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## **City departments to provide updates on LBAT legislation follow-through**

*Council's Steering and Rules Committee will hear reports Thursday at 1:30 p.m.*

City departments will report on the implementation of measures meant to help grow local business in the city during the meeting of the Common Council's Steering and Rules Committee on **Thursday (March 17) at 1:30 p.m. in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

The measures were triggered in the legislation approved in 2014 by the Council when it adopted the **Local Business Action Team (LBAT)** initiative, championed by **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski** to help reduce regulatory red tape and obstacles for businesses in the city.

"I am looking forward to hearing more about the many city initiatives moving forward that are already helping Milwaukee grow local businesses by making it easier to do business in the city," Alderman Witkowski said. The committee is receiving status/progress reports from departments at six-month intervals.

The LBAT tasked a group of city officials and local business leaders (Alderman Witkowski was the lead sponsor and served as co-chair of the group) with streamlining the city's permitting, licensing and inspection process to make it more user-friendly for small and locally-owned businesses. The LBAT engaged local business leaders and gathered input in order to draft a series of recommended reforms for Common Council consideration. **Alderman Jim Bohl** and **Alderman José G. Pérez** also served on the work group.

Thursday's Steering and Rules Committee meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the city website at [www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25).

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