



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2024 UPDATES

Dear neighbors,

Welcome to the Common Council's official newsletter. Here you'll find resources to help you get involved with legislating in the City of Albany. You'll also find updates on legislation that the Council has recently passed and details on where to view the legislation that it's considering now.

We hope that these resources empower you to become an active part of the Council's work. Whether it's approaching [your councilmember](#) with an idea or commenting on pending legislation at a meeting, your participation makes the difference.

Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter, and please feel free to reach out to us.

Respectfully yours,

The Albany Common Council

Join the Conversation

The Albany Common Council relies on public participation in every step of its legislative process. If you're looking to speak or write on an item on the Council's agenda, head to our website to submit a public comment. Please note that any information that you provide will be shared with all Common Council members and/or read for the Record at our meeting. All public comment is memorialized on our website and our social media platforms.

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Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

September 5, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
September 9, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development and Land Use
September 10, 5:30 PM	Council Operations and Ethics
September 11, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
September 16, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting

All meetings are livestreamed and recorded on the Common Council’s [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages. You can find meeting agendas, the active calendar, supporting legislation and more in the Common Council’s [Agenda Center](#).

A Constituent’s Guide to the Albany Common Council: What is the Common Council?*

Each month, we’ll go back to basics on all things Common Council.

The Common Council is the legislative branch of Albany’s government. That makes it similar to Congress or to the New York State Legislature—each is responsible for making laws, among other legislation, and each is made up of democratically elected representatives. Do note, however, that when it comes to each body’s responsibilities and membership, there are important differences.

The Council’s job is to introduce, adopt, amend or repeal local laws, ordinances, resolutions and regulations related to property and government affairs within the City of Albany. While it often works with other municipalities and with the State of New York to achieve its goals, any action that the Council takes is focused on Albany. These responsibilities were first outlined by the City Charter—the document that established Albany as a city—in 1686.

The City Charter also divides Albany into 15 legislative districts. These districts are more commonly called wards, and each ward elects one of its residents to a four-year term as a representative of its interests on the Common Council. Ward leaders listen to constituent concerns, propose and debate legislation, and help chart Albany’s course into the future.

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Committee Reports

Housing and Community Development Committee

The committee met on August 7 to discuss inclusionary zoning. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Public Safety Committee

The committee met on August 15 and 19 to interview and discuss candidates to fill a vacancy on the Community Police Review Board. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Parks, Recreation and Family Services Committee

The committee met on August 21 to interview and discuss candidates for appointment to the Commission on Monuments and Public Art. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Legislation Passed

Local Law D of 2024 Sponsored by Robinson

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE XLIV (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF PART 33 (COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO TRANSITIONING THE CPRB INTO THE CITY

Ordinance 10.42.24 Sponsored by Balarin

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO COMMERCIAL FOOD PREPARATION

Ordinance 3.21.24 Sponsored by Anane

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO SMOKE OR VAPE SHOPS

Resolution 83.81.24R Sponsored by Love

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ENCOURAGING NEW YORK STATE TO ENACT A TAX HOLIDAY

Resolution 84.81.24R Sponsored by Romero

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR THE WASHINGTON PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Resolution 87.82.24R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN HONOR OF ALBANY LATINVEST 2024

Resolution 88.82.24R Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CERTIFYING TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE AND TO THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF THE ALBANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT THE LOCALLY-ADJUSTED HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD BASE PROPORTIONS FOR SCHOOL TAX YEAR 2024-25, PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW ARTICLE 19

Resolution 90.82.24R Sponsored by Romero

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER ADMINISTRATION TO RESPECT NURSES AND PATIENTS AND SETTLE A FAIR CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

Resolution 91.82.24R Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2024 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

Resolution 92.82.24R Sponsored by Romero

RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING THE STATE OF NEW YORK CLEAN AIR ACT BY INCORPORATING AN INDOOR AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

For the latest information on introduced and held legislation, please visit the Common Council's [Agenda Center](#).
