



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN  
BOARD OF ALDERS**

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August 28, 2018

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, New Haven Board of Alders

Dear President Walker:

We would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alders as a Communication, the attached Order calling for a public hearing to discuss all concerns related to use of city-issued credit cards.

A recent incident involving alleged misuse of a city credit card by a former city employee, which resulted in unauthorized charges of more than \$11,000, has caused great concern among New Haven taxpayers during this very difficult fiscal time for the city.

Larger issues have been raised and many questions are now being asked by residents about how many credit cards are issued by the city to its personnel, and which employees have access to such credit cards. Citizens would like to know what the total balance is for credit card use by city employees, the amount charged by each such employee, and the purpose of each transaction.

It would be very helpful to know if regular audits are done of the city's credit card accounts, what expenses have been incurred on the cards for the last two years, what budget line item covers credit card transactions, and what guidelines and regulations are presently in effect to govern use of city-issued credit cards by employees.

We therefore ask that the Board conduct a public hearing to discuss all concerns related to use of city-issued credit cards.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alder, Ward 10

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Alder, Ward 7

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**ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ALL CONCERNS RELATED TO USE OF CITY-ISSUED CREDIT CARDS.**

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**WHEREAS:** A recent incident involving alleged misuse of a city credit card by a former city employee, which resulted in unauthorized charges of more than \$11,000, has caused great concern among New Haven taxpayers during this very difficult fiscal time for the city; and

**WHEREAS:** larger issues have been raised and many questions are now being asked by residents about how many credit cards are issued by the city to its personnel, and which employees have access to such credit cards; and

**WHEREAS:** citizens would like to know what the total balance is for credit card use by city employees, the amount charged by each such employee, and the purpose of each transaction; and

**WHEREAS:** it would be very helpful to know if regular audits are done of the city's credit card accounts, what expenses have been incurred on the cards for the last two years, what budget line item covers credit card transactions, and what guidelines and regulations are presently in effect to govern use of city-issued credit cards by employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** that the New Haven Board of Alders conduct a public hearing with appropriate city officials to discuss all concerns related to use of city-issued credit cards.