               | 190,000               |
| <b>Other Sources</b>        | \$ 25,651,137         | \$ 7,791,921          | \$ 8,024,112          | \$ 9,514,835          | \$ 10,612,780         | \$ 9,368,164          | \$ 10,281,209         |
| Indirects                   | 7,056,189             | 7,191,921             | 8,024,112             | 8,264,835             | 8,512,780             | 8,768,164             | 9,031,209             |
| General Fund Stabilization  | 1,530,284             | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) | 16,933,488            | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| Other Sources               | 131,176               | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| Diman Stabilization Fund    | -                     | 600,000               | -                     | 1,250,000             | 2,100,000             | 600,000               | 1,250,000             |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>      | <b>\$ 440,713,661</b> | <b>\$ 457,991,873</b> | <b>\$ 478,818,714</b> | <b>\$ 492,508,177</b> | <b>\$ 505,981,013</b> | <b>\$ 517,948,755</b> | <b>\$ 532,720,247</b> |

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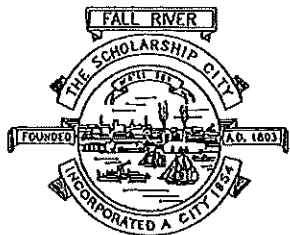
## Expenditure Detail

|                                | FY2025               | FY2026               | FY2027               | FY2028               | FY2029               | FY2030               | FY2031               |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                | Actuals              | Estimates            | Projected            | Projected            | Projected            | Projected            | Projected            |
| <b>General Government</b>      | <b>\$ 3,041,313</b>  | <b>\$ 3,106,110</b>  | <b>\$ 3,168,349</b>  | <b>\$ 3,173,013</b>  | <b>\$ 3,179,915</b>  | <b>\$ 3,189,046</b>  | <b>\$ 3,200,397</b>  |
| Mayor's Office                 | 318,868              | 326,812              | 334,809              | 343,003              | 351,400              | 360,004              | 368,820              |
| City Council                   | 409,823              | 424,740              | 433,652              | 442,760              | 452,071              | 461,588              | 471,316              |
| City Clerk                     | 400,444              | 384,060              | 393,582              | 403,341              | 413,343              | 423,594              | 434,100              |
| Elections                      | 441,084              | 418,529              | 428,433              | 438,577              | 448,966              | 459,606              | 470,503              |
| Veterans                       | 1,471,094            | 1,551,969            | 1,577,873            | 1,545,331            | 1,514,135            | 1,484,254            | 1,455,658            |
| <b>Administrative Services</b> | <b>\$ 4,518,044</b>  | <b>\$ 4,995,551</b>  | <b>\$ 5,289,825</b>  | <b>\$ 5,377,530</b>  | <b>\$ 5,466,927</b>  | <b>\$ 5,558,053</b>  | <b>\$ 5,650,943</b>  |
| City Administrator             | 205,687              | 179,000              | 187,471              | 192,118              | 196,880              | 201,761              | 206,763              |
| Human Resources                | 297,016              | 344,629              | 353,188              | 361,959              | 370,949              | 380,162              | 389,605              |
| MIS                            | 2,754,795            | 3,222,553            | 3,275,356            | 3,329,063            | 3,383,691            | 3,439,255            | 3,495,772            |
| Law                            | 1,004,808            | 1,103,883            | 1,023,810            | 1,044,389            | 1,065,408            | 1,086,875            | 1,108,802            |
| Judgements & Claims            | 255,739              | 145,487              | 450,000              | 450,000              | 450,000              | 450,000              | 450,000              |
| <b>Financial Services</b>      | <b>\$ 2,052,353</b>  | <b>\$ 1,922,717</b>  | <b>\$ 1,970,184</b>  | <b>\$ 2,017,359</b>  | <b>\$ 2,065,684</b>  | <b>\$ 2,115,184</b>  | <b>\$ 2,165,890</b>  |
| Director of Financial Services | 201,119              | 144,000              | 149,013              | 152,703              | 156,486              | 160,362              | 164,335              |
| City Auditor                   | 440,008              | 361,733              | 370,686              | 379,861              | 389,265              | 398,902              | 408,779              |
| Purchasing                     | 86,039               | 133,612              | 136,901              | 140,272              | 143,727              | 147,267              | 150,895              |
| Assessors                      | 517,060              | 452,911              | 463,732              | 474,815              | 486,167              | 497,796              | 509,708              |
| Treasurer                      | 365,335              | 350,590              | 358,626              | 366,851              | 375,271              | 383,890              | 392,713              |
| Collectors                     | 442,792              | 479,870              | 491,226              | 502,856              | 514,768              | 526,967              | 539,461              |
| <b>Facility Maintenance</b>    | <b>\$ 3,037,769</b>  | <b>\$ 2,833,480</b>  | <b>\$ 2,887,212</b>  | <b>\$ 2,942,032</b>  | <b>\$ 2,997,961</b>  | <b>\$ 3,055,024</b>  | <b>\$ 3,113,245</b>  |
| Director of Operations         | 144,754              | 144,200              | 147,805              | 151,500              | 155,288              | 159,170              | 163,149              |
| Facilities                     | 2,893,015            | 2,689,280            | 2,739,407            | 2,790,531            | 2,842,673            | 2,895,854            | 2,950,096            |
| <b>Community Maintenance</b>   | <b>\$ 17,474,835</b> | <b>\$ 21,207,572</b> | <b>\$ 21,421,932</b> | <b>\$ 21,723,910</b> | <b>\$ 22,031,136</b> | <b>\$ 22,343,716</b> | <b>\$ 22,661,759</b> |
| Streets & Highways             | 3,483,486            | 3,181,679            | 3,253,090            | 3,326,164            | 3,400,941            | 3,477,461            | 3,555,768            |
| Solid Waste                    | 9,983,187            | 13,562,248           | 13,769,382           | 13,912,764           | 14,057,722           | 14,204,276           | 14,352,444           |
| Parks                          | 1,327,259            | 1,550,661            | 1,582,553            | 1,615,138            | 1,648,434            | 1,682,456            | 1,717,220            |
| Cemeteries                     | 389,424              | 458,480              | 469,509              | 480,807              | 492,381              | 504,238              | 516,384              |
| Trees                          | 455,713              | 457,127              | 315,989              | 322,784              | 329,732              | 336,838              | 344,103              |
| Snow Removal                   | 504,649              | 526,243              | 526,243              | 526,243              | 526,243              | 526,243              | 526,243              |
| Traffic & Parking              | 1,036,089            | 1,160,787            | 1,187,192            | 1,214,218            | 1,241,880            | 1,270,193            | 1,299,172            |
| Engineering                    | 295,028              | 310,346              | 317,974              | 325,792              | 333,803              | 342,012              | 350,424              |

## General Fund 5-Year Forecast

## Expenditure Detail

|                                 | FY2025                | FY2026                | FY2027                | FY2028                | FY2029                | FY2030                | FY2031                |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                 | Actuals               | Estimates             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             | Projected             |
| Community Services              | \$ 3,746,017          | \$ 4,000,965          | \$ 4,089,267          | \$ 4,179,600          | \$ 4,272,014          | \$ 4,366,557          | \$ 4,463,280          |
| City Planning                   | 164,961               | 261,371               | 267,577               | 273,934               | 280,444               | 287,112               | 293,941               |
| Inspectional Services           | 809,098               | 894,413               | 915,600               | 937,300               | 959,524               | 982,286               | 1,005,599             |
| Health & Human Services         | 827,318               | 866,586               | 888,132               | 910,214               | 932,847               | 956,044               | 979,818               |
| Library                         | 1,944,640             | 1,978,595             | 2,017,957             | 2,058,153             | 2,099,199             | 2,141,116             | 2,183,922             |
| Public Safety                   | \$ 44,441,663         | \$ 45,207,134         | \$ 46,322,996         | \$ 47,958,144         | \$ 49,133,827         | \$ 50,338,553         | \$ 51,573,043         |
| Police                          | 25,767,486            | 26,129,768            | 26,768,533            | 27,423,049            | 28,093,709            | 28,780,910            | 29,485,065            |
| Harbor Master                   | 14,144                | 10,995                | 19,350                | 19,641                | 19,935                | 20,234                | 20,538                |
| Fire                            | 18,660,033            | 19,086,371            | 19,535,113            | 20,515,454            | 21,020,183            | 21,537,408            | 22,067,440            |
| Education                       | \$ 191,127,725        | \$ 220,067,446        | \$ 240,673,082        | \$ 245,263,330        | \$ 249,932,895        | \$ 254,703,073        | \$ 259,575,115        |
| School Department               | 174,845,378           | 197,716,795           | 217,306,628           | 221,652,761           | 226,085,816           | 230,607,532           | 235,219,683           |
| School Transportation           | 11,012,522            | 13,238,739            | 13,437,320            | 13,638,880            | 13,843,463            | 14,051,115            | 14,261,882            |
| Vocational School Assessments   | 5,269,825             | 9,111,912             | 9,929,134             | 9,971,689             | 10,003,616            | 10,044,425            | 10,093,550            |
| Other General Expenditures      | \$ 111,706,526        | \$ 103,386,601        | \$ 106,973,506        | \$ 111,979,036        | \$ 117,057,588        | \$ 120,505,349        | \$ 126,440,335        |
| Debt Service                    | 14,665,634            | 14,402,321            | 14,100,329            | 14,825,874            | 15,238,520            | 13,722,115            | 14,373,329            |
| Health Insurance                | 45,476,374            | 43,041,747            | 44,117,791            | 45,000,147            | 45,900,150            | 46,818,153            | 47,754,516            |
| Other Insurances                | 2,520,578             | 2,355,026             | 2,390,351             | 2,426,207             | 2,462,600             | 2,499,539             | 2,537,032             |
| Pension Assessment              | 40,693,939            | 43,299,321            | 46,257,496            | 49,726,808            | 53,456,318            | 57,465,542            | 61,775,458            |
| Reserve for Employee Benefits   |                       | 288,185               | 107,539               |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Transfer to Stabilization Funds | 8,350,000             |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| State and County Assessments    | \$ 40,140,889         | \$ 44,552,460         | \$ 46,022,361         | \$ 47,863,255         | \$ 49,777,786         | \$ 51,768,897         | \$ 53,839,653         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>       | <b>\$ 421,287,133</b> | <b>\$ 451,280,035</b> | <b>\$ 478,818,714</b> | <b>\$ 492,477,210</b> | <b>\$ 505,915,733</b> | <b>\$ 517,943,452</b> | <b>\$ 532,683,659</b> |



**PAUL E. COOGAN**  
*Mayor*

**City of Fall River**  
**Massachusetts**  
Office of the Mayor

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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

February 5, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Salary Schedule Updates – Sections 50-301

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Section 50-301 of the City of Fall River Ordinances includes the salary schedule for executive officers, department heads and non-union personnel. The attached request is to change the cap in ordinance for the Director of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan,  
Mayor

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

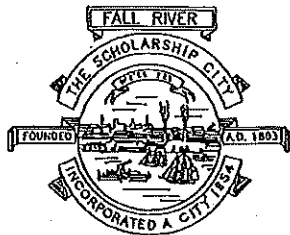
That Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Personnel be amended as follows:

By striking out in Section 50-301, which section relates to Salary schedules for executive officers, department heads and non-union personnel, the following:

|                                                                                   | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> | <b>Not to exceed</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Director of Municipal Buildings<br>and Code Enforcement/Inspector<br>of Buildings | DOMB         | 7/1/2022              | \$100,723.61         |

and inserting in place thereof the following:

|                                                                                   | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> | <b>Not to exceed</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Director of Municipal Buildings<br>and Code Enforcement/Inspector<br>of Buildings | DOMB         | 1/1/2026              | \$120,000.00         |



PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

February 5, 2026

Council President  
Members of the Honorable Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 31D of Massachusetts General Law, I am advising the Council that I have approved the Director of City Operations, Al Oliveira, request to deficit spend the Snow Removal line item in the FY 26 budget. The budgeted amount of \$526,243.00 has been fully expended.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

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*City of Fall River, In City Council*

February 10, 2026

**ORDERED**, that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 31D, the Administration is hereby authorized to deficit spend the Snow and Ice Account for Fiscal Year 2026 budget.



**CITY OPERATIONS -  
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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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February 5, 2025

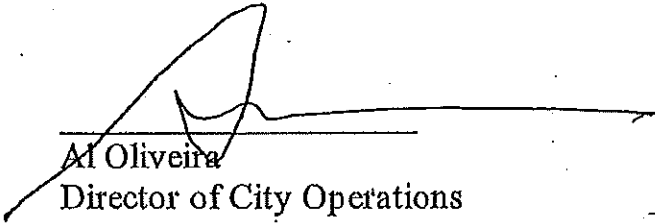
Paul Coogan, Mayor  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mr. Mayor:

RE: Snow and Ice Deficit,

I respectfully request your approval to deficit spend the FY 26 amount for Snow Removal as required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 31D..

At this time the FY 26 budgeted amount of \$526,243.00 has been fully expended  
Sincerely,

  
Al Oliveira  
Director of City Operations

  
Approved, Paul Coogan, Mayor  
Dated:



PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor

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Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

February 5, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

1. \$750,000 That the sum of \$750,000 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the OPIOID SETTLEMENT REVOLVING FUND, Transfer from OPIOID STABILIZATION FUND.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor

**City of Fall River, *In City Council***

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**February 10, 2026**

**ORDERED:**

**That the sum of \$750,000 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund from Opioid Stabilization Fund:**

**Opioid Stabilization Fund**

**\$750,000**



**HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES**  
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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February 2, 2026

Mayor Coogan  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

I am respectfully requesting approval to transfer \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Revolving Fund to address priority needs within our community.

Specifically, these funds will support Year 2 of the Positive Alternatives for Student Success (PASS) Program in the amount of \$211,636.27; Southcoast Health CARES in the amount of \$50,000.00; and provide additional funding to sustain the City of Fall River FAST Response Team. Due to previous revenue sources no longer being available, additional resources are necessary to ensure this program can remain operational and continue its critical work within our community.

The FAST Response Team serves as a critical component of Fall River's opioid response through street outreach, education, and overdose reversal drug distribution. Without continued funding, the City of Fall River risks losing essential services that directly support individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders throughout our community.

The ability to support these programs and respond to increased needs through access to the opioid settlement funds is imperative to protecting public health and ensuring Fall River can continue serving its most vulnerable populations.

I respectfully request the transfer of \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Revolving Fund to ensure critical programs in the City of Fall River continue to receive support.

Sincerely,

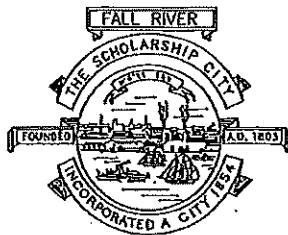
Kara Humm  
Opioid Coordinator  
City of Fall River

# FY26 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

| Line                      | Fund Balance    | Amount Transferred | Adjusted Balance |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Opioid Stabilization Fund | \$ 1,845,016.61 | \$ (750,000.00)    | \$ 1,095,016.61  |
| Opioid Revolving Fund     | \$ (23,976.79)  | \$ 750,000.00      | \$ 726,023.21    |

I certify that there are sufficient funds available for these transfers.

*Christopher Murphy*  
 City Auditor  
 2/5/2026



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PAUL E. COOGAN  
Mayor  
February 5, 2026

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The Honorable City Council  
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Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Honorable Council Members:

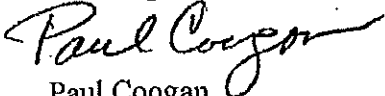
In conjunction with the Capital Improvement Plan, as well as at the requested needs of the departments included, I am requesting appropriations from the FY25 Free Cash Certification to ensure expenditures can be completed in a timely manner. Further submissions will follow after review of the Capital Improvement Plan.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body:

1. \$1,230,000.00 That the sum of \$1,230,00.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
2. \$656,000.00 That the sum of \$656,00.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to POLICE, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
3. \$350,000.00 That the sum of \$350,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Expenses from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

  
Paul Coogan  
Mayor

*City of Fall River, In City Council*

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February 10, 2026

**ORDERED:**

**That the sum of \$1,230,000 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Fire & Emergency Services, Capital from Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Revenue:**

**Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Revenue**

**\$1,230,000**

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*City of Fall River, In City Council*

February 10, 2026

**ORDERED:**

That the sum of \$656,000 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Police,  
Capital from Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Revenue:

Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Revenue

\$656,000

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*City of Fall River, In City Council*

February 10, 2026

**ORDERED:**

**That the sum of \$350,000 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to  
Administrative Services, Expenses from Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Revenue:**

**Fiscal Year 2025 Surplus Revenue**

**\$350,000**

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**DIRECTOR OF  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
**CITY OF FALL RIVER**

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February 5, 2026

CITY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
FALL RIVER, MA

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan  
Mayor of the City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

We are requesting a transfer from the FY25 Free Cash Certification for Capital Items as described in the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026. Although the Plan has not had a public hearing with the City Council yet, these are priority Capital Needs that have been frequently discussed and will take time to be procured in time for the June 30 spending deadline of Free Cash. The Fire Department is looking to acquire a Used Pumper Truck to add to the fleet as a ready-reserve apparatus to support the operational readiness of the department. Additionally, we are looking to purchase one new truck as part of the Fleet Replacement and will need significant lead time. We are also looking to start the procurement process for the Police Department Fleet Replacement as included in the plan, which will purchase 11 cruisers and 2 motorcycle replacements. This is a total of \$1,230,000 for the Fire Department and \$656,000 for the Police Department.

Sincerely,

Emily Arpke  
Director of Financial Services

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF FALL RIVER**

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January 21, 2026

CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

Mayor Coogan,

I am writing to request your support for two related apparatus initiatives that will strengthen the operational readiness and long-term sustainability of the Fall River Fire Department.

First, the department is seeking approval to purchase a used 2014 E-One Custom Pumper being sold by Brindlee Mountain Apparatus, with its most recent service having been with the Easton, Massachusetts Fire Department. The purchase price for this apparatus is \$195,000. The apparatus has been inspected by the FRFD Vehicle Maintenance Division and found to be in good mechanical condition and suitable for service.

If approved, this apparatus would be designated as a ready-reserve engine. It would be placed into service when a front-line pumper is out of service for repairs or during recall situations requiring the staffing of a seventh pump. This addition would significantly improve our ability to maintain uninterrupted fire protection and manage fleet availability during periods of increased demand.

Second, I am requesting consideration for the replacement of Engine 2, which is currently the busiest engine in the department. Due to its high call volume and operational demands, replacing Engine 2 now will improve reliability and reduce the risk of service disruptions. Importantly, this replacement would also allow the current Engine 2 to be reassigned as a ready-reserve apparatus, providing long-term value and additional depth to the department's fleet.

Together, these actions would create a more resilient apparatus plan by strengthening front-line response capabilities while establishing a sustainable reserve strategy for the future. The total anticipated cost of both of these projects is \$1,230,000.00.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these requests further and provide any additional information you may need. Thank you for your continued support of the Fall River Fire Department and its members.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey P. Bacon".

Jeffrey P. Bacon • Fire Chief

140 Commerce Drive • Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 324-2740 • FAX (508) 672-5993 • EMAIL [firechief@frfd.org](mailto:firechief@frfd.org)

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# City of Fall River, Massachusetts Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

Kelly A. Furtado  
Chief of Police

686 Pleasant St.  
Fall River, MA 02721  
Tel. 508-324-2787  
Fax: 508-324-2809

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan, Mayor  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Appropriation Request of FY25 Surplus Revenue for Fall River Police Department  
Capital Plan Fleet Vehicle Replacement Acquisitions

Dear Mayor Coogan,

I am submitting this letter to request the transfer of \$656,000.00 USD from FY25 Surplus Revenue to the Fall River Police Department capital expense budget line for the procurement/purchase of aging fleet vehicles in need of replacement. If approved, it is anticipated that approximately 11 police vehicles and 2 motorcycles will be purchased. Thank you for your consideration and continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Furtado  
Chief of Police

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CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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FALL RIVER, MA

4 February 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan:

Please accept this letter as my formal request for an appropriation/transfer in the amount of \$350,000 to the **Expenses** line-item in the Law Department budget, an amount which is needed to cover anticipated expenses in the Law Department for second half of fiscal year 2026. The Law Department has expended approximately \$330,000 in the first half of the fiscal year, and we do not anticipate any reduction in expenses for the second half of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

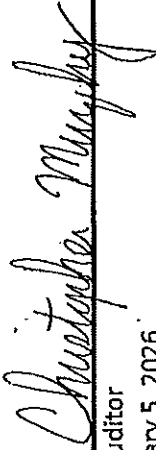
Alan J. Rumsey, Esq.  
Corporation Counsel

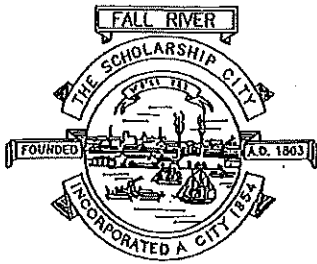
cc: Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services

## FY26 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

| Line                               | Original/Revised Appropriation | Amount Transferred | Adjusted Balance |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| General Fund Surplus Revenue       | \$ 15,574,506.00               | \$ (2,236,000.00)  | \$ 13,338,506.00 |
| Fire & Emergency Services, Capital | \$ -                           | \$ 1,230,000.00    | \$ 1,230,000.00  |
| Police, Capital                    | \$ -                           | \$ 656,000.00      | \$ 656,000.00    |
| Administrative Services, Expenses  | \$ 3,145,600.00                | \$ 350,000.00      | \$ 3,495,600.00  |

I certify that there are sufficient funds available for these transfers.

  
 City Auditor  
 February 5, 2026



City of Fall River  
Massachusetts  
City Council

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CLIFF A. PONTE  
President  
City Council

CITY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
FALL RIVER, MA

January 28, 2026

Al Oliveira  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mr. Oliveira:

I am writing to clarify and memorialize information discussed at last night's City Council meeting regarding the presence of asbestos at the Fire Station.

During the meeting, there was discussion suggesting that no asbestos report existed for the facility. Since that time, I have been advised that an asbestos report does, in fact, exist, though its scope is limited.

For the benefit of the full Council, and to ensure we are all operating with accurate and complete information, I want to clarify the following:

- The asbestos testing that was previously completed was conducted by RT Environmental and was limited solely to the scope of a specific repair project.
- The testing did not include the entire building, and notably did not include the basement area.
- The existing report related to that limited scope has been identified and is available.
- As of this morning, an environmental testing company was on site to conduct additional asbestos testing in the basement area, as well as air quality testing. That report is forthcoming.

While this matter has been referred to the Real Estate Subcommittee for further review, it is important that the full Council is aware of the current facts and status so we can proceed appropriately and transparently.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that:

1. The existing asbestos report be furnished to the Council for review; and
2. The Council be advised when the supplemental testing and air quality report becomes available.

Sincerely,

Cliff A. Ponte  
City Council President

Cc: Members of the City Council




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**Re: Fire Station Tour**


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From Al Oliveira <aoliveira@fallriverma.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 3:25 PM

To Cliff Ponte <cponte@fallriverma.gov>; Chief Bacon <firechief@frfd.org>; Michelle Dionne <mdionne2019@yahoo.com>; City Council <City\_Council@fallriverma.gov>; Christopher Peckham <cpeckham@fallriverma.gov>; EMS Chief <chief@fallriverems.org>

Cc president@iafflocal1314.com <president@iafflocal1314.com>; Mayor Office <aoneilsouza@fallriverma.gov>; Joshua Bernardo <jbernardo@fallriverma.gov>; Shawn Cadime <scadime.citycouncil@gmail.com>; Emily Arpke <earpke@fallriverma.gov>

Good afternoon President Ponte,

As Chief Bacon mentioned below, our designer (RT Architects) hired Universal Environmental to perform an asbestos removal survey/inspection of the potential materials that could be disturbed during the construction renovation. This is the report that I mentioned last night. While the vendor was on site, I asked the owner to assess the basement. This information was not conveyed to the field tech in time. Therefore, I performed an inspection myself. I sent an email that had a pipe cut with a white substance and a relief tank beneath a large holding tank. When I noticed these potential areas, I scheduled an asbestos abatement company to come in to clean, wash any potential concerns, as well as repair any pipe openings. This method is what I would recommend to any customer. However, last night I was asked to collect air samples and to test the materials for potential asbestos. This morning, I met the hygienist at the central fire station and walked him through the potential areas. The air sample results will be forwarded to me tonight and the bulk sample results will be sent over tomorrow. Once I receive the results, I will schedule an asbestos abatement firm to make any corrections.

I hope that this clarifies to confusion.

Al Oliveira, MCPPO  
Director of City Operations

**City of Fall River**

One Government Center

Fall River, MA 02722

EMAIL: aoliveira@fallriverma.gov

MOBILE: 508-951-2340




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From: Cliff Ponte <cponte@fallriverma.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 1:26 PM

To: Chief Bacon <firechief@frfd.org>; Al Oliveira <aoliveira@fallriverma.gov>; Michelle Dionne <mdionne2019@yahoo.com>; City Council <City\_Council@fallriverma.gov>; Christopher Peckham <cpeckham@fallriverma.gov>; EMS Chief <chief@fallriverems.org>

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Thank you,  
Cliff Ponte | City Council President  
1 Government Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fall River, MA 02722  
Email: Cponte@fallriverma.gov

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From: Fire Chief <FireChief@frfd.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 1:23 PM  
To: Cliff Ponte <cponte@fallriverma.gov>; Al Oliveira <aoliveira@fallriverma.gov>; Michelle Dionne <mdionne2019@yahoo.com>; City Council <City\_Council@fallriverma.gov>; Christopher Peckham <cpeckham@fallriverma.gov>; EMS Chief <chief@fallriverems.org>  
Cc: president@lafflocal1314.com <president@lafflocal1314.com>; Mayor Office <aoneillsouza@fallriverma.gov>; Joshua Bernardo <jbernardo@fallriverma.gov>; Shawn Cadime <scadime.citycouncil@gmail.com>; Emily Arpke <earpke@fallriverma.gov>  
Subject: Re: Fire Station Tour

Good afternoon President Ponte,  
I'm hoping I can clarify this as an outside observer. I watched the meeting last night and witnessed the miscommunication regarding the asbestos report. The testing that was done was completed by RT and only involved the scope of the repair project, not the entire building. Because of this, the basement was not included in the report. You can find that report attached to this email. The environmental testing company was at the Center this morning to test the basement for asbestos and also perform air quality testing. I do not know when that report will be available. I hope this helps to clarify the issue.

Stay safe,

Chief Jeffrey P. Bacon  
Fall River Fire Department  
140 Commerce Drive  
Fall River, MA 02720

P: 508-324-2740  
E: [firechief@frfd.org](mailto:firechief@frfd.org)



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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## Asbestos Identification Laboratory

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Woburn, MA 01801  
781-932-9600

Web: [www.asbestosidentificationlab.com](http://www.asbestosidentificationlab.com)  
Email: [mikemanning@asbestosidentificationlab.com](mailto:mikemanning@asbestosidentificationlab.com)



Batch: 260116015

Ammar Dieb  
Universal Environmental Consultants  
12 Brewster Road  
Framingham, MA 01702

### Project Information

165 Bedford Street, Fall  
River, MA

Method: PLM Bulk, EPA 600/R-  
93/116

Dear Ammar Dieb,

Asbestos Identification Laboratory has completed the analysis of the samples from your office for the above referenced project. The Analysis Method is PLM Bulk. The information and analysis contained in this report have been generated using the EPA 600/R-93/116 Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Building Materials. Materials or products that contain more than 1% of any kind or combination of asbestos are considered as asbestos containing building material as determined by the EPA. This Polarized Light Microscope (PLM) technique may be performed either by visual estimation or point counting. Point counting provides a determination of the area percentage of asbestos in a sample. If the asbestos is estimated to be less than 10% by visual estimation of friable material, the determination may be repeated using the point counting technique. The report may not be used by the customer to claim product endorsement by NVLAP or any other U.S. Government Agency.

The EPA recommends you should assume vermiculite contains asbestos and not to disturb it. Airborne asbestos fibers present a health risk through inhalation, so the first step is to not disturb the material, which could release fibers into the air. If you disturb the insulation, you may inhale some asbestos fibers. The degree of health risk depends on how much and how often this occurred. If you choose to remove the vermiculite insulation, this work should be done by a trained and accredited asbestos abatement contractor that is separate and independent from the company that performed the assessment of the vermiculite insulation to avoid any conflict of interest. <https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/my-attic-has-vermiculite-insulation-it-am-i-risk-should-i-take-it-out> | US EPA.

Laboratory results represent the analysis of samples as submitted by the customer. Information regarding sample location, description, area, volume, etc., was provided by the customer. Information provided by the customer can affect the validity of results. Asbestos Identification Laboratory is not responsible for sample collection activities or analytical method limitations. Unless notified in writing to return samples, Asbestos Identification Laboratory discards customer samples after 30 days. Samples containing subsamples or layers will be analyzed separately when applicable. Reports are kept at Asbestos Identification Laboratory for three years. All customer information will be maintained in confidentiality. This report shall not be reproduced, except in full, without the written consent of Asbestos Identification Laboratory.

- NVLAP Lab Code: 200919-0
- Massachusetts Certification License: AA000208
- State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health Approved Environmental Laboratory Registration Number: PH-0142
- State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection Asbestos Analytical Laboratory License Number: LB-0078(Bulk) LA-0087(Air)
- State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Department of Health Certification: AAL-121
- State of Vermont, Department of Health Environmental Health License AL934461

Thank you Ammar Dieb for your business.

Michael Manning  
Owner/Director  
781-932-9600

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Amner Dieb  
Universal Environmental Consultants  
12 Brewster Road  
Framlingham, MA 01702

Project Information

165 Bedford Street, Fall  
River, MA

Method: PLM Bulk, EPA 600/R-  
93/116

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| Field ID<br>Lab ID | Material                          | Location                           | Color | Non-Asbestos %  | Asbestos %    |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1                  | Wall Plaster (WP)                 | 2nd Floor Bathroom                 | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-001      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 2                  | WP                                | 2nd Floor Lockers At Sinks         | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-002      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 3                  | WP                                | Hall Outside 2nd Floor Lockers     | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-003      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 4                  | WP                                | Side Wall Of 2nd Floor Lockers     | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-004      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 5                  | WP                                | Side Wall - 2 Of 2nd Floor Lockers | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-005      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 6                  | Ceiling Plaster (CP)              | 2nd Floor Lockers                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-006      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 7                  | CP                                | 2nd Floor Bathroom                 | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-007      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 8                  | Concrete Base For Lockers (Set 1) | 2nd Floor Lockers                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-008      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 9                  | Concrete Base For Lockers (Set 2) | 2nd Floor Lockers                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-009      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 10                 | Concrete Floor                    | 2nd Floor Lockers                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-010      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |
| 11                 | Concrete Floor                    | 2nd Floor Lockers                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected |
| 260116015-011      |                                   |                                    |       |                 |               |

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165 Bedford Street, Fall  
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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 12                | Terrazo Floor        | 2nd Floor Bathroom      | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-012     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 13                | Terrazo Floor        | 2nd Floor Bathroom      | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-013     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 14                | Glazed Wall Tile     | 2nd Floor Bathroom      | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-014     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 15                | Bedding #14          | 2nd Floor Bathroom      | Gray  | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-015     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 16                | Glazed Wall Tile     | 2nd Floor Bathroom      | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-016     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 17                | Bedding #16          | 2nd Floor Bathroom      | Gray  | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-017     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 18                | Stall/Wall Partition | 2nd Floor Supply Room   | Gray  | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-018     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 19                | Stall/Wall Partition | 2nd Floor Supply Room   | Gray  | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-019     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 20                | Pipe Insulation      | 2nd Floor Supply Room   | White | Non-Fibrous 25  | Detected Chrysotile 75 |
| 260116015-020     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 21                | Pipe Insulation      | 2nd Floor Lockers       | White | Non-Fibrous 25  | Detected Chrysotile 75 |
| 260116015-021     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |
| 22                | 12" Floor Tile - I   | 2nd Floor Fire Pole - 1 | Tan   | Non-Fibrous 100 | None Detected          |
| 260116015-022     |                      |                         |       |                 |                        |

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| Field ID<br>Lab ID  | Material                          | Location                                 | Color | Non-Asbestos %                                                     | Asbestos %    |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 23<br>260116015-023 | Adhesive #22                      | 2nd Floor Fire Pole - 1                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100                                                    | None Detected |
| 24<br>260116015-024 | 12" Floor Tile - I                | 2nd Floor Fire Pole - 3                  | Tan   | Non-Fibrous 100                                                    | None Detected |
| 25<br>260116015-025 | Adh #24                           | 2nd Floor Fire Pole - 3                  | Multi | Non-Fibrous 100                                                    | None Detected |
| 26<br>260116015-026 | Glazing For Wood Door<br>Window   | 2nd Floor Lockers (Entrance<br>Door)     | Tan   | Non-Fibrous 100                                                    | None Detected |
| 27<br>260116015-027 | Glazing For Metal Door<br>Windows | 1st Floor Water Storage<br>Room Entrance | Tan   | Non-Fibrous 100                                                    | None Detected |
| 28<br>260116015-028 | Glazing For Hall Window           | 2nd Floor By Weight Room                 | Tan   | Non-Fibrous 100                                                    | None Detected |
| 29<br>260116015-029 | 2x4 Ceiling Tile                  | Apparatus Bay - Gear<br>Storage          | Gray  | Fiberglass 30<br>Mineral Wool 20<br>Cellulose 40<br>Non-Fibrous 10 | None Detected |
| 30<br>260116015-030 | 2x4 Ceiling Tile                  | Apparatus Bay - Gear<br>Storage          | Gray  | Fiberglass 30<br>Mineral Wool 20<br>Cellulose 40<br>Non-Fibrous 10 | None Detected |

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# CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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|-------------------------------------------|
| Universal Environmental Consultants       |
| 12 Brewster Road                          |
| Framlingham, MA 01702                     |
| Tel: (508) 628-5486 - Fax: (508) 628-5488 |
| adleb@uec-env.com                         |

Town/City: 1st All State, MA Building Name: 165 Bedford Street

| Sample | Description of Material   | Sample Location                             |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1      | wall plaster (wp)         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Bathroom                 |
| 2      | wp                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Lockers & sinks          |
| 3      | wp                        | hall outside 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Lockers     |
| 4      | wp                        | side wall of 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Lockers     |
| 5      | wp                        | side wall - 2 of 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Lockers |
| 6      | ceiling plaster (cp)      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Lockers                  |
| 7      | cp                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Bathroom                 |
| 8      | concrete base for lockers | (bet-1) 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Lockers          |
| 9      | concrete base for lockers | (bet-2)                                     |
| 10     | concrete floor            | }                                           |
| 11     | concrete floor            |                                             |
| 12     | Terrazo floor             |                                             |
| 13     | Terrazo base board        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL bathroom                 |
| 14     | glazed wall tile          | }                                           |
| 15     | Bedding #14               |                                             |
| 16     | glazed wall tile          |                                             |
| 17     | Bedding #16               |                                             |
| 18     | stall/wall partition      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL Supply room              |
| 19     | stall/wall partition      | " " "                                       |
| 20     | pipe insulation           | " " "                                       |

Reported By: [Signature] Date: 1-15-26

Received By: [Signature] Date: 1/16/26

Due Date: 24-Hours

# CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Universal Environmental Consultants  
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adfeb@uec-env.com

Town/City: Waltham, MA Building Name 165 Bedford Street

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Reported By: [Signature] Date: 1-15-76

Due Date: 24-Hours

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*Traffic & Parking Division*

**Paul E. Coogan**  
*Mayor*

**Stephanie MacArthur**  
*Parking Clerk*

January 28, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

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 CITY CLERK  
 FALL RIVER, MA

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

|                 |            |                           |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Article:</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>Parking Prohibited</b> |
|                 |            | <b>at all times</b>       |
| <b>Section:</b> | <b>371</b> |                           |

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

| <b>Name of Street</b> | <b>Side</b> | <b>Location</b>                             |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lindsey Street</b> | <b>East</b> | <b>from Cory Street to Brightman Street</b> |

Very truly yours,

*Stephanie MacArthur*  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Parking Clerk



**CITY OF FALL RIVER  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*Traffic & Parking Division*

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**Paul E. Coogan**  
*Mayor*

**Stephanie MacArthur**  
*Parking Clerk*

January 28, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

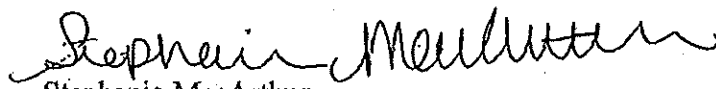
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

|          |     |                    |
|----------|-----|--------------------|
| Article: | 70  | Parking Prohibited |
| Section: | 371 | at all times       |

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

| Name of Street | Side | Location                                |
|----------------|------|-----------------------------------------|
| Lindsey Street | East | from Ballard Street to Brightman Street |

Very truly yours,

  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Parking Clerk

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*Director of Traffic & Parking*

January 23, 2026

The Honorable City Council  
City of Fall River  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

**Article: 70**

**Section: 387**

**HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

**Name of Street**  
**Bowen Street**

**Side**  
**West**

**Location**  
Starting at a point 206 feet South of Slade Street.  
For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,

*Stephanie MacArthur*  
**Stephanie MacArthur**  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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| <b>Name of Street</b> | <b>Side</b>  | <b>Location</b>                                                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cory Street</b>    | <b>South</b> | Starting at a point 101 feet East of Almy Street.<br>For a distance of 20 feet East. |

Very truly yours,

*Stephanie MacArthur*  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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*Traffic & Parking Division*



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January 23, 2026

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Fall River, MA 02720

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Article: 70  
Section: 387

**HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

| Name of Street | Side  | Location                                                                               |
|----------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Locust Street  | North | Starting at a point 153 feet East of Linden Street.<br>For a distance of 20 feet East. |

Very truly yours,

*Stephanie MacArthur*  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Stephanie MacArthur  
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January 23, 2026

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One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02720

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Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street  
Montaup Street

Side  
West

Location  
Starting at a point 103 feet North of Globe Street.  
For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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January 23, 2026

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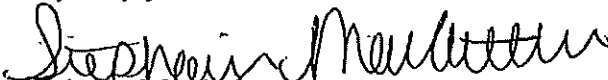
Article: 70  
Section: 387 HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

| Name of Street    | Side | Location                                                                                 |
|-------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| North Main Street | East | Starting at a point 189 feet South of Locust Street.<br>For a distance of 20 feet South. |

Very truly yours,

  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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January 23, 2026

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Article: 70  
Section: 387

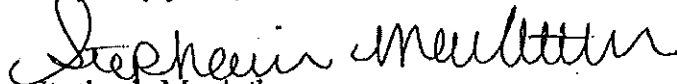
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

| Name of Street | Side  | Location                                                                                 |
|----------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Snell Street   | North | Starting at a point 548 feet East of Lawrence Street.<br>For a distance of 20 feet East. |

Very truly yours,

  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70

Section: 387

**HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

**INSERT**

**Name of Street**  
Tripp Street

**Side**  
West

**Location**  
Starting at a point 74 feet South of Charles Street.  
For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,

  
Stephanie MacArthur  
Director of Traffic & Parking

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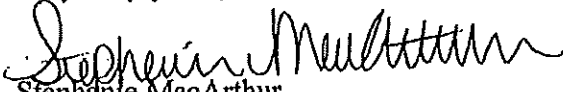
Article: 70  
Section: 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

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**INSERT**

| <b>Name of Street</b> | <b>Side</b>  | <b>Location</b>                                                                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Woodman Street</b> | <b>North</b> | Starting at a point 20 feet East of King Street.<br>For a distance of 20 feet East. |

Very truly yours,

  
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Director of Traffic & Parking

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# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Administration, be amended as follows:

By striking out in Section 2-151, which section relates to Standing committees established, sub-sections (G) and (I), in their entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

- (G) Committee on Real Estate, Facilities and Housing, consisting of three members.
- (I) Committee on Veterans, Youth, Elder Affairs and Human Services, consisting of three members.

CITY OF FALL RIVER

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 27 2026

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first reading*

# City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilors Michael G. Canuel and Vice President Michelle M. Dionne)

WHEREAS, the snow event of January 25 and 26, 2026, has prompted concerns among residents and business owners regarding snow removal operations, public safety, street accessibility, and the overall effectiveness of storm response, and

WHEREAS, effective snow and ice removal is critical to ensuring safe travel, maintaining emergency access, and ensuring the continuity of municipal services during winter weather events, and

WHEREAS, a post-storm review provides an opportunity to evaluate operational performance, identify challenges, and determine whether changes to ordinances, procedures, staffing, equipment, or funding levels are warranted, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene to conduct a debrief of the recent snow event, including but not limited to discussion of the following:

- An overview of snow removal operations, including the number of pieces of equipment deployed during the recent storm, comparisons to prior years and prior storm events, and any impact equipment availability had on snow removal operations during and after the storm
- General street accessibility, parking ban implementation, impacts on emergency access, and effects on residents and local businesses
- Factors contributing to extended cleanup periods
- Operational challenges encountered during the snow event
- Planning efforts, staffing levels, equipment availability, and overall preparedness for the remainder of the winter season, including consideration of operational efficiencies and any potential funding needs to implement those efficiencies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration, including representatives from the Department of Community Maintenance and the Division of Traffic and Parking, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Chief of Emergency Medical Services and the School Department's Chief Operating Officer, be invited to participate in the committee discussion and provide input, data, and recommendations.



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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2026 JAN 28 P 3:54

CITY CLERK #26-5  
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Joao Depina
2. Claimant's complete address: 66 Arizona St. Apt 3 Fall River MA, 02723
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-810-2808 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 12/25/2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ unknown
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
intersection of North Quarry St. and Bedford St. in Fall River
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
I was traveling on Bedford street through the intersection of North Quarry St.  
I had a green light signal.  
I was midway through the intersection when I was struck by the police vehicle.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 1/21/2026 | 12:12:06 PM EST

Claimant's signature: Joao Depina

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Return this from to : City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

You should consult with your own attorney in preparing this claim form to understand your legal rights. The Office of the Corporation Counsel is unable to provide legal assistance to private citizens.

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| Date:                  | <u>1/29/2026</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: BRANDON NETO
2. Claimant's complete address: 218 STETSON ST FALL RIVER, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 380 9871 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
AUTO DAMAGE
5. Date and time of accident: 1-27-2026 2:55AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 375.25
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):  
218 STETSON ST. F.R. MA VEHICLE PARKED - NON HYDRANT SIDE
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
VEHICLE WAS PARKED AND STRUCK BY D.C.M. PLOW VEHICLE. PLOW VEHICLE WAS STOPPED IN STREET, PLOW BLADE WAS LIFTED PRIOR TO PLOW TRUCK BACKING UP STREET CAUSING LEFT CORNER OF BLADE TO STRIKE RIGHT REAR OF VEHICLE.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 1-29-2026

Claimant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

2026 JAN 29 P 3:04

- CITY CLERK: FALL RIVER, MA
1. Claimant's name: Stanley Gomez Guido
  2. Claimant's complete address: 264 Barnaby St Apt 2N Fall River MA 02720
  3. Telephone number: Home: 774 704 0948 Work: 508 642 6349
  4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Auto accident - property damage caused by city snow plow
  5. Date and time of accident: 01/27/2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$6,311.16
  6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):  
306 Barnaby St Fall River 02720 was legally parked on the
  7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): collect side of the street.  
On January 27, 2026 at approximately 10:22 my vehicle  
was legally parked on the street next to the residence  
located 306 Barnaby St, Fall River, MA. While performing  
snow removal, a city of Fall River snow plow struck my
  8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No vehicle, causing property damage.

photos of the damage and repair estimates  
are attached.

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 01/27/2026Claimant's signature: Stanley Gomez Guido

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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City of Fall River 2026 JAN 30 P 12:48  
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Laurinda Da Costa Da Silva Dias
2. Claimant's complete address: 188 Ponta Delgada Blvd. Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-301-7429 Work: 508-678-1189
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Fall on public street
5. Date and time of accident: 1/8/26 <sup>between 2:15-2:30pm</sup> Amount of damages claimed: Spending waiting on medical bills
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):  
Bottom of Eagle St. where Columbia St. intersects
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
I was crossing the street coming from Chaves Market midway of the crosswalk I tripped on a Manhole cover that is under construction but hasn't been completed. Area was left in poor conditions.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 1/30/2026

Claimant's signature: Laurinda Dias

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Date: 1/30/26



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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

2026 FEB -2 A 11: 53

1. Claimant's name: JOSEPH BOTELO CITY CLERK #26-9
2. Claimant's complete address: 23 LEA LANE FALL RIVER MA. 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 5083245056 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
AUTO ACCIDENT
5. Date and time of accident: 1-26-2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ ? TBD
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
105 RHODE ISLAND AVE. FALL RIVER MA.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
I WAS PARKED AT GUIMONDS VARIETY WAITING FOR AN OPEN SPOT WHEN ONE OF THE CITY PLOW TRUCKS REVERSED IN TO MY RIGHT FENDER HE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT SEE DUE TO HIS RIGHT MIRROR BEING CRACKED OR BROKEN
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
COMMERCIAL INS. COMPANY (I DO NOT HAVE COLLISION COVERAGE)

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 2-2-2026Claimant's signature: Joseph Botello

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

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CITY CLERK  
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Aaron Sardinha
2. Claimant's complete address: 177 Lepes rd, Somerset, MA 02726
3. Telephone number: Home: (774) 930-3409 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Property damage. Falling tree limb from city owned tree
5. Date and time of accident: 12/19/25, 5pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 4,015
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):  
Sidewalk in front of 115 Plain St, tree located at edge of road lost limb pulling
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): Power line down  
Please see attached form  
tree fell took down the wires

8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
We have a \$2,500 deductible on each building so it's below deductible

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I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 1/13/26 Claimant's signature: Aaron Sardinha

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

2026 FEB -3 A 11: 03

1. Claimant's name: Andre Amaral CITY CLERK #26-11  
FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 521 Tecumseh St Fall River
3. Telephone number: Home: 774 322 0847 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 07-26-26 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 378,78
6. Exact location of the Incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
801 Rodman Street Fall River Ma
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
A plowtruck hit and broke my Drivers Side mirror
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this Incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge:

Date: 2/2/26Claimant's signature: x Andre Amaral

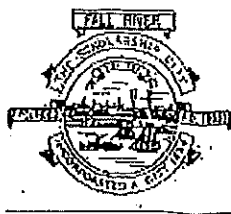
WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Return this from to : City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

You should consult with your own attorney in preparing this claim form to understand your legal rights. The Office of the Corporation Counsel is unable to provide legal assistance to private citizens.

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1. Claimant's name: Judy B Palani
2. Claimant's complete address: 1863 Pleasant St Fall River MA 02723
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 558-2532 Work: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Plow truck plowed into my Car
5. Date and time of accident: Jan 25/26 2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 2053.06
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):  
1886 Pleasant St FR MA, 02724 Parked, Snow Storm on street @
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
This spot.  
My car was parked on the correct side of the street. The snow storm came all was plowed but was pushed so hard and over my front end. When I pulled out my bumper pulled out of the compressed snow plowed pile and was totally damaged.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 2-4-2026

Claimant's signature: Judy B Palani

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Date: 2/4/26



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City of Fall River  
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Mary Ferrarini
2. Claimant's complete address: 63 Madison ST, Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Cell: 508.496.8333 Home: 508.496.8333 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):  
Blown tire due to a pot hole
5. Date and time of accident: 1/28/26 app. 3:10 pm Amount of damages claimed: \$300.54
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):  
Brayton Ave, FR. - coming from Stafford Rd towards Walmart - at top of
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Driving down Brayton Ave. after turning from Stafford Road. Hit a pot hole that blew out my tire. It also caused the side of the tire to be compromised and therefore needed replacing - not repairable
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 2/4/26

Claimant's signature: Mary Ferrarini

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# OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

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## Your Contact Information:

First Name: Patrick

Last Name: Higgins

Address: P O Box 290 (all correspondence should be emailed to patrick@openmeetinglawenforcer.com)

City: Northport State: AL Zip Code: 35476

Phone Number: 2057782119 Ext.

Email: patrick@openmeetinglawenforcer.com

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): Patrick Higgins and Associates

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

☐ Individual

☒ Organization

☐ Media

## Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

☒ City/Town

☐ County

☐ Regional/District

☐ State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable): Fall River City Council

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation: Cliff Ponte, President

Date of alleged violation: 1/27/26

## Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

The Fall River City Council violated the open meeting law as follows:

1. The posted agenda had 4 meetings listed on the posted agenda, 5 pm Committee on Ordinances and Legislation; 5:55 pm public hearings; 6:00 pm Committee on Finance and 7 pm Regular Meeting of the City Council. Except for the Ordinances and legislation meeting, all stated that "(OR immediately following the previous meeting IF IT RUNS PAST the scheduled time.) See attached agenda for specific language.

the video of the meeting started at 5:55 pm with the Public Hearings, and the Committee on Finance was called to order at 5 minutes and 14 seconds after the recording began, making it 6:00 pm, so the committee on finance began on time. The committee on finance meeting ended at 50 minutes and 27 seconds into the recording or 6:55 p.m. The President then waited until 51 minutes and 37 seconds into the recording to call the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order, or 6:56 pm. The meeting was started 4 minutes before the posted time of 7:00 PM (or immediately following the Committee on Finance if it runs past 7:00 pm) See 2013-161.

2. The posted agenda did not contain a list of the "Claims" to be deliberated upon and voted to send

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

All members MUST attend the formal open meeting law webinar without delay, schedule can be found at "<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/open-meeting-law-trainings>"

The president MUST be attentive to the time that the posted agenda states that the meeting will begin and not call the meeting to order before that time in all future meetings.

## Review, sign, and submit your complaint

### I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

**Public Record.** Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request. However, the Attorney General's Office will not disclose your address, phone number or email address in response to a public records request.

**Publication to Website.** As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

### II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

### III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to [openmeeting@state.ma.us](mailto:openmeeting@state.ma.us).

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2/3/26

For Use By Public Body

Date Received by Public Body

For Use By AGO

Date Received by AGO

## CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: January 27, 2026 at 5:55 p.m.  
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;  
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,  
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,  
and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer  
1250 Brayton Point Road, Somerset, MA, 02725

The President called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearings was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to open the hearings, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

### Pole Location

1. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for one new pole location as follows:

#### Miller Street

One (1) new pole

This petition is proposing to install one new, solely owned, Pole 3-20 between existing Pole 3, located on Whitman Street, and existing Pole 3-30, located on Miller Street. Proposed Pole 3-20 will be located approximately 70 feet southeast of Pole 3 and will be set against curbing in the sidewalk. In accordance with Plan No. 31222619.

*The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward. Mr. Roy explained that this petition will allow National Grid to install a new transformer within Maple Gardens that will provide updated services to multiple buildings within the development. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.*

2. Underground Conduit  
Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for an underground conduit location as follows:

Pleasant Street

National Grid is proposing to install underground facilities on Pleasant Street. National Grid will be installing a new switchgear manhole and PME 9 switchgear in parking lot 277 on Pleasant Street. National Grid will also be installing 4-5 inches of concrete encased conduits from Manhole (MH) 5-1 to Manhole (MH) 6-1 to new switchgear. In accordance with Plan No. 31134152.

*The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward. Mr. Roy explained that this petition will allow for the installation of a new above ground switch module and conduit will need to be installed within the right-of-way on Pleasant Street between two manholes. Mr. Roy also clarified that National Grid will be contracting a third-party construction company to complete this project. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:17 p.m., with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

*Chris da Silva Paulino Leite*

City Clerk

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**MEETING:** January 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, One Government Center

**PRESENT:** President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;  
Councilors Shawn E. Cadlme, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,  
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,  
and Andrew J. Raposo

**ABSENT:** Councilor Linda M. Pereira

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel N. Aguiar, Director of Engineering and Planning  
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services  
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations  
Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking  
Alan J. Rumsey, Esq., Corporation Counsel

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

In accordance with a resolution adopted, as amended May 8, 2012, persons are allowed to address the Council for a period of three minutes prior to the beginning or at the conclusion of business in the Committee on Finance.

1. Citizen Input Time – None

*On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to lift item 2 from the table, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

2. Resolution – Convene with Director of Engineering and Planning and Administration to develop a comprehensive funding strategy to match or supplement the City's annual Chapter 90 allocation to increase investment in roadway improvements

*Daniel N. Aguiar, Director of Engineering and Planning, explained that the Chapter 90 Program provides cities and towns with annual funding for improvements to local roadways and that the goal is to obtain additional funding for these repairs through the General Fund. Mr. Aguiar clarified that, since the discussion of this resolution in August 2025, no additional information has been shared in relation to budget adjustments that will provide this supplementary funding. Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, explained that the financial plan has been included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan, which will be available for review this week.*

Vice President Dionne and the Director of Financial Services discussed the funding that would be provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for street repairs through the Chapter 90 Program and the anticipated costs of these renovation projects over the next few years. Ms. Arpke explained that the necessary annual funding total, presented to her by the Director of Engineering and Planning, was about \$5,000,000. The Director of Financial Services stated that the City is planning to slowly increase the capital provided by the General Fund, with a total of \$4,600,000 for Fiscal Year 2027 and a final increase to \$5,300,000 for Fiscal Year 2031. Vice President Dionne and Mr. Aguiar discussed the current list of streets in Fall River that require repairs. The Director of Engineering and Planning explained that he has not yet chosen a final list, and the priority of repairs will be based on the Chapter 90 Program funding that is issued by the Commonwealth, as well as any matching funds received from the General Fund.

Councillor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed the financial assistance for road repairs that would be provided by the General Fund. The Director of Financial Services explained that the Administration is committed to providing any additional funding needed for the repairs if the capital received by the Chapter 90 Program doesn't reach the necessary \$5,000,000, per year.

A brief discussion was held between Councillor Peckham and the Director of Financial Services regarding marijuana dispensary taxes collected by the City and the new restrictions that have been implemented by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts limiting the use of these funds. Ms. Arpke clarified that the General Fund would be the financial resource for the street repair projects.

Councillor Camara and Mr. Aguiar discussed the planned road repairs that will take place once necessary funding is secured. The Director of Engineering/Planning stated that streets need various renovations, including granite curb refilling and new sidewalks. Mr. Aguiar explained that full reconstruction is rarely needed and most roads will be milled, leveled and then two inches of top asphalt will be installed. Mr. Aguiar stated that all abutters are notified of the street repairs, including those who own vacant lot properties, and that the utility companies are also contacted for access to their underground equipment, if needed, when the street is open for updates and repairs.

Councillor Cadime asked if there is currently a list of streets that need these repairs and if additional reports on various streets would be helpful with the prioritization of street renovations. The Director of Engineering and Planning stated that street reports may assist with ranking repair times, but the list of roads needing renovations is very large. Mr. Aguiar also explained that he frequently researches other grant funding options that may be available for these projects.

On a motion made by Councillor Peckham and seconded by Councillor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to table the resolution, with Councillor Perelra absent and not voting.

3. Resolution – Convene with the Administration and the Director of City Operations to present a definitive action plan for the repair of the Pearl Street and Third Street parking garages

*Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, provided a summary of recent appraisals and inspections of the Third Street and Pearl Street parking garages, which will assist with determining the market value of the structures as well as the cost of necessary repairs. The Director of City Operations explained that in June of 2025, designers and engineers were hired to conduct a report outlining any structural concerns and that in October of 2024, a conditional assessment began for both garages. Mr. Oliveira stated that the plan for the Third Street parking garage is to repair the structure, move all parking from the Third Street parking lot into the garage, and then construct a smaller parking garage over the parking lot to allow for additional parking. The Director of City Operations also explained that the inspectors of the Pearl Street parking garage saw no visible safety concerns but are currently conducting an in-depth structural study.*

*Vice President Dionne and Mr. Oliveira discussed the studies that are being conducted for the garages. Mr. Oliveira stated that copies of these reports and property appraisals will be available within the next few weeks. Vice President Dionne asked if the Administration would submit a request for bond funding in the next few months to fund these projects and the Director of City Operations explained that the appraisals will need to be reviewed before those requests are submitted.*

*A brief discussion was held between President Ponte, Mr. Oliveira and Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, and Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking, regarding the value of the structures in comparison to the anticipated repair costs, as well as the current revenue generated by the parking garages. Mr. Oliveira and Ms. Arpke clarified that the City needs to confirm that the investment in repairing the structures is not going to exceed the estimated value of the renovated properties. Mr. Oliveira stated that the Pearl Street parking garage currently has an anticipated estimate for repairs from a third-party engineering firm. Ms. MacArthur stated that the garages generate between \$50,000 to \$60,000 per month, collectively.*

*Councilor Cadime asked for details regarding the anticipated cost for the garage repairs, the plans for preventative maintenance and any safety concerns for these structures. Mr. Oliveira explained that the cost for the Third Street parking garage repairs and renovations to the Third Street parking lot total approximately \$6,000,000, and that the cost for the Pearl Street parking garage repairs has been estimated to be \$4,200,000. Mr. Oliveira explained that the plans for these renovations include three phases: maximizing usable parking areas, renovating all areas with concrete chipping concerns and performing regular preventative maintenance. The Director of Financial Services stated that there is a line item within the Facilities, Expenses, portion of the Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget, that contains allocated funding for this type of maintenance. Ms. Arpke also clarified that a structural reassessment was completed last week to confirm that the garages were safe to undergo renovations. Mr. Oliveira explained that the repair phases for the garages would be completed by section, allowing other areas to be used for parking during the project.*

*A brief discussion was held between President Ponte, Councilor Raposo and Ms. Arpke regarding the budgetary line item that would be utilized to fund necessary maintenance for the garages. Ms. Arpke clarified that the line item is not specific to the two parking garages, as the Preventative Maintenance capital is also used for other City-owned structures.*

Councilor Raposo suggested that a portion of the parking revenue from the garages be allocated to offset costs of preventative maintenance and asked if there was public demand for use of the parking garages. Ms. MacArthur stated that the demand is very high and that there is currently a waiting list for parking spaces. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Raposo and Mr. Oliveira regarding potentially selling the parking garages to private parties after the renovations are completed. Mr. Oliveira stated that, while the City may consider that option in the future, the current goal is to properly renovate all structures to full functionality.

Councilor Dionne inquired about the number of parking spaces that would be available after the repairs are completed and if the parking fees could be increased in the future to generate more revenue. The Director of Traffic and Parking explained that, within the current construction zones, there are 150 parking spaces in the Pearl Street garage and 120 parking spaces in the Third Street garage that are not being utilized, allowing the renovations to open 270 parking spaces. Ms. MacArthur explained that there are existing contracts in place to use these spaces, and the parking fees for those drivers may not increase significantly while those contracts are in place, but fees for the public could be changed. Mr. Oliveira clarified that the appraisal process will also include recommended parking fees for the renovated garages.

Councilor Canuel asked for an estimate of when these projects would be completed. Mr. Oliveira stated that, typically it would take ten months, but as the garages will still be used for parking in other areas, that increases the timeline by a few months. Councilor Canuel also requested anticipated revenue for parking fees. Ms. MacArthur stated that she will obtain that information, but that it may change if future parking fees are adjusted. Councilor Canuel emphasized that the parking fees generate long-term revenue, and selling the garage may affect the public use of the space in the future.

Councilor Ponte and the Director of Traffic and Parking held a brief discussion regarding the budgeted line items for garage maintenance being located within the Facilities, Expenses, account, and Ms. MacArthur clarified that the Division of Traffic and Parking only oversees the parking revenue of the garages, not repairs and maintenance.

Councilor Peckham, the Director of Financial Services and the Director of Traffic and Parking discussed the current parking contract for the Pearl Street parking garage. Ms. MacArthur explained that this contract reserves the use of 250 parking spaces, as well as an option to reserve additional parking spaces if they become available, to a third party. Ms. MacArthur stated that the garage currently has 374 parking spaces available, and the third-party contract also limits the parking rate increases. Ms. Arpke explained that these contracts are one of the reasons the Administration has considered the option of selling the structures. Councilor Peckham stated that, with the current contract, there may be no increase in revenue for the Pearl Street parking garage after the repairs are completed.

Councilor Cadime asked for additional information regarding the preventative maintenance protocols for the garages. Mr. Oliveira explained that the City will include this type of maintenance in the contract agreement with the structural engineers who are assisting with these projects, and this will ensure annual checklist examinations of the structures. Councilor Cadime requested that, once this checklist is created, that it be forwarded to the City Councilors. Ms. Arpke stated that when any financial orders related to these projects are submitted to the City Council, she will also include all supplemental documentation that relates to the renovation plans.

Councilor Camara and the Director of City Operations held a brief discussion regarding structural soundness of the garages and Mr. Oliveira clarified that the weight-bearing joints are the priority for all inspections. Councilor Raposo requested that copies of the upcoming appraisals be forwarded to the City Councilors.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the resolution be referred to the full Council for action, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:02 p.m., with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:  
Agenda packet (attached)

  
Clerk of Committees

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: January 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;  
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,  
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,  
and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

#### PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2 Budget Report

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

#### PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

2. City Council President's letter to Corporation Counsel and the Director of Human Resources re: entering the executive summary of a recent internal personnel investigation into the public record and related reply from Corporation Counsel

*On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

3. City Council President's letter to Mayor in support of proposed renovations to the City Clerk and City Council offices and City Council Chamber lobby

*President Ponte explained that there are various renovations and repairs that are needed for the City Clerk's office, including creating a new doorway that is more accessible for those in wheelchairs. President Ponte also stated that there are portions of the City Council office and Chamber lobby that need updates.*

*Councilor Raposo requested that the City Clerk contact the Director of City Operations to determine if all other Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates in Government Center have been completed.*

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

4. Director of Engineering and Planning re: current reconstruction projects under contract President Ponte stated that he had received several phone calls from residents throughout the City requesting street repairs, and contacted the Director of Engineering and Planning for more details. President Ponte also explained that quarterly updates on these street repair projects will be provided to the City Councilors going forward. On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

5. Director of City Operations re: inspection of Central Fire Station  
A motion was made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel to accept and place the communication on file.

Councilor Camara asked why there were no comments within the inspection report regarding asbestos or water in the basement of the Central Fire Station, as there were statements made recently about these issues. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the photographs of pipes within the fire station as there was no clarification as to whether they had been tested for asbestos. Councilor Peckham stated that the Quequechan River is visible from the basement of the station, as there is a large cut out on the floor of the foundation and that faucets and sinks in the station have been affected by the river's occasional back flow. President Ponte suggested that this communication be referred to the Committee on Real Estate for further discussion. A further motion was made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo to refer the item to the Committee on Real Estate.

On yet a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, to answer questions, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding a recent inspection of the Central Fire Station, past asbestos testing that has occurred within the structure, and plans for future remediation. The Director of City Operations explained that there were two reports that were prepared regarding asbestos. The first report was conducted because renovations were expected in the building and because the building is older than 1972, it required testing of a variety of products that could have asbestos. This report was completed and shared with the House Captain of the Central Fire Station. The item that was identified on that report as having asbestos was pipe insulation. Councilor Camara inquired as to whether there was asbestos along the floor in the basement that was airborne and Mr. Oliveira stated that during the second report, a white dust that looked like a calcification byproduct inside a cut cast pipe was observed but that dust was not airborne. The Director of City Operations also clarified that, while the river is visible in the basement, there is a sump pump system installed to lower the risk of flooding, which hasn't occurred since 2004 and that the grease trap that was backing up referenced by Councilor Peckham was repaired. Councilor Camara emphasized that the structure may need to be demolished and rebuilt elsewhere.

Councilor Cadime requested clarification regarding asbestos testing in the basement. Mr. Oliveira stated that there was a suspicious powder substance near the holding tank pipes and that he is working to employ a contracted company to remediate that area. The Director of City Operations explained that the long-term plan is to have the area vacuumed and washed by a

licensed asbestos cleaning contractor. Councilor Cadime asked if the area has been tested for asbestos and Mr. Oliveira stated that he has not submitted a sample for testing, but that the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards allows licensed contractors to perform mitigation without testing results. Councilor Cadime emphasized the need for adequate testing and the Director of City Operations stated that he will return to the station within the next day and obtain a test sample for this open pipe area in the basement.

Councilor Canuel asked if the area has any airborne asbestos particles. Mr. Oliveira stated that he will perform an airborne test but emphasized that he was trying to apply remediation protocol steps proactively without testing to lower any public safety risk.

Councilor Peckham and the Director of City Operations discussed various areas of the Central Fire Station where asbestos remediation has been performed. Mr. Oliveira clarified that there were pipes on the first floor of the station that were wrapped last year by a licensed asbestos remediation contractor.

Councilor Cadime requested clarification as to whether vacuuming has occurred in the basement of the Central Fire Station prior to any asbestos testing being performed. Mr. Oliveira clarified that there has not been any action taken in the basement, and that he accompanied a certified contractor on a walk-through of the facility to determine the plan and cost of proper remediation. The Director of City Operations stated that only licensed contractors are allowed to perform asbestos remediation by law.

Councilor Dionne asked if the window caulking had been tested for asbestos material. Mr. Oliveira clarified that the external sections of the building, including the window caulking, have not yet been tested. The Director of City Operations explained that a report has been produced for the interior area of the building, including wall plaster, ceiling plaster, ceiling tiles and concrete baseboards, and that these have been tested for asbestos. Mr. Oliveira stated that almost all surfaces tested negative for asbestos, except for one area of piping. President Ponte requested that the Director of City Operations reassess the basement of the Central Fire Station as soon as possible for proper testing of suspicious areas.

On the motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Real Estate, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

6. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances  
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee on Real Estate recommending:

##### **Adoption**

7. Order – Sale of the former Davol School located at 112 Flint Street to Contractor's Landing, LLC, for \$150,000

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, January 29, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

## ORDINANCES — None

### RESOLUTIONS

8. Administration prepare a full cost analysis of providing residential solid waste and recycling collection in-house and presents this analysis to the Committee on Finance. Councilor Canuel stated that the resolution would allow the City Council to determine if third party contracts for trash and recycling disposal services are still the best financial option, or if in-house services would be more beneficial. Councilor Canuel emphasized that private companies operate for a profit and stated that the City is still paying for old trash trucks that are no longer being utilized.

President Ponte requested clarification regarding the debt owed on old trash trucks, and Councilor Canuel stated that the Mayor confirmed that the City still carries debt on these vehicles; which have since been sold. Councilor Dionne confirmed that the trucks were still being paid for, as the amount received when they were auctioned was not enough to pay off the existing debt for the vehicles.

Councilor Cadime stated that he appreciates the intent behind the resolution but emphasized that the City Council cannot direct the Administration to consider new trash and recycling programs. Councilor Cadime explained that the workers' compensation insurance costs for this type of service are very high and by contracting this service to a private party, these expenditures have decreased significantly. Councilor Cadime stated that the City Council can request information regarding decisions being made by the Administration, but that the legislative branch of government cannot dictate how the executive branch of government should handle day-to-day operations. Councilor Cadime also explained that the ninety-day deadline on the resolution is not reasonable, as the Director of Financial Services is currently developing many different financial documents that are required to be presented within certain deadlines, such as the Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by Councilor Canuel to waive the rules to allow the Director of Financial Services to answer questions, but there was no second. Councilor Canuel stated that the decision to privatize these services was intended on generating a total of \$8,000,000, in savings, but that this has not occurred. Councilor Canuel also explained that the resolution would allow the City Council to compare potential internal costs and savings versus the current third-party contract agreements. Councilor Canuel emphasized that this action may generate jobs in the City, as well as additional savings.

Councilor Cadime reiterated that the third-party contract was determined to be the best option for the City due to the workers' compensation insurance claims, as the job is physically demanding. Councilor Cadime also made remarks regarding the current cost of disposal by tonnage and that contracts with third-party companies help to lower that expenditure. Councilor Cadime reiterated that the resolution is assigning a full-scale cost analysis to the Administration, which is not a legislative power. Councilor Cadime also clarified that some of the former trash disposal employees were reassigned to new duties within the Department of Community Maintenance when the services were transferred to third-party companies.

Councilor Camara stated that there were additional increased costs when this service was performed by City employees, as the trucks would frequently break down and the cost of repairs was very high. Councilor Camara emphasized that the bids received from the third-party vendors will reflect the current market rates for these services. Councilor Raposo suggested that Councilor Canuel review the data regarding trash collection costs over the past ten years.

*Councilor Canuel reiterated that the intention of the resolution was to obtain valuable data in relation to trash and recycling disposal costs and that this information would provide more up-to-date financial insight into these expenditures.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was voted 1 yea, 7 nays, to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Canuel voting in the affirmative and Councilor Pereira absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry.*

9. City Council send letter to Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, requesting guidance in obtaining additional funding to assist with sustainment of the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment (FAST) Team following recent federal grant funding cuts

*Councilor Canuel made remarks regarding the services provided by the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment (FAST) Team to the community, and that this resolution will assist with potentially obtaining additional state funding to replace the federal funding that is no longer available. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting. A copy of the letter sent to Senator Rodrigues is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.*

#### **CITATIONS**

10. 911 Emergency Dispatchers, AFSCME Council 93, Local 3177 – Service to the City of Fall River on the night of July 13, 2025, during the Gabriel House Assisted Living Residence fire

*On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

#### **ORDERS – HEARINGS**

##### **Pole Location**

11. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – One (1) new pole location on Miller Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*Approved, January 28, 2026*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

##### **Underground Conduit**

12. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – Install underground facilities on Pleasant Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*Approved, January 28, 2026*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

#### **ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**

13. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal

*Richard R. Torres d/b/a Empire Hyundai, Inc., 428 Pleasant Street*

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*Approved, January 28, 2026*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

14. Police Chief's Report on LicensesTaxicab Drivers

Domingos Almeida, Jr.

Austin Lee Braga

Michael E. Diniz

Jennifer Hyllested

Ashraf Kamal Antar

Judy B. Palani

Chad Quigley

Private Livery Vehicles

Larince Seide – One (1) vehicle

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

## 15. Fall River Taxi Service, Inc. – New Taxicab Vehicle Applications for License Nos. 6, 11, 16

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*Approved, January 29, 2026*

*Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS16. Claims

*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

17. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – December 18, 2025

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the minutes be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to take items 18 through 23 together, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

City Council Minutes18. Public Hearings – December 23, 202519. Committee on Finance – December 23, 202520. Committee on Finance – January 13, 202621. Regular Meeting of the City Council – December 23, 202522. Meeting of the City Council and Organization of City Government – January 5, 202623. Regular Meeting of the City Council – January 13, 2026

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JANUARY 27, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

First Reading:

- 7a. Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to the titles of the Committee on Real Estate and the Committee Human Services, Housing, Youth, Elder and Veterans' Affairs  
*On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to pass the proposed ordinance through first reading, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action:

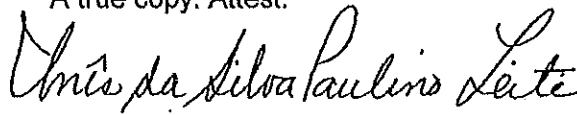
- 7b. Resolution – Convene with the Administration and the Director of City Operations to present a definitive action plan for the repair of the Pearl Street and Third Street parking garages  
*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the resolution to the Committee on Real Estate, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.*

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

  
City Clerk



City of Fall River Massachusetts  
Office of the City Clerk

INÊS DA SILVA PAULINO LEITE  
CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Massachusetts State House, Room 212  
24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Rodrigues,

At a meeting of the Fall River City Council held on January 27, 2026, on a motion that was made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adopt the enclosed resolution, with Councillor Linda M. Pereira absent and not voting.

There have been significant reductions in federal grant funding that assists with important programs such as the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment (FAST) Team, an organization that helps individuals with mental health needs and substance use disorders. The recent depletion of federal grant funding has created financial barriers to those providing essential, life-saving services to those in need within the City of Fall River.

The Fall River City Council is requesting that guidance be provided regarding available state funding options that could be utilized to continue the mental health and addiction outreach services provided by the FAST Team. Their positive impact on the Greater Fall River community and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts improve the public safety and health of all Massachusetts residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Inês da Silva Paulino Leite*

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City Clerk

Encl.

Cc: The Honorable Carole A. Fiola  
The Honorable Alan Silva  
The Honorable Steven J. Ouellette  
Mayor Paul E. Coogan  
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services  
Michael P. Dion, Executive Director, Community Development Agency

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# City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councillor Michael G. Canuel)

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River, through its Community Development Agency (CDA), has worked diligently to secure and administer grant funding to support public safety, mental health, and addiction outreach services for vulnerable residents, and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment (FAST) Team currently operates under a federal Connect and Protect grant and plays a critical role in connecting individuals experiencing mental health crises, substance use disorders, and homelessness with appropriate services and supports, and

WHEREAS, the City has been advised that several federal addiction and mental health grant programs have been reduced or eliminated, placing increased strain on local agencies attempting to maintain continuity of care and outreach services, and

WHEREAS, the CDA has made good faith efforts to identify and secure alternative grant funding to sustain the FAST Team but reports that maintaining this funding has become increasingly difficult, and

WHEREAS, the potential loss or reduction of FAST Team services would have a direct and negative impact on public safety, emergency response, and the well-being of residents most in need of assistance, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing mental health, substance use, and homelessness through state-level funding, partnerships, and legislative initiatives, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council formally requests assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to help identify potential funding sources to sustain the FAST Team and related mental health and addiction outreach services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council send a letter to Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, requesting guidance and consideration of state funding options or bridge funding to support these essential services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor, the Director of Financial Services, the Executive Director of the CDA, and the Fall River State Legislative Delegation for their awareness and support.

In City Council, January 27, 2026  
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

*Imês da Silva Paulino Leite*

City Clerk