

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 5, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 439,

AN ACT relative to the powers of city councils. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Everett McBride

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 439
Title:	relative to the powers of city councils.
Date:	March 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 10-9.

Rep. Everett McBride
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Municipal and County Government

HB 439, relative to the powers of city councils. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Everett McBride for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill limits the authority of city councils to make bylaws and ordinances to those by which they are specifically empowered by state statute. In accordance with this bill, city councils may not make new laws simply because they believe it is for the community's well being. **Vote 10-9.**

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The Minority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 439,

AN ACT relative to the powers of city councils. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jim Maggiore

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 439
Title:	relative to the powers of city councils.
Date:	March 5, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would amend NH RSA 47:17 XV by removing the ability of city councils to make bylaws and regulations “which may seem for the well-being of the city”. The power granted to city councils to make such bylaws and regulations for the “well-being” of their specific communities has existed in law since at least 1846. The phrase at issue is a manifestation of what is known as the “police power” which the NH Supreme Court has said gives municipalities authority to promote “such varied interests as public health, safety, morals, comfort, the protection of prosperity, and the general welfare,” and it ensures that cities have the flexibility to manage emergent problems at the local level without the need for legislative action on all such problems. If the RSA is amended as proposed, all manner of problems that arise at the local level in our cities will require legislative remedies and would need to comport with legislative timelines. This would significantly multiply the workload of the legislature, focus legislative efforts on singular issues rather than on the greatest good for the residents our great state, and strip locally elected officials of the responsibilities to represent their constituents. Another unresolved question about this bill is whether existing ordinances approved at the local level would be rendered null if this bill passes. Article 1 of the New Hampshire State Constitution says, in part, “Therefore, all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.” The elected governing bodies of our cities must retain the right to manage the “general good” of their communities as expressed in the NH Constitution and “well-being” as expressed in statute. The minority of the committee believe this should be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Jim Maggiore
FOR THE MINORITY

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Municipal and County Government

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 439

BILL TITLE: relative to the powers of city councils.

DATE: March 3, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. McBride

Seconded by Rep. Lascelles

Vote: 10-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: 439 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3/1/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	10		
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, Everett P.	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F. <u>LANE</u>	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Porter, Marjorie A.		1	
Treleaven, Susan GS		2	
Gilman, Julie D. <u>Pimental</u>		3	
Maggiore, Jim V.		4	
Stavis, Laurel		5	
Mangipudi, Latha D.		6	
Vann, Ivy C.		7	
Klee, Patricia S.		8	
Gallager, Eric B.		9	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	9	

Public Hearing

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 439

BILL TITLE: relative to the powers of city councils.

DATE: March 1, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:05 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:44 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Dolan, Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, McBride, Melvin, Pauer, Porter, Treleaven, Maggiore, Stavis, Mangipudi, Vann, Klee and Gallagher

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Blasek
Rep. Johnson
Rep. Prout

Rep. Cushman
Rep. Torosian

Rep. Harvey-Bolia
Rep. Wallace

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Blasek - Prime sponsor of the bill. Introduced the bill. Does the well being of a community, curfews, freedom of speech. Feels the well being is too broad. Well being can not be used as a catch all phrase.

Mr. Graves, NH Municipal Association - Opposes the bill. Power given to cities since 1846. Public health, safety, general welfare. Power granted by the legislature to deal with local issues. A statute that violates the constitution is found unconstitutional. The Legislature can not deal with every local issue. Leave the authority as it has been for the last century and a half.

Rep. Mangipudi: Does this intrude on the public safety if we take it away? ANS: New Hampshire Municipal Association provides legal advice to cities and towns. Police powers are broad authority. This statute has along history. These issues come up ad have been dealt at a local level.

Rep. Porter: If this passed, a swimming hole became poisoned, would this prevent the local authority to stop people from swimming? ANS: This would be an issue that might possibly have to be addressed by the Legislature.

Rep. Piemonte: Some cities want beyond the Governor's Emergency Order? ANS: It is clear in the statute that any ordinance that violates state constitution will be unconstitutional.

***Karen Testerman, City Councilor for the City of Franklin** - I commend and support this bill. The language should all be struck. Laws should be written so that all laws can be understood by all. Ask to pass OTP.

Rep. Stavis: The sale on barta of Junk, how does this help me? Line 13. ANS: That is why I suggested all of the language be struck out. The people who put this bill together, tried to list all the possibilities. Why don't we have the amended bill before us? ANS: I did not write this bill. I am only recommending as a Councilor.

Rep. Mangipudi: Are you testifying to the current bill or an amended bill? ANS: Suggesting you may want to amend this bill.

Rep. Maggiore: Read first part of constitution. Is the general good defined? ANS: I don't believe so. You shouldn't be meeting every 6 month.

Mayor McNamera, Councilman, Mayor of Lebanon - Removes the abilities of cities to make ordinances. Cities need the ability to enact ordinances to protect the safety of the people. They must be in alliance with our state constitution. Request ITL.

Rep. Klee: If we passed this, would the court have the right to step in? ANS: Yes, I think they would.

Rep. Mangipudi: How would this hamper you in your city as a mayor? ANS: We had not considered a mask order. A local business felt the mask ordinance should be put in affect. We did that if we didn't have this law, we couldn't have done that.

Rep. Pimental: Time line, what would be the procedure if this law passed? ANS: We would have to go through our local representative.

Rep. Tripp: What would happen to current ordinances if this law passed? ANS: I don't know what would happen.

Rep. Porter: In your opinion, if you needed to get permission from the Legislature, would you see one size fit all? ANS: Yes, I would see a one size fit all. Which may not fit for each community.

Rep. Gallagher: One size fits all, what committee would it go before? ANS: I believe it would be you folks.

***Nancy Vaughan, Governor Relations, American Heart Association** - We advocate for public policy. We don't want to limit local governments from making local decisions. Local communities can best make local decisions. I urge you to ITL.

Rep. Belanger, Rockingham Dist. 9 - Selectman. Ordinance requiring people to wear a mask in town hall. Peaceful protest in new field. Reporter arrested.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John MacDonald
Clerk

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB439 on 2021-03-01

Support: 225 Oppose: 52 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 6

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Vaughan, Nancy	Manchester, NH nancy.vaughan@heart.org	A Lobbyist	American Heart Association	Oppose	Yes (3m)	No	2/28/2021 8:34 PM
McNamara, Timothy	LEBANON, NH tim.mcnamara@lebanonnh.gov	An Elected Official	City of Lebanon	Oppose	Yes (3m)	No	2/22/2021 1:28 PM
Greyes, Natch	Concord, NH ngreyes@nhmunicipal.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire Municipal Association	Oppose	Yes (2m)	No	3/1/2021 7:59 AM
Horrigan, Rep. Timothy	Durham, NH timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Oppose	Yes (2m)	No	2/26/2021 11:57 AM
Testerman, Karen	New Hampshire, NH karen@karentesterman.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	2/26/2021 12:14 PM
Blasek, Melissa	Merrimack, NH Melissa.b1@hotmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	2/22/2021 11:24 AM
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Wilkie, Devin	Lebanon, NH devin_wilkie@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/18/2021 12:23 PM
Lindberg, Dave	Lebanon, NH Dave@DaveLindberg.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/18/2021 2:05 PM
Conlon, Michael	Goffstown, NH michaelconlon4nh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/26/2021 4:08 PM
Nutting-Wong, Allison	Nashua, NH Allison.NuttingWong@leg.state.NH.us	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 32	Oppose	No	No	2/26/2021 4:12 PM
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Testimony



American Heart Association
2 Wall Street | Manchester, NH 03101

March 1, 2021

Re: HB 439, An act relative to the powers of city councils

Dear Chairman Dolan and members of the House Municipal and County Government Committee;

As Government Relations Director for the American Heart Association, I am providing testimony in opposition to passage of HB 439, which seeks to “limit the authority of city councils to make bylaws and ordinances which are for the well-being of the city” under RSA 47:17, XV.

The American Heart Association’s mission is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives; in part by advocating for public policies to create environments where people can easily make healthy choices, have active lifestyles, access to nutritious foods and beverages, and live tobacco-free. We also advocate for access to affordable quality healthcare, strengthen systems of care for heart attack and stroke, and remove barriers to equitable health and well-being.

We want everyone to benefit from smart and effective policies that promote health, safety and civic engagement. But when states block local governments from passing laws that make sense to communities, it can hurt people most where the need is greatest. Limiting local decision making, also known as “preemption”, usually benefits corporation’s interests and profits over the health, safety and interests of people. Communities end up stuck with one-size-fits-all rules that don’t make sense for them – or they have to wait for the state to take action.

Local governments are uniquely positioned to meet the needs of the people in their communities. They are more connected to residents and more accountable to them. Most people believe that government plays a role in creating healthier communities, and they trust local government the most to pass laws proven to promote good health and well-being. Local residents and local leaders want what’s best for their communities – they know how to solve local problems because they see them up close. When local communities come up with a solution for their challenges and work together to put it into practice, the state government should help them to improve it – not strike it down.

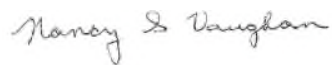
The American Heart Association is concerned about the potential harm from local government losing their ability to protect the health and safety of children, families, the elderly, people with disabilities and those most in need. An example of a local policy which could be prohibited by this bill are roadway modifications also known as Complete Streets or Walkable Communities. These local policy designs, often in collaboration with the Dept of Transportation, create safer roadways through their community for all users including automobile drivers and pedestrians. These improvements are intended to better connect people safely with downtown businesses, parks, and schools. Traffic calming features, bicycle

lanes, safer street crossings, and sidewalks constructed with access ramps benefit both people and businesses with increased foot traffic and customers. Safer roadways also encourage healthy active lifestyles which helps reduce diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

States should provide the foundation to build on – basic protections so everyone is treated fairly. Local governments should have the ability to strengthen those protections based on what they know about their communities. Rather than prohibiting innovation, it is more effective when state and local governments coordinate and work in solidarity to localize, build upon and strengthen minimum state standards to meet the unique needs of communities. I urge you to vote Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 439.

Thank you and please consider me as a resource to you on this and other legislation that affect the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy S. Vaughan".

Nancy Vaughan
Director of Government Relations, New Hampshire
American Heart Association

Nancy.vaughan@heart.org; 603-566-5658

City of Berlin

City of Claremont

City of Concord

City of Dover

City of Franklin

City of Keene

City of Lebanon

City of Manchester

City of Nashua

City of Portsmouth

City of Rochester

City of Somersworth

February 8, 2021

Thomas Dolan, Chairman and Committee Members
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Municipal and County Government Committee

RE: HB 439 Relative to the Powers of City Councils

Dear Chairman Dolan and Committee Members:

HB 439 removes a provision that has allowed New Hampshire cities to address issues that are not specifically listed in RSA 47:17, XV. Although the present statute does provide an extensive list of areas in which cities can develop ordinances, it does not cover every area in which legislation at the local level is necessary.

As legislators you deal with the ever-changing world we live in. For its part, the Legislature works diligently to keep up with needed revisions in the RSAs to address the needs of our State. Municipalities face the same issues. Some of the changes needed at the local level require prompt action. City Councils and Boards of Alderman have the ability to make changes to their ordinances at any time during the year in response to evolving situations. In contrast, the State Legislature has a defined process with limited windows of time within which legislation can be proposed.

New Hampshire is not a home rule state. Municipalities have limited ability to legislate at the local level. The provision presently in RSA 47:17 provides some limited ability to legislate policy beyond the areas specifically listed in the statute. The present statute also limits this authority with the following provision;

“No bylaw or ordinance shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the state;...”

The limited authority that has been provided is important to allow municipalities the flexibility to make ordinance changes for emergent situations. The municipalities in our state have differing needs and face different issues at times that require the flexibility to make public policy changes. We would appreciate your support in voting HB 439 Inexpedient to Legislate.

Respectfully,

Mayor Paul Grenier, City of Berlin

Mayor Charlene Lovett, City of Claremont

Mayor Jim Bouley, City of Concord

Mayor Bob Carrier, City of Dover

Interim Mayor Olivia Zink, City of Franklin

Mayor George Hansel, City of Keene

Mayor Tim McNamara, City of Lebanon

Mayor Joyce Craig, City of Manchester

Mayor Jim Donchess, City of Nashua

Mayor Rick Becksted, City of Portsmouth

Mayor Caroline McCarley , City of Rochester

Mayor Dana Hilliard, City of Somersworth

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:59:56 PM
From: Marie Correa
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 11:36:17 AM
To: ~House Municipal and County Govt
Subject: Support HB 439
Importance: Normal

Please Support **HB 439**, Relative to powers of city councils. This bill is meant to reign-in the power of city councils during a State of Emergency to prevent them from creating their own emergency laws.

I couldn't believe city ordinances were even more draconian than the State Emergency Mandates.

Usually, I prefer to work from the representation closest to the people, but many of the cities where I do business were not necessarily my community. I hope people who actually do live and work in these communities remind them.

However, since many of the city businesses also rely on people from outside their cities, the Governor's draconian mandates were more than sufficient.

Sincerely,

Marie L. Correa

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(603) 573-6846

Sent from my iPad

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:59:56 PM

From: [Barbara Gladders](#)

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:30:58 AM

To: [~House Municipal and County Govt; Chairman Andrew Manuse; Dan Wolf; Karen Ebel; John-Michael Dumais; Chuck Morse](#)

Subject: Support HB 439

Importance: Normal

Please support HB 439 and ensure local government officials do not have unchecked power to enact any bylaws, ordinances, or mandates they desire. The disastrous Covid response has made clear a serious weakness in the current system of local government, with local jurisdictions now able to arbitrarily, without proof of efficacy, to enact any mandate they please, with no public input or recourse.

We desperately need legislation to limit the power of our local officials to issue mandates without proven justification or public input. The idea that leader(s) of a town or municipality can simply declare something as onerous and random as a 7 pm curfew of all of its citizens in response to a virus is ludicrous. A good example is our local town, where they began requiring anyone trying to go the local beaches to stop and provide information and a driver's license simply to access the beach. They were even considering requiring multiple forms of identification - the same as that required to get a new RealID driver's license, at a time when the deaths and hospitalizations attributed to Covid were at rock bottom. It made absolutely no sense, wasted town resources, prevented people from enjoying the very things for which they paid taxes, and made people miserable.

As it currently stands, the governor is operating like a dictator, issuing extensions of the state of emergency and any mandates he sees fit - all without any legislative oversight or public input of any kind. In addition, and rather conveniently for the governor, his state of emergency and the resulting closures or transition to virtual operations of the court system and nearly every public forum have made it extremely difficult for people to challenge both the appropriateness and the legality of such actions. Unfortunately this behavior has emboldened local governments to act similarly, enacting any new rules they see fit, including those more restrictive and punitive than at the state level.

The public is now subject to the whims of both elected and unelected officials at every turn. These officials are not required to show any proof that their mandates are necessary, will be beneficial, and will do no harm, with the result that the public is bullied and coerced without representation or recourse. It is shameful and disheartening, and certainly doesn't represent government of the people, for the people.

Sincerely,
Barbara Gladders

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:59:57 PM

From: [cburn2020](#)

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:47:24 PM

To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)

Subject: HB439

Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the House Committee of Municipal and County Government:

As a resident of Milton, NH for 24+ years, and as a current selectman of my town, I am urging you to support HB 439. During this State of Emergency, I respected my townspeople by not adding any further directives provided by the State and nor should any other NH town or city. We are not Kings and Queens of the citizens of NH, nor should we treat our towns people and neighbors as peasants. Please consider this bill will full support!

Thank you,

Claudine Burnham

Milton Selectman and Resident

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:59:57 PM
From: [Jim McConnell](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:11:02 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)
Subject: OTP HB 439
Importance: Normal

Please OTP HB 439.

Thank you,
Jim McConnell
42 Monadnock Highway
North Swanzey, NH 03431
903-3878

Sent from my iPad

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:59:57 PM

From: [Dan G.](#)

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:35:28 PM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: Please support HB 439

Importance: Normal

Hello,

Please support HB 439.

The bill will remove the part of state law which municipalities have used to pass mask ordinances.

These mask ordinances are ridiculous infringements. Unless you use the correct mask in the correct manner, the mask will have no affect on the spread of a respiratory virus. None of these ordinances require those masks, so they are doing nothing for the spread of coronavirus. Instead, they are contributing to public health fascism.

thank you,
Dan Groves
Merrimack, NH

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:59:57 PM
From: [Kathe Molloy](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:26:11 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt; Kathe Molloy](#)
Subject: In Support of HB 439
Importance: Normal

Dear Committee:

I am expressing my support for HB 439 limiting city councils to only making ordinances and bylaws they are specifically authorized to make. The state of emergency declared by the governor has caused some zealous city councils to go beyond the requirements of the mandate by enforcing additional requirements not included in the mandate such as requiring citizens to wear masks AND social distance as well. Clearly the mandate states that one must wear a mask if they cannot social distance to 6 feet which was then changed by the CDC to three feet. Yet city councils are insisting on both masking and 6 ft of social distancing. Please support HB 439. Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,
Kathe Molloy
148 Elm Street
Claremont, NH 03743

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:16 PM

From: [Karen Testerman](#)

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:16:53 AM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: Support HB439

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

[HB439 Testimony.docx](#) 

Please find attached my statement of testimony.

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Karen Testerman

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"God doesn't always call the qualified, but He always qualifies the called."

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From: Natch Greyes
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 7:58:30 AM
To: ~House Municipal and County Govt
Subject: HB 439, relative to the powers of city councils
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
HB439_Letter.pdf ;

Good morning Chairman Dolan and members of the House Municipal and County Government Committee,

Please find attached my written testimony pertaining to HB 439, relative to the powers of city councils.

Thank you,
-Natch Greyes



Natch Greyes
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Concord, NH 03301
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www.nhmunicipal.org

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From: [Nancy Vaughan](#)

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:38:37 PM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: NH House Remote Testify: 9:30 am - HB439 in House Municipal and County Government

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

American Heart Association Testimony HB 439.docx ;

Attached is my testimony in opposition to HB 439. Thank you for your consideration of our position.



Nancy Vaughan

Government Relations Director

American Heart Association

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From: [Timothy J. McNamara](#)

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:30:35 PM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: NH House Remote Testify: 9:30 am - HB439 in House Municipal and County Government

Importance: Normal

Attachments:

[HB 439 Letter from NH Mayors.pdf](#) 

Committee Members:

Please see attached letter from the Mayors of 12 NH cities regarding HB 439.

Sincerely,

Timothy McNamara, Mayor
City of Lebanon

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:16 PM

From: Rachel M

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 9:04:32 AM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: Please SUPPORT HB439 - limiting the authority of city council

Importance: Normal

Hello, As a resident and tax payer of New Hampshire I ask you to support HB439. This bill limits the authority of city councils to make bylaws and ordinances to those they are specifically empowered to make.

Thank you,
Rachel Martin
Weare, NH 03281
(978) 766-1232

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:17 PM

From: [Charles Chapin](#)

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:19:35 AM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: HB439

Importance: Normal

I support the passage of HB439.

Charles Chapin

Alexandria

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From: [cburn2020](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:47:24 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)
Subject: HB439
Importance: Normal

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Thank you,

Claudine Burnham

Milton Selectman and Resident

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From: [Elizabeth K](#)

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:56:49 PM

To: ~House Municipal and County Govt

Subject: Support HB439

Importance: Normal

Good evening,

I'm asking that you please support HB439. This pandemic has caused major oversteps by city councils trying to control citizens outside of allowed legislation. These overzealous city councils needed to be reminded that their job is to serve and listen to its citizens.

Thank you for supporting HB439

Beth Kinney

Portsmouth, NH

603-380-6099

Sent from my iPhone

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:17 PM
From: [Trina Brucker](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:26:30 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)
Subject: HB439 - support
Importance: Normal

Dear Representative,

I ask that you please support HB439. Thank you for your time and attention.

Trina Brucker
Londonderry

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:17 PM
From: [Kerry Chesley](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 7:54:38 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)
Subject: Bill: HB439: Powers of City Councils
Importance: Normal

We, the Chesley family, of Canterbury NH SUPPORT this bill.

Thank you for your time and hard work!

Kerry Chesley
603-501-8601

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:17 PM
From: [Rebecca Pine](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 12:38:41 PM
To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB439
Importance: Normal

House Municipal and City Government Committee Representatives,
I respectfully urge you to vote in support of HB439 limiting the authority of city councils.
Thank you,
Rebecca Kishinevsky
Wilton, NH

Archived: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55:17 PM

From: [Rory Gawler](#)

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 3:38:46 PM

To: [~House Municipal and County Govt](#)

Subject: NH House Remote Testify: 9:30 am - HB439 in House Municipal and County Government

Importance: Normal

Dear Elected Representatives,

Is this the Live Free or Die state, or not?

Why not leave the City Councils and municipal governments free to regulate their citizens as they see fit? Do we really think that the state house has the best insight into what goes on everywhere in the state?

This is why we have local governments.

Don't hamstring them.

Vote this bill down.

~Rory Gawler
Lebanon, NH

Karen TESTERMAN

Restoring NH's Prosperity, Principles & Responsibility

Dear Representatives

I am here in support of HB439 relative to the powers of city councils.

Especially in view of the opinion issued by the New Hampshire Supreme Court in Burt vs. Shurtleff

"Indeed, "[n]o branch of State government can lawfully perform any act which violates the State Constitution." LaFrance, 124 N.H. at 176. Burt v. Speaker, N.H. House of Representatives, 2020

The striking of the language in RSA 47:17, XV to remove the ambiguous language that grants city councils the authority to make bylaws or ordinances that "may seem to be for the well-being of the city" is appropriate.

In fact, in my opinion the ONLY sentence that should remain in RSA 47:17, XV is the last sentence:

No bylaw or ordinance shall be repugnant to the constitution or the laws of the state; and such bylaws and ordinances shall take effect and be in force from the time therein limited, without the sanction or confirmation of any other authority whatever.

All of the foregoing language before is legalese trying to cover any imaginable application. It is my experience that such intricate listings provide an open door for some legal mind to find a loophole to litigate.

Thank you for your time. I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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Franklin City Council
Ward II



March 1, 2021

Honorable Tom Dolan
House Municipal & County Government Committee
State House
Concord, New Hampshire

Via Electronic Delivery Only

Re: HB 439, relative to the powers of city councils

Dear Chairman Dolan and members of the House Municipal and County Government Committee:

HB 439 would remove the ability of city councils to make bylaws and regulations “which may seem for the well-being of the city” currently enshrined in RSA 47:17, XV. NHMA opposes the removal of this power from city councils.

At issue is the statutory phrase “any other bylaws and regulations which may seem for the well-being of the city.” This phrase is a manifestation of what is known as the “police power,” which the New Hampshire Supreme Court has said gives municipalities authority to promote “such varied interests as public health, safety, morals, comfort, the protection of prosperity, and the general welfare.”

There is a rule in statutory interpretation that when general words in a statute follow more specific words (or vice versa), the general words are interpreted to include items of a nature similar to the ones specifically mentioned. Following that principle, the legislature, in enacting the statute, seems to have recognized that it couldn’t anticipate every item of a similar nature, and this sentence acts as a “catch-all.”

It is important to recognize that the power granted to city councils to make such bylaws and regulations has existed in New Hampshire law since at least 1846 and has been the subject of numerous court opinions relating to its scope. In the century-and-a-half that cities have had the authority granted by RSA 47:17, XV, they have been able to confront a variety of local issues by adopting appropriate local regulations. Many of those have faded into the past, but others are still on the books and still important to cities. The “catch-all” language in RSA 47:17, XV ensures that cities are not forced to petition the legislature to solve all manner of problems that are currently dealt with at the local level.

This legislation would unwind that important authority granted by the legislature to cities, and cities would need to petition the legislature to solve the problems that are currently dealt with using this authority. We oppose the erasure of this important authority and the erosion of local control.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Natch Greyes' in a cursive script.

Natch Greyes
Municipal Services Counsel

cc: Committee members

Bill as
Introduced

HB 439 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0654

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HOUSE BILL **439**

AN ACT relative to the powers of city councils.

SPONSORS: Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 2; Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 4; Rep. Johnson, Belk. 3; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Wallace, Rock. 12; Rep. Prout, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill limits the authority of city councils to make bylaws and ordinances to those they are specifically empowered to make.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to the powers of city councils.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Bylaws and Ordinances. Amend RSA 47:17, XV to read as follows:

2 XV. Miscellaneous. Relative to the grade of streets, and the grade and width of sidewalks;
3 to the laying out and regulating public squares and walks, commons, and other public grounds,
4 public lights, and lamps; to trees planted for shade, ornament, convenience, or use, and the fruit of
5 the same; to trespasses committed on public buildings and other public property, and in private
6 yards and gardens; in relation to cemeteries, public burial grounds, the burial of the dead, and the
7 returning and keeping records thereof, and bills of mortality, and the duties of physicians, sextons
8 and others in relation thereto; relative to public wells, cisterns, pumps, conduits, and reservoirs; the
9 places of military parade and rendezvous, and the marching of military companies with music in the
10 streets of the city; relative to precautions against fire; relative to oaths and bonds of city officers, and
11 penalties upon those elected to such offices refusing to serve; and relative to licensing and regulating
12 butchers, petty grocers, or hucksters, peddlers, hawkers, and common victualers; dealers in and
13 keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second-hand articles, and
14 pawnbrokers; under such limitations and restrictions as to them shall appear necessary. [~~They may~~
15 ~~make any other bylaws and regulations which may seem for the well being of the city; but~~] No bylaw
16 or ordinance shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the state; and such bylaws and
17 ordinances shall take effect and be in force from the time therein limited, without the sanction or
18 confirmation of any other authority whatever.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.