



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
LAW, BUILDINGS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Ginnie Farrell, Chair**

Meeting called by: Ginnie Farrell, Chair | Date: November 18, 2025 | Time: 5:37 PM

Committee Members Present: **Farrell, Chair** **Anane** **Clarke** **Conti** **Keegan**

Council Members Present: Kimbrough

City Personnel Present: **Shaniqua Jackson (City Clerk), Robert Wenner (Research Counsel), Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide)**

Minutes

Agenda Items:

- **Ordinance 26.101.25**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 231 (HOUSING) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 7 THERETO REQUIRING THE DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT HOLD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY
- **Ordinance 20.91.25**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIII (PARKING METERS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY TO FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI DAY
- **Local Law F of 2025**
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING PART 41 (COMMISSION ON MONUMENTS AND PUBLIC ART) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY

Public Comment:

- Nancy Goody, Albany, NY – New LLC Regulations
- Gregory Bell, Albany, NY – New LLC Regulations

Discussion:

- Committee Chair Ginnie Farrell shared two emails from constituents in support of Ordinance 26.101.25.
- President Pro Tempore Kelly Kimbrough spoke on Ordinance 26.101.25.
 - Committee Member Richard Conti noted that this ordinance seemed similar to a piece of state legislation that requires disclosure of LLCs and it could prove helpful if the legislation required by the state were shared with the City to alleviate administrative work.

- Chair Farrell noted that streamlining the information could be helpful but increasing the transparency to the public level is important, which the state is not yet doing.
- President Pro Tempore Kimbrough noted that the public would not have direct access to the disclosure list, but the Department of Buildings and Regulatory Compliance (BRC) and the Department of Neighborhood Services would.
- Committee Member Owusu Anane shared his concern for the public having direct access to contact information.
- Chair Farrell noted that only LLCs do not have their information of ownership public. She shared that this has led to issues as no one can get in touch with property owners when something goes awry.
- President Pro Tempore shared that his intention was to provide transparency to BRC and tenant; and he noted that he previously discussed with administration how this ordinance would impact their work.
- Committee Member Conti noted that he did not see an application fee for an LLC to file.
 - President Pro Tempore Kimbrough noted that he would like to include a fee.
- Chair Farrell reached out to Director of Buildings and Regulatory Compliance Richard LaJoy for input.
- Committee Member Conti spoke on Ordinance 20.91.25 and highlighted the proposed amendment that would permit the day to be both Cabrini Day and Indigenous People's Day.
 - Chair Farrell shared her appreciation for the amendment.
 - *Committee Member Anane motioned to move Ordinance 20.91.25, with the amendment that includes Indigenous People's Day, out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Conti and passed by voice vote.*
- Chair Farrell shared a message on behalf of Council Member Deborah Zamer regarding Local Law F of 2025. She noted that the legislation is straight-forward and aimed to better establish the goals of the Commission on Monuments and Public Art.
 - *Committee Member Anane motioned to move Local Law F of 2025 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Conti and passed by voice vote.*
- Chair Farrell shared that Director LaJoy positively responded to her message regarding Ordinance 26.101.25.
 - Chair Farrell noted that the Committee would be adding a \$65 application fee and staff would look into requiring the same information as the state.
 - President Pro Tempore Kimbrough shared that he would be open to increasing the penalty to \$1000.
 - Chair Farrell noted that the penalty is \$250 per month, which seemed appropriate.
 - Committee Member Anane noted that he was not yet comfortable moving forward with the legislation.
 - Chair Farrell noted that the ordinance would remain in Committee and that a meeting would be scheduled in December.

Adjourn:

Committee Member Conti moved to adjourn meeting, which was seconded by Committee Member Anane and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDkg7oh9jEw>

Respectfully Submitted,
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Junior Legislative Aide