



## **Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda**

### **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

**7:00 PM**  
**Room 205**

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/88927172644> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: **889 2717 2644**

#### **Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

#### **Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**

- #98-26**      **Discussion on improving compliance for violations of street sweeping regulations in Nonantum**  
COUNCILOR LEARY requesting a discussion on improving compliance with the street sweeping program in place in certain streets in Nonantum, including increasing fines and considering towing violators (180 days: 09/12/26).
- #62-26**      **Requesting a discussion and ordinance change to the City's Overnight Parking Ban**  
COUNCILORS LUCAS, BLOCK, SILBER, KALIS, IRISH, FARRELL, KRINTZMAN, WRIGHT and CHARM requesting a discussion and ordinance change to the City's Overnight Parking Ban. (180 days: 07/25/26)  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0, Councilor Silber not voting on 02-18-26**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 03-04-26**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Tarik Lucas, Chair**

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**Danielle Delaney**

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**From:** Daniel P. Devine  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2026 10:11 AM  
**To:** Alison M. Leary; Tarik Lucas  
**Cc:** Danielle Delaney; Waneta Trabert  
**Subject:** Re: Street Sweeping Item Questions For PS &T Meeting Next Week

Councilor Leary,

Here are the questions you have asked:

1. Are traffic supervisors assigned to the street locations on street sweeping day?

**The only area in the City with the street sweeping signs are the ones in Nonantum area that are being discussed currently. The Parking Control Unit assigned to this area is #1306. We always have a #1306 assigned on Tuesdays.**

2. Are tickets largely complaint driven? Are traffic enforcement officers assigned to the street sweeping areas each month?

**No, this violation is not complaint driven. #1306 is assigned and is aware to make enforcement of this area a priority on the second Tuesday of the month.**

3. What is the total number of tickets/citations issued? Has enforcement improving?

**This one is hard to answer since we do not have a ticket code specifically assigned to street sweeping. The parking ticket issued is #28: Restricted area. When a PCO issues a citation for street sweeping they use this code. The problem to answering that question, is that when I research #28 it encompasses every restricted area violations. So, if you want the exact number of tickets written, that cannot be answered accurately. Enforcement is consistent.**

Is the \$25 fine a deterrent? If not, what is the right amount of the fine?

**That one is hard to answer. Since it is once a month, I can understand why people forget and not move their car. The fine is consistent with other parking fines for the City.**

Can we identify the percentage of violations caused by a smaller group of repeat offenders?

**No. Our system does not have that capability.**

Even a ticket is not issued are vehicles impeding the work from being done?

**Whenever there is a vehicle parked it does impede the job being performed. The City sweeper just moves on and continues with their task. This would be a good question to ask the person who is doing the street sweeping.**

Is dashcam footage available or driver logs to tally the number of "weaves" a sweeper must perform to go around cars?

**No.**

Is there a way to evaluate the effective is the street sweeping program in terms of reducing phosphorus impacts to the Charles River and other waterbodies?

**No**

Do we need better communication and outreach to reduce violations?

**I don't know if better communication will work here. Again this is a situation that only occurs once a month on the second Tuesday. People just forget sometimes. I sometimes forget my trash and that is every Monday. People are not thinking is this the second Tuesday of the month?**

Is towing an option?

**No**

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**From:** Alison M. Leary <aleary@newtonma.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026 5:21 PM  
**To:** Tarik Lucas <tlucas@newtonma.gov>; Daniel P. Devine <ddevine@newtonma.gov>  
**Cc:** Danielle Delaney <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>; Waneta Trabert <wtrabert@newtonma.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Street Sweeping Item Questions For PS &T Meeting Next Week

A few more questions: Are traffic supervisors assigned to the street locations on street sweeping day?

Are tickets largely complaint driven? Are traffic enforcement officers assigned to the street sweeping areas each month?

Could I please conformation that these questions have been received and will be addressed at the PS & T meeting next Wednesday?

Thank you.

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**From:** Alison M. Leary <aleary@newtonma.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026 10:08 PM  
**To:** Tarik Lucas <tlucas@newtonma.gov>; Daniel P. Devine <ddevine@newtonma.gov>  
**Cc:** Danielle Delaney <dolaney@newtonma.gov>; Waneta Trabert <wtrabert@newtonma.gov>  
**Subject:** Street Sweeping Item Questions For PS &T Meeting Next Week

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**Danielle Delaney**

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**From:** Waneta Trabert  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2026 2:35 PM  
**To:** Danielle Delaney; Shawna Sullivan  
**Subject:** Re: memo for PS&T on #98-26

Hi Danielle,

NPD, not DPW, is responsible for enforcement of this program. To aide in compliance DPW has provided ample permanent signage on the applicable streets. In addition, as a long-standing courtesy we continue to set out temporary sandwich board signs on applicable streets a few days before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month to remind residents of the parking ban for street sweeping.

Respectfully,  
Waneta

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**From:** Danielle Delaney <[ddelaney@newtonma.gov](mailto:ddelaney@newtonma.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 3, 2026 11:24 AM  
**To:** Shawna Sullivan <[ssullivan@newtonma.gov](mailto:ssullivan@newtonma.gov)>; Waneta Trabert <[wtrabert@newtonma.gov](mailto:wtrabert@newtonma.gov)>  
**Subject:** memo for PS&T on #98-26

Hello,  
Please send me your memo by 3 p.m. today, for the agenda. I leave at 4 pm.

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Appreciate it

Thank you,  
Danielle  
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2026-2027



## Newton City Councilor Tarik Lucas

Date: April 3rd, 2026

To: Public Safety & Transportation Committee

From: Tarik J. Lucas, Public Safety & Transportation, Chair

Subject: **#62-26 Requesting a discussion and ordinance change to the City's Overnight Parking Ban**

At Wednesday's meeting I would like the committee to accomplish several items. The first item is to establish goals (not outcomes) for an updated Overnight Parking Ban Ordinance.

The goals that I have received so far are to ensure street sweeping, positive climate impact, equity, navigable streets, street safety, easy to make changes, living document, easy to enforce, timeline of actions, and ready to implement for December 1st, 2026. The committee can add and/or subtract goals at Wednesday's meeting.

For the second item, I would like to solicit the committee's opinion on creating an Overnight Parking Ban Working Group. The OPBWG would advise the committee by using the goals to propose solutions for an updated Overnight Parking Ban Ordinance.