



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

12/8/2025 - 12/14/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 12/9/2025

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Fiscal Year 2026  
Minimum Residential Factor

(a)	(b) CLASS	(c) Full and Fair Cash Value	(d) Percentage Share
1	Residential	\$19,978,985,478	78.8459%
2	Open Space	\$0	0.0000%
3	Commercial	\$2,976,323,422	11.7459%
4	Industrial	\$883,874,909	3.4882%
5	Personal Property	\$1,500,094,400	5.9200%
	C-I-P Sub-Total	\$5,360,292,731	21.1541%
	TOTAL	\$25,339,278,209	100.0000%

#### COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TRANSMITTING A THIRD VERSION OF THE FY26 TAX CLASSIFICATION PACKAGE

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY MANAGER RELATIVE TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 TAX CLASSIFICATION PACKAGE. THE PACKAGES SHOW A REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL TAX LEVY RESULTING IN A SMALL DROP IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/PERSONAL (CIP) TAX RATES OF AN AVERAGE OF \$.05 CENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND \$0.07 CENTS FOR CIP. THE LOWEST RESIDENTIAL FACTOR POSSIBLE ALLOWS A NEW LOWEST RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE OF \$13.28 AND A NEW HIGHEST CIP TAX RATE OF \$29.06. THE RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE INCREASED FROM LAST YEAR BY 9 CENTS, RAISING THE MEDIAN HOMEOWNER'S TAX BILL BY \$169 (3.4%) AND THE NEW COMMERCIAL RATE WILL SEE AN INCREASE OF MEDIAN BUSINESSES BY \$568 (4.24%). OUT OF 269 POSSIBLE RATE COMBINATIONS, THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL VOTED FOR THE LOWEST RESIDENTIAL RATE POSSIBLE.



GOLD STAR  
LAPEL BUTTON

#### ITEM 10.19A

**INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION  
RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED PURPLE  
HEART AND GOLD STAR MEMORIALS**

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM DR. JOE ROBINSON, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES DIVISION IN THE CITY REGARDING THE PROPOSED PURPLE HEART AND GOLD STAR MEMORIALS AT WORCESTER COMMON. A HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED MEMORIALS IS SCHEDULED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' SERVICES WILL ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH LOCAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE THE MEETING. ALL PRESENTED INFORMATION AND SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC FEEDBACK WILL BE SYNTHESIZED TO DETERMINE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY. THE PROCESS WILL CULMINATE WITH A PRESENTATION TO AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL BY THE PARKS COMMISSION AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL IS DEVOTED TO SUPPORTING THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' SERVICES AND STRENGTHENING OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY.



## Events in the Community



**MET ON THURSDAY 12/11/2025**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- CHAIRPERSON - **CANDY MERO-CARLSON** - **DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **JENNY PACILLO** - **DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **KATE M. TOOMEY** - **CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE**
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### **WPD PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY - 12/9**

CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE KATE TOOMEY, JOINED MAYOR PETTY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, AND POLICE CHIEF PAUL SAUCIER IN CELEBRATING THE OFFICERS WHO WERE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AT A PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY HELD AT THE LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER AT CITY HALL.

THE CEREMONY SAW 9 OFFICERS GET PROMOTED. ONE OFFICER WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF, ONE CAPTAIN, TWO LIEUTENANTS, AND FIVE SERGEANTS. FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND FELLOW OFFICERS JOINED IN UNISON WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASSION.





### Worcester Announces Permanent Winter Parking Ban in Effect Dec. 1 Through April 30

**WORCESTER, MASS.** – THE CITY OF WORCESTER ANNOUNCED MONDAY ITS PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT DEC. 1, 2025, AND WILL REMAIN THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026 (APRIL 1 FOR RESIDENTIAL STREETS). THE PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN APPLIES TO EMERGENCY ARTERIES, WRTA BUS ROUTES, AND STREETS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. THERE IS NO PARKING ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF THE AFFECTED STREET BETWEEN 2 A.M. AND 6 A.M. NOR ANY TIME A SNOW EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.

IN ADDITION TO THE PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN, A DECLARED WINTER PARKING BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON ALL OTHER CITY STREETS WHENEVER ACCUMULATING SNOW IS FORECAST. WHEN A DECLARED BAN IS IN EFFECT, PARKING IS ALLOWED ONLY ON THE ODD-NUMBERED SIDE OF OTHER STREETS, UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE, AND MUNICIPAL PARKING GARAGES WILL BE FREE TO USE UNTIL NOTED FOLLOWING THE BAN'S LIFTING. PARKING ENFORCEMENT—INCLUDING TICKETING AND TOWING—WILL BE ACTIVE DURING A DECLARED BAN, AS ADHERENCE TO PARKING BANS IS CRITICAL TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL CREWS TO KEEP ROADWAYS CLEAR AND SAFE.

WORCESTER 311 IS THE OFFICIAL SOURCE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON WINTER PARKING BANS, PARKING REGULATIONS ON YOUR STREET, AND SNOW COMPLAINTS.

#### FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON WINTER PARKING BANS:

- FOLLOW WORCESTER 311 ON TWITTER (X) AND FACEBOOK
- WATCH GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL 192

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES ARE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO EFFECTIVE SNOW REMOVAL EFFORTS. VEHICLES THAT VIOLATE THE WINTER PARKING BAN OR OTHERWISE HINDER SNOW REMOVAL WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. PLEASE SUPPORT THE MUNICIPALITY'S EFFORTS BY PARKING YOUR VEHICLE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE WINTER PARKING BAN.

#### **WINTER PARKING RULES**

WINTER PARKING BANS ON PUBLIC STREETS FALL UNDER TWO CATEGORIES, **PERMANENT** AND **DECLARED**.

- **A PERMANENT BAN** REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 1ST THROUGH APRIL 30TH ON EMERGENCY ARTERIES, WRTA BUS ROUTES, AND STREETS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. THERE IS NO PARKING ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET BETWEEN 2 A.M. AND 6 A.M. AND ANYTIME A SNOW EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.
- **A DECLARED BAN** IS PUT INTO EFFECT ON ALL REMAINING CITY STREETS WHENEVER ACCUMULATING SNOW IS FORECAST. WHEN A DECLARED BAN IS IN EFFECT, RESTRICTIONS APPLY THAT TYPICALLY ALLOW PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET.





# UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **THURSDAY - DECEMBER 18 -**

- **MILL STREET NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET

- **UNION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WORCESTER ACADEMY, 81 PROVIDENCE ST

- **MONDAY - DECEMBER 22 -**

- **PARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- WHERE: 50 OFFICER MANNY FAMILIA WAY

- **TUESDAY - DECEMBER 23 -**

- **VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

- TIME: 5:00 P.M.
- WHERE: CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 455 MAIN ST

- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- WHERE: CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 455 MAIN ST

- **WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 24 -**

- **WHITTIER TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS, 86 AUSTIN ST

- **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: THE JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 46 GREENWOOD ST

- **MONDAY - DECEMBER 29 -**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN ST





# CITY OF WORCESTER

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY

# YOUR City Councilors

WORCESTER'S CITY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR & COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE, JOSEPH M. PETTY. THESE ELEVEN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVE AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THEIR CITY AND COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE SIX COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE AND FIVE COUNCILORS THAT EACH REPRESENT A SPECIFIC DISTRICT IN WORCESTER (DISTRICTS 1-5).

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHO YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILOR IS, [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT!](#)

### AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILORS



**MAYOR**  
JOSEPH M. PETTY



**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
KHRYSTIAN E. KING



MORRIS A.  
BERGMAN



THU  
NGUYEN



KATHLEEN M.  
TOOMEY



DONNA M.  
COLORIO

### DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS



**DISTRICT 1**  
JENNY PACILLO



**DISTRICT 2**  
CANDY MERO-CARLSON



**DISTRICT 3**  
GEORGE J. RUSSELL



**DISTRICT 4**  
LUIS A. OJEDA, SR.



**DISTRICT 5**  
ETEL HAXHIAJ



**WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING SCHEDULE – 2025**

**January**

January 7 – **Joint Agenda**  
January 14 – **City Council Agenda**  
January 21 – **City Manager Agenda**  
January 28 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

**February**

February 4 – **City Manager Agenda**  
February 11 – **City Council Agenda**  
February 18 – **No Meeting – School Break**  
February 25 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**March**

March 4 – **City Manager Agenda / Econ. Dev.**  
March 11 – **City Council Agenda**  
March 18 – **City Manager Agenda**  
March 25 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

**April**

April 1 – **City Manager Agenda**  
April 8 – **City Council Agenda**  
April 15 – **City Manager Agenda**  
April 22 – **No Meeting – School Break**  
April 29 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**May**

May 6 – **City Council Agenda**  
May 13 – **City Manager Agenda**  
May 20 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**  
May 27 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**

**June**

June 3 – **No Meeting – Shavuot**  
June 10 – **Joint Agenda**  
June 17 – **City Council Agenda**  
June 24 – **City Manager Evaluation**

**July**

July 1 – **No Meeting**  
July 8 – **No Meeting**  
July 15 – **Joint Agenda**  
July 22 – **No Meeting**  
July 29 – **No Meeting**

**August**

August 5 – **No Meeting**  
August 12 – **No Meeting**  
August 19 – **Joint Agenda**  
August 26 – **No Meeting**

**September**

September 2 – **No Meeting – Mun. Prelim.**  
September 9 – **Joint Agenda / Econ. Dev.**  
September 16 – **City Manager Agenda**  
September 23 – **No Meeting – Rosh Hashanah**  
September 30 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**October**

October 7 – **No Meeting – Sukkot**  
October 14 – **No Meeting –  
Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah**  
October 21 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**  
October 28 – **No Meeting – Early Voting**

**November**

November 4 – **No Meeting – Mun. Election**  
November 11 – **Joint Agenda**  
November 18 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**  
November 25 – **City Manager Agenda**

**December**

December 2 – **No Meeting – Holiday**  
December 9 – **Joint Agenda**  
December 16 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**  
December 23 – **City Manager Agenda**  
December 30 – **No Meeting – School Break**

Each Meeting convenes at 6:30 p.m. in the Esther Howland (South) Chamber on the Third Floor of City Hall, 455 Main Street. The only exceptions are in the months of July and August, when meetings convene at 6:00 p.m.