

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2020-0326

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Dennis

**Date of Introduction:** June 9, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R, NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** June 9, 2020

**Type of Action:** Resolution showing Council support

**Bill Summary:** The City Council strongly supports the designation of City Hall – St. James Building as a “Hit Free Zone” area. The City Council also urges the Administration to develop a policy regarding the designation of City Hall as a “Hit Free Zone,” including installation of signage at City Hall, and training for City employees for an appropriate response. The bill defines a “Hit Free Zone” as an area in which no adult shall hit another adult, no adult shall hit a child, no child shall hit an adult, and no child shall hit another child.

The Council urges the Administration to roll out a pilot program within six (6) months from the effective date of this Resolution. The pilot period should run for a period of one (1) year from the date that it is implemented by the Administration. The Administration is requested to provide a report which summarizes the findings and data collected from the pilot program. This report is requested to be submitted to the Council at least 30 days prior to the conclusion of the pilot period so that the Council can assess the outcome of the pilot program.

**Background Information:** The Council believes that as a community committed to the well-being of children, the City can help to prevent and lessen life-long consequences of violence by promoting the well-being of children and adults in our homes and communities. The Council has determined that it is appropriate to train City employees so that all employees are prepared to have an appropriate response within areas designated as “Hit Free Zones”, such as City Hall.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public safety; City Hall; City employee training

**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact anticipated

**Analyst:** Baltiero