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COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2024

7:00 p.m. – By Videoconference and Teleconference

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL:**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on):**
 - Discuss and vote on amendment to Chapter 61A - Leaf Blowers, § 4.
 - Discuss and vote on amendment to § 9-27 (2024 Transition Provision) of the Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment of Common Council Voting Districts.
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION:**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- 5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**
 - April 16, 2024 – regular meeting of the ordinance committee
 - April 24, 2024 – special meeting of the ordinance committee
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Discuss the City of Norwalk Complete Streets proposed ordinance following a presentation
 - Discuss and vote on Chapter 69 – Norwalk Harbor, Article I – General Regulations, §§ 69-2, 69-5, 69-6
 - Discuss and vote on Chapter 69 – Norwalk Harbor, Article III – Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, §§ 69-20, 69-21, 69-22, 69-23, 69-24, 69-25 (proposed new section)
 - Discuss and vote on Chapter 66A – Mooring and Anchoring, Article I – Rules and Regulations: §§ 66A-3, 66A-8, 66A-9, 66A-12, 66A-20
 - Discuss and vote on Chapter 66A – Mooring and Anchoring, Article II – Permit Fees: §§ 66A-26, 66A-27
- 8. DISCUSSION ITEM:**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT:**

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LEAF BLOWERS

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Dated at Norwalk, Connecticut this _____ day of April 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Irene Dixon, City Clerk

THE HOUR: Please publish once on Friday, May 10, 2024

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Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reapportionment of Common Council Voting Districts

Chapter 9 – Article IX

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**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; Heather Dunn, Josh Goldstein, Johan Lopez, Melissa Murray, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Jalin Sead

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela

OTHERS: Doris Ash, Board of Assessment Appeal; Sharon Conners, Purchasing Department; Diane Lauricella

Via Videoconference and Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC HEARING
(and possible action on):**

- **Discuss and vote on Chapter 19 – Bidding and Purchasing, Sections 19-1 and 19-2.**

Ms. Shanahan opened the public hearing for this item at 7:03 p.m. She noted that this was just to have the City change its procurement process to mimic what the State allows. She asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the matter.

Ms. Diane Lauricella introduced herself and said she lived at 21 Little Fox Lane. She said she would be speaking about Section 19.2, the Procurement Guide. Ms. Lauricella said it was terrific that the City will follow what the State does. She suggested it might have been helpful for the City to attempt to purchase fair trade materials that reflect true life cycle costs of different products and use green produces from the EPA list along with ones from ESG lists and recyclable products. She said that she would like the Ordinance Committee to consider this for the future.

Ms. Shanahan asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak on the matter. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing on Agenda Item Chapter 19 – Bidding and Purchasing, Sections 19-1 and 19-2.

Ms. Shanahan asked the Committee if they were ready to vote regarding whether this item should be forward to the full Council for consideration at their next meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO FORWARD AGENDA ITEM CHAPTER 19 – BIDDING AND PURCHASING, SECTIONS 19-1 AND 19-2 TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

• Discuss and vote on Chapter 103 – Taxation, Article V – Board of Assessment Appeals, Section 103-14.

Ms. Shanahan opened the public hearing for this item at 7:08 p.m. She asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the matter.

Ms. Diane Lauricella introduced herself and said that she lived at 21 Little Fox Lane. She said when they have the evaluations, it would make sense to increase the numbers on the Board, but she was concerned that there needed to be an addition to insure that there is better training given to those who are doing the assessment appeals hearing and review the conflict of interest guidelines. She said in the near future she would clarify why she was stating this. Since the City is currently holding a number of hearings, it is time to remind the members of the Appeals Board about their duty to declare conflicts of interest and to avoid them as well as making sure that they have received training in all of the most recent laws related to their work.

Ms. Ash thanked Ms. Lauricella for her comments and said that she would pass them along to the rest of the Board.

Ms. Shanahan asked if there was anyone else present who would like to speak on the matter. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing on Agenda Item Chapter 103 – Taxation, Article V – Board of Assessment Appeals, Section 103-14.

Ms. Shanahan asked the Committee if they were ready to vote regarding whether this item should be forward to the full Council for consideration at their next meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO FORWARD AGENDA ITEM CHAPTER 103 – TAXATION, ARTICLE V – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, SECTION 103-14 TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**

Ms. Shanahan said that she had asked Atty. Candela to research the timing involved when additional members may be appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Atty. Candela said that he has spoken with Ms. Ash about adding new volunteer members. They also reviewed the statute at that time to insure that one can add volunteers on during the year. The year following an assessment is when people can be nominated to serve with the regular members. When there are a number of appeals, more volunteers can be added to prevent burn out.

Ms. Shanahan reminded everyone that all the members of Boards and Commissions are subject to the Ethic Commission's Rules.

Atty. Candela said that Chapter 32 indicates that all elected officials, appointed officials, City employees and BOE members are subject to the Code of Ethics. This is included not only in the Ordinances but both the new and old Charters. Atty. Candela said that Ethics Commission was working on creating some PowerPoint slides that would be available on YouTube for the general public.

Council Member Murray said that she had reviewed the Ethics Chapter and found it to be nuanced. Having a lawyer that is familiar with the intent of the Code is very helpful. A PowerPoint presentation with an explanation will be excellent.

Council Member Lopez asked about the Mayor shall appoint someone until their successor is elected. He asked for clarification on the process. Atty. Candela said that the section should read “until their successor is appointed” rather than “elected”.

Council Member Goldstein had some concerns about the use of the word “qualified”. Discussion followed.

Atty. Candela then changed the sentence to read: “Each regular member shall serve a term of four years from the date of appointment and until their successor is appointed and confirmed by the Common Council.”

Council Member Goldstein had a question about the timing process and asked for clarification on what constituted the “assessment year”. Atty. Candela said that the General Statutes 9-1 199c allows for the appointment of additional to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Atty. Candela said that it was his opinion that additional members could be appointed at any point following a revaluation. The assessment year would be over at the end of 2023. Additional members appointed in 2023 could continue on for another year. Council Member Goldstein said that the Mayor has some flexibility in terms of appointment.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO SECTION CHAPTER 103 – TAXATION, ARTICLE V – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, SECTION 103-14 A & B AS DISCUSSED.**

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** THE MOTION TO FORWARD AGENDA ITEM CHAPTER 103 – TAXATION, ARTICLE V – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, SECTION 103-14 AS AMENDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**

• Discuss and vote on Chapter 63 – Law Department, Sections 63-1 through 63-7.

Council Member Shanahan opened the public hearing for this item at 7:18 p.m. She asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the matter.

There was no one present who wished to comment on Agenda Item Chapter 63 – Law Department, Sections 63-1 through 63-7. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing on Chapter 63 – Law Department, Sections 63-1 through 63-7.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO FORWARD AGENDA ITEM CHAPTER 63 – LAW DEPARTMENT, SECTIONS 63-1 THROUGH 63-7 TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**

Council Member Shanahan said that the one question they had discussed at the previous meeting was whether they should reference the contract that Corporation Council attorneys have. It was generally agreed this was not a good idea since contracts change over time.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Atty. Candela said for the record that for Chapter 19, there were no changes made other than the ones that had been posted previously in the Legal Notice. There were no changes made to Chapter 63. The only changes that were made were to Chapter 103-4 A and B and the Ordinance Committee approve those changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council Member Shanahan said that the only item that was on the agenda was the Leaf Blower Ordinance, Section 4.

Ms. Diane Lauricella introduced herself and said she lived at 21 Little Fox Lane. She thanked the Council and Atty. Candela for the work on this ordinance over the last few months. She said she was happy when amendments were made to improve any law since she is a former regulator and former professional health and safety or OSHA professional when she worked with consulting firms and the State of Connecticut.

She asked that they add the word “Batteries” because it is a safety issue. She said that the Council had not taken up her suggestion about having a separate section about manufacturer recommended and rated batteries. She asked them to consider adding the phrase “without manufacturer recommended and rated batteries and personal protective equipment in accordance with industry standards, potential including but not limited to hearing, respiratory protection and batteries for the electric power equipment” to Section 4. She said that she thought it was awkward because the intent for this section was Personal Protective Equipment, however if the Committee decides to leave out the batteries, the issue can make or break the ordinance. She said that she would email Council Member Shanahan about this and added that the UL listed batteries were not creating the fire hazard problems that were being reported in New York City and beyond. Just by inserting “UL Listed” or “manufacturer recommended and rated batteries” it becomes a safety issue and will help to withstand any challenges and also be better when the law comes in to effect.

Mr. Tyson Canveri of Esquire Road greeted the Council Members and thanked them for the opportunity to speak.

He said that he would like to respond to Ms. Lauricella about batteries. He said that Tesla batteries had caused a recent fire because of a Tesla recharger at the Norwalk Mall. He added that Tesla was now recommending that people recharge their cars in the driveway, not in the house. Secondly, he pointed out that landlords would not allow tenants to charge the batteries in the houses. It was pointed out that this was not on the agenda. Mr. Canveri replied that Ms. Lauricella had already spoken about UL batteries.

Mr. Canveri asked why the industry was being attacked and pointed out that the construction industry is also loud. He reminded everyone that the YMCA was in the process of being demolished. The workers do not have ear muffs and goggles but the landscaping industry is being required to have them. Electric lawn mowers cost \$36,000. Who was going to pay for that? He added that making landscapers buy electric equipment was wrong since DPW does not own any electric equipment. These issues come up during the busy season when the landscapers are working long hours. Even if he bought the ear muffs for his crews, he would be fined if they don't wear them. Yet construction workers who use jackhammers are not required to wear them. He asked how they differentiate between the two. This is just a feel good ordinance.

There was no one else who wished to address the Committee at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- **March 19, 2024 – regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SEAD MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE PASSED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR (DUNN, GOLDSTEIN, LOPEZ, NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER, SEAD, AND SHANAHAN) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MURRAY).**

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and vote on amendment to Leaf Blower ordinance, Section 4.

Council Member Shanahan said that Vanessa was not present at the meeting, but explained that the DPW group was reviewing the ordinance and trying to comply. They do want eye and hearing protections for the DPW workers, but there was a question about respiratory protection.

When they checked the manufacturer's recommendations for gas powered leaf blowers, there were recommendations for eye and ear protection but nothing about respiratory protection. DPW informed the Council that they would have to set the standard and determine which masks were appropriate since it was not a manufacturer's recommendation. This change is being instituted at the request of the Public Works Department and it makes sense to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Council Member Shanahan noted that there was a small error in the current draft. She said that it should read "potential, including but not limited to eye, hearing and respiratory protection" if they were to add respiratory protection at a later date. She noted that the words "OSHA approved" had been removed because there is no OSHA approve respiratory protection and they wanted to go with what the manufacturer's recommendations were for personal protection.

Batteries were not included in this draft because that would take more research and that was not what they were responding to in terms of the DPW request.

Council Member Shanahan said that this ordinances should go into effect in December of 2024 and the final date is yet to be determined by the Common Council.

Council Member Shanahan said that they wanted to move this item through in time for a vote at the June Common Council meeting.

Council Member Goldstein said that there was a major discussion about the elimination of leaf blowers, which this item does not address at all. Council Member Shanahan said that this ordinance was focused on protecting DPW workers and general landscapers as well.

Council Member Sead asked how this would be enforced for the general public. He reminded everyone that the landscape owners could give the equipment to the employees, but the employees may choose not use the PPE. Council Member Shanahan said that the Blight Officer would be responding to the complaints. She added that this would be difficult to enforce.

Discussion followed about where it was located in the budget. Council Member Dunn asked that any requests from DPW about this type of equipment be forward to members of the Committee. Council Member Shanahan made a note of this.

Council Member Murray pointed out that she had seen people wearing hearing protection step into the street without realizing they could not hear a vehicle approaching. She said that it would be important to communication that the City expects the contractors to enforce this even though it might be hard. She said that she is familiar with heavy construction and that they do wear protection when something is going to be loud. However, with leaf blowers, people think it will only be for twenty minutes or so and don't realize the damage.

Council Member Niedzielski-Eichner said that this was similar to the introduction of safety helmets for skiing and biking. It was hard at first, but now people don't even think twice about it.

The more the expectation is set, the more it will happen over time. They don't want landscapers to have diminished lives because the City values all their residents. She said that she applauded the DPW team for taking the lead on showing them how to take the lead and following through. It will be beneficial for everyone.

Council Member Murray agreed and reminded people about the changes when they introduced seat belts.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SHANAHAN MOVED TO FORWARD THE AMENDMENT TO LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE, SECTION 4 TO THE FULL COMMON COUNCIL FOR A VOTE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR (GOLDSTEIN, LOPEZ, MURRAY, NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER, SEAD, AND SHANAHAN) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (DUNN).**

DISCUSSION ITEM:

There were no additional discussion items to consider at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MURRAY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; Josh Goldstein, Johan Lopez, Melissa Murray, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Jalin Sead

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela

OTHERS:
Via Videoconference and Teleconference

ROLL CALL

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing scheduled at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

There was no public hearing discussion necessary at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to comment at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to consider for approval at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to consider at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Discuss and vote on amendment to Section 9-27 (2024 Transition Provision) of the Ordinance Establishing an Advisory Committee for the Reappointment of Common Council Voting Districts.**

Ms. Shanahan explained that due to a delay in the RFP process, this item was slightly out of sync with other items. There is a change in the transition provision. Ms. Shanahan then requested Atty. Candela to review the details.

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2024 Transition Provision. The Reapportionment Advisory Committee shall be approved by the Common Council not later than one hundred twenty days following the effective date of this Ordinance.

Atty. Candela said that this change was being done to allow the item to be enacted. He explained that they had changed the time period from thirty days to one hundred and twenty days, which would be June 27th.

Atty. Candela said that the goal was to move this item to a Public Hearing and hopefully have it approved by the full Council in May. He said they would like to have the Council present candidates for the Advisory Committee and to have them in place in early June before the end of the 120 days.

If the Committee and the Council are able to do this, it will avoid having to make other amendments to deadlines including the Committee drafting their report or the full Council

responding to that draft report within 45 days in order to have this ordinance in place for the 2025 election season and cycle.

**** MS. MURRAY MOVED TO SCHEDULE THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 17TH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no additional items to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. MURRAY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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COMPLETE STREETS

Norwalk Ordinance Committee



Agenda

1. Complete Streets Overview
2. Policy Overview and Best Practices
3. Upcoming Public Engagement

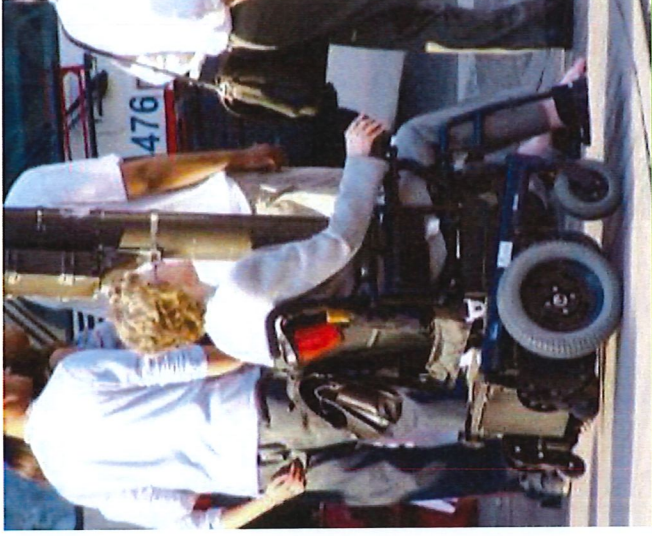


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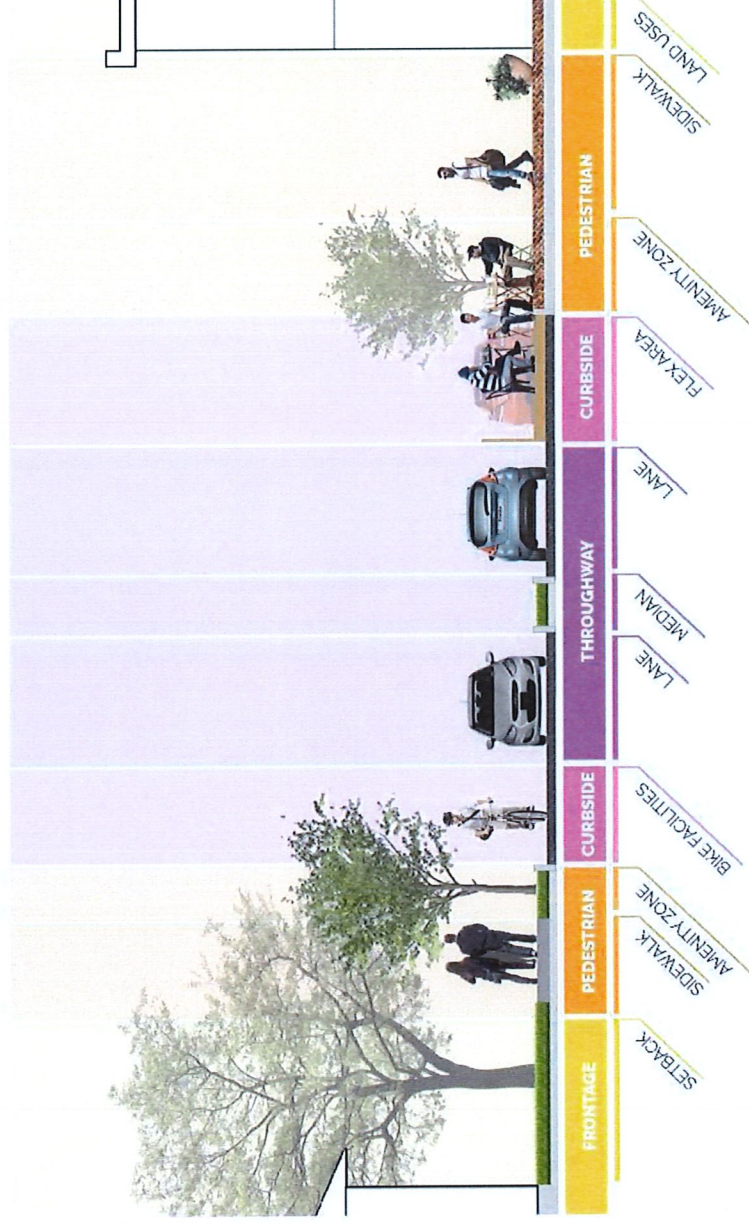
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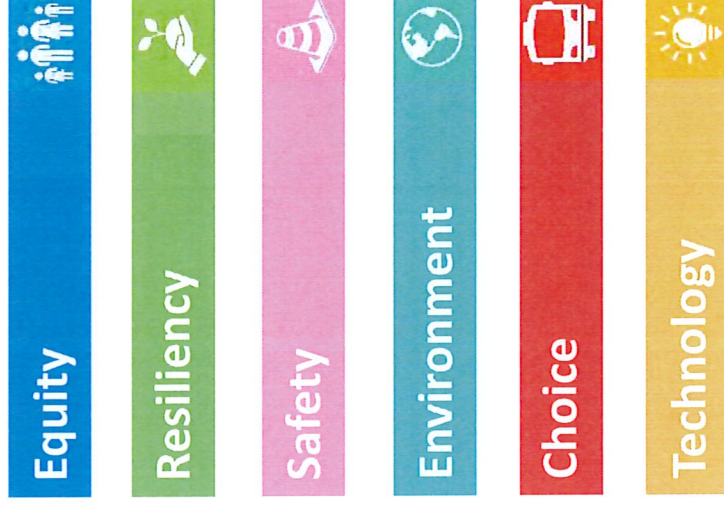
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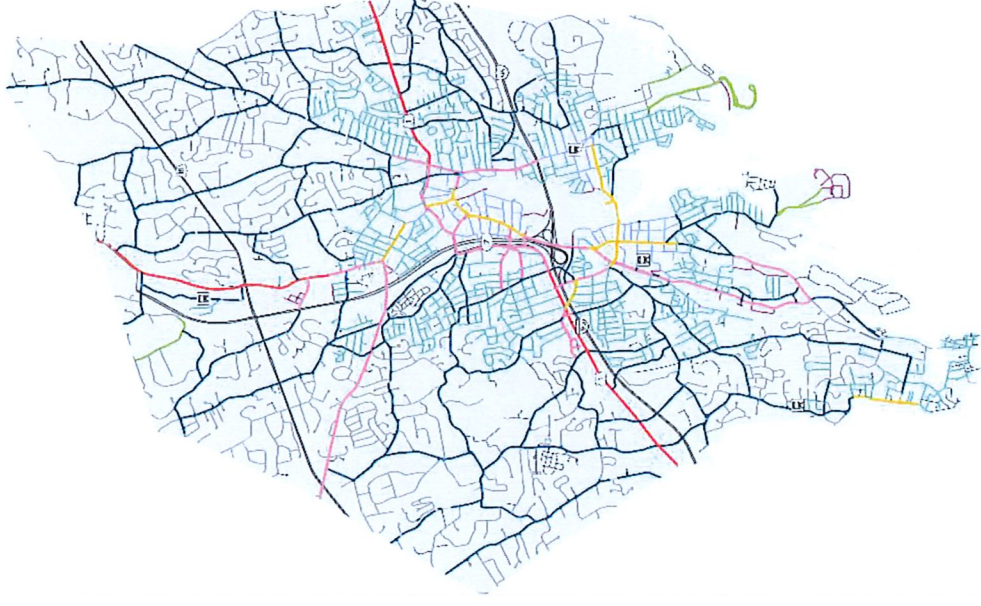
Norwalk's Transportation Vision

"We're a city of transportation choice: a connected, walking and biking city, well-served by public transportation, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle routes to city destinations, well-maintained and well-functioning local streets, and efficient regional transportation links." – POCD (2019)

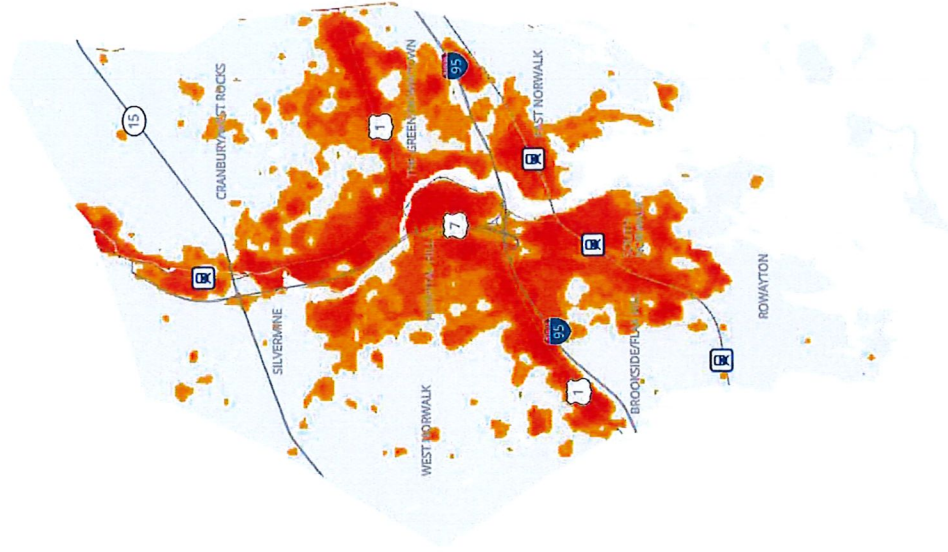


Master Plan Goals

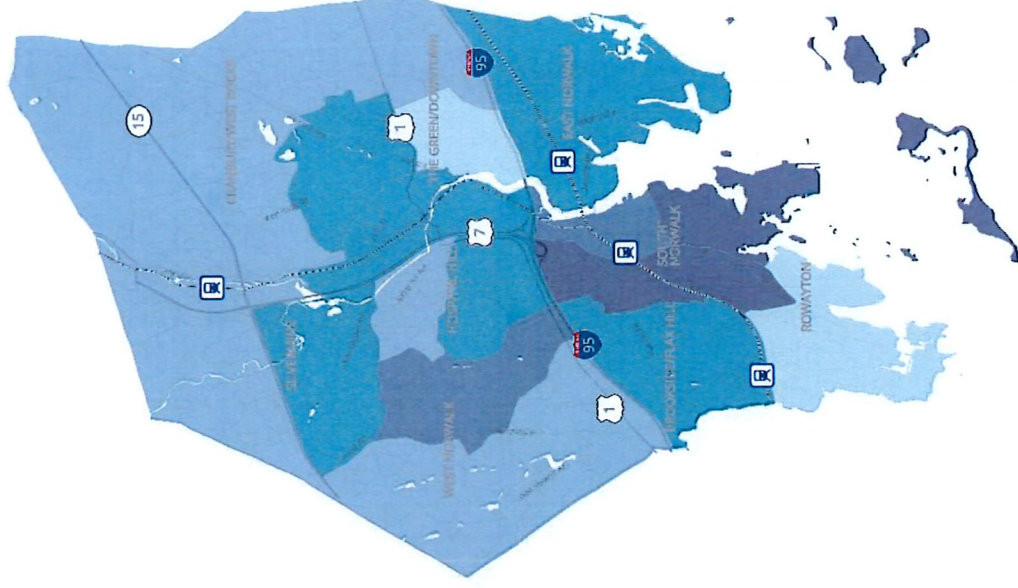
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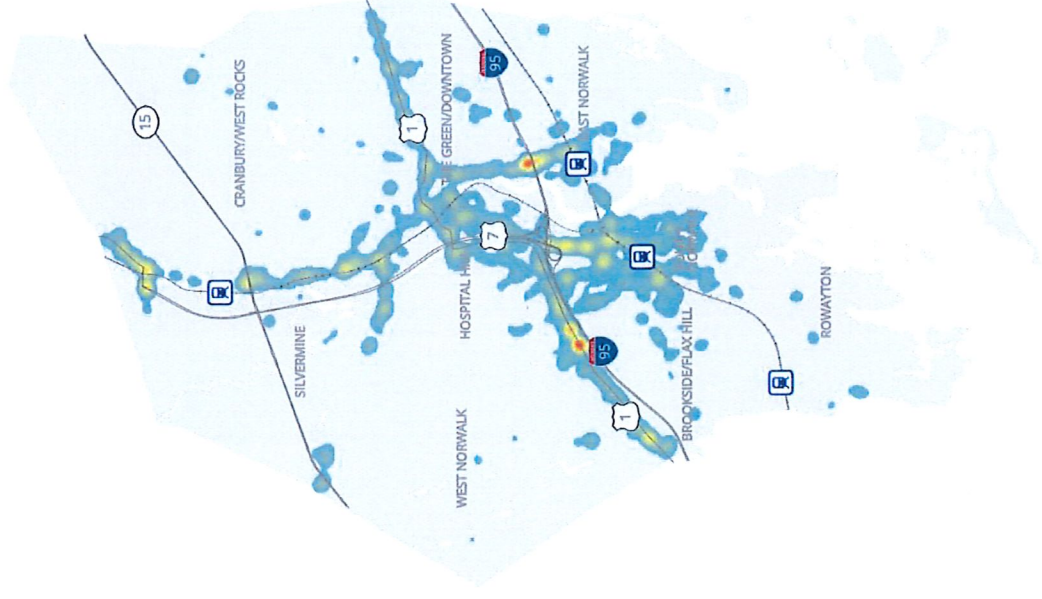
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How Do We Achieve Complete Streets in Norwalk

CS Legislation

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Design Guide

The what. Provides the guidance to professional who design of street.

Integration Plan

The day-to-day how. Details on how process and procedures for building streets.

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The why. Provides support and direction to prioritize street improvements.

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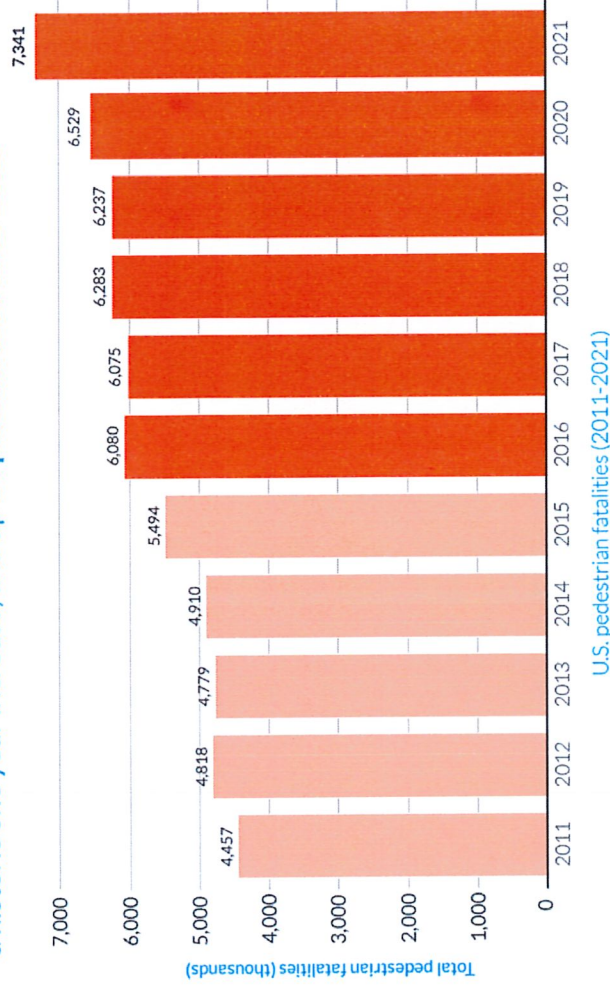
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	West Hartford	2015		X	X	X	
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	Bridgeport	2021			X		
	Norwich	2022		X	X	X	
	Missoula, MT	2016	X	X		X	
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	Walpole, MA	2018		X	X		
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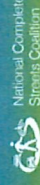
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1. Establishes commitment and vision
2. Prioritizes underinvested and underserved communities
3. Applies to all projects and phases:
4. Allows only clear exceptions
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6. Adopts excellent design guidance
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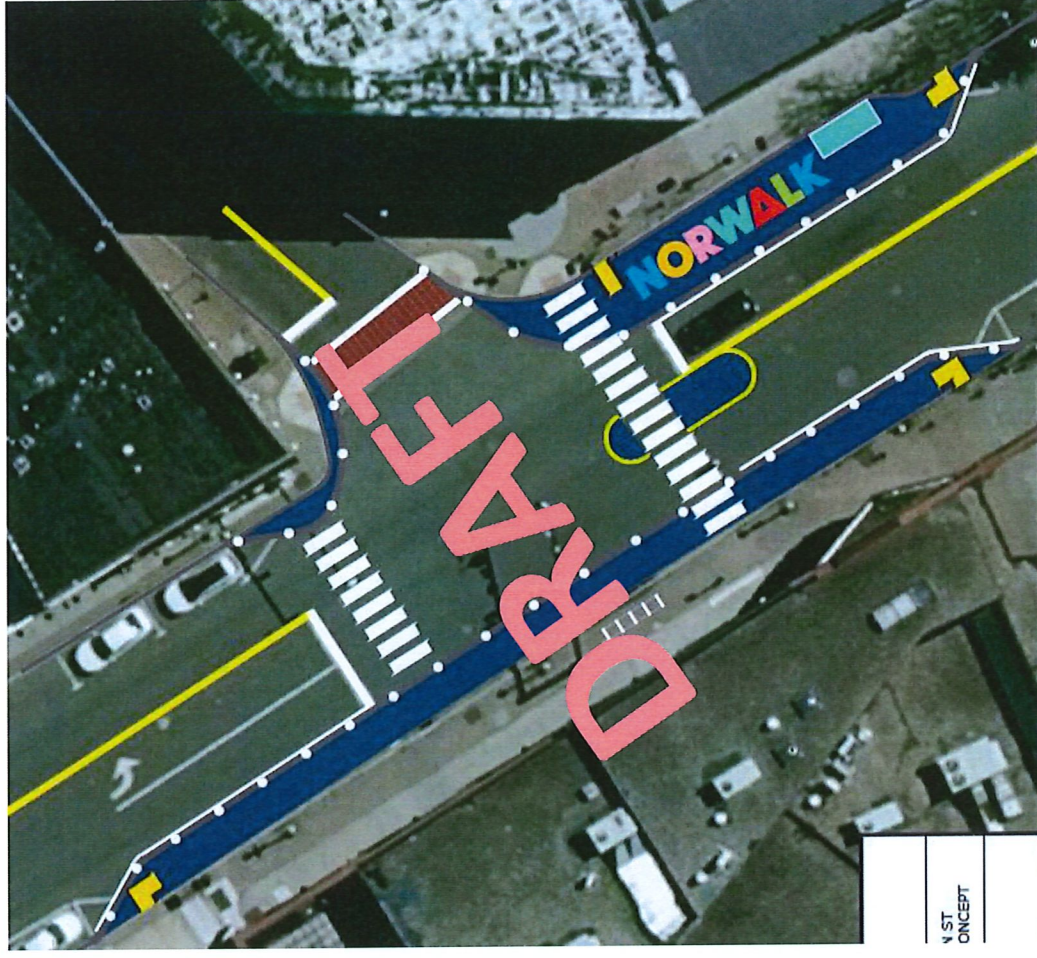
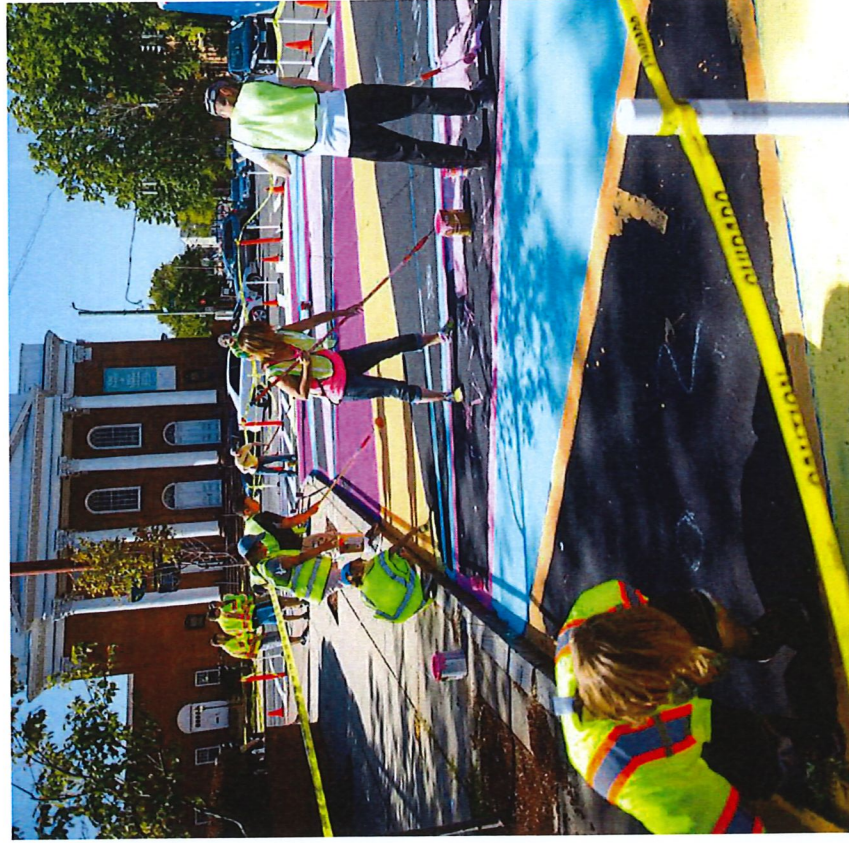


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For more information and examples: [Complete Streets Coalition's Best Policies \(2023\)](#)

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Chapter 69 Norwalk Harbor

ARTICLE I

General Regulations

§ 69-2. Division of Norwalk Harbor. [Amended 4-28-1992]; definition; division.

A. Norwalk Harbor shall consist of the area bounded on the east by the line separating the City of Norwalk from the Town of Westport; on the south by a line commencing at the intersection of said town line with a straight line running in a southwesterly direction to number 24B off Hiding Rocks, said intersection being at Copps Rocks just east of Copps Island, thence in a due westerly direction to Green Ledge light; on the west by a line running northerly from Green Ledge light to the flashing light at the entrance of the Five Mile River, thence northerly along the line separating the City of Norwalk from the Town of Darien; and, on the north by the shore line of the City of Norwalk.

B. For the purposes of this ordinance Chapter and to implement the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan, the waters of Norwalk Harbor shall be divided as follows:

A. (1) Inner harbor. The inner harbor shall consist of those waters northerly of a line extending south from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station at Calf Pasture Point to the center of Round Beach, then southwest to light No. 10, then northerly to Keyser Point at the southwestern corner of Manresa Island, including all areas, coves and embayments to the head of navigation at the Wall Street Bridge.

(2) Outer harbor. The outer harbor shall consist of all portions of Norwalk Harbor as described in § 1-205 of the Charter of the City of Norwalk, except the inner harbor.

B.

C. (3) The Five Mile River, commencing at the red and green buoys of the southern end of the river to the end of navigable waters.

D. (4) Restricted speed zones. Restricted speed zones (RSZ) shall be as defined and described under § 69-3 of this ordinance Chapter.

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§ 69-5. Violations Harbormaster.

The Harbormaster of the Norwalk Harbor, and ~~penalties~~any deputies, shall from time to time advise the Common Council with respect to the matters set forth in this Chapter and shall, upon

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~~the request of the Common Council, confer with and make such reports to the Common Council as they shall from time to time request with respect to any matter referred to in this Chapter.~~

~~Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$100.~~

§ 69-6, Enforcement.

~~All uniformed police officers of the Norwalk Police Department are hereby certified for marine duty and shall have authority to enforce the provisions of this ordinance-Chapter.~~

ARTICLE III

Norwalk Harbor Management Commission

§ 69-20 Establishment; membership.

- A. ~~There shall be a Harbor Management Commission, to consist of nine members who are electors of the City of Norwalk and who are appointed by the Mayor with the confirmation of the Common Council. At least seven members of said Commission shall have some demonstrable prior interest or involvement in matters connected with harbor activity, either through a public or private interest. The Director of Planning and Zoning, the Harbor Master~~Harbormaster~~, and the Director of Recreation and Parks shall be ex officio members without vote. The Planning and Zoning Commission~~Department~~ shall provide such staff support as necessary.~~
- B. ~~The terms of the initial members shall be as follows: three members for a term to expire December 31, 1986; two members for a term to expire December 31, 1987; two members for a term to expire December 31, 1988; and two members for a term to expire December 31, 1989. Thereafter, the terms of all members shall be for four years commencing on January 1. If a member shall terminatesign or otherwise cease to be a member in advance of the expiration of his or her term, his or her replacement shall be appointed to complete his or her term. No member of the Harbor Management Commission shall receive compensation for service. The Harbor Master~~Harbormaster~~ shall serve as Executive Secretary to the Harbor Management~~Commission~~.~~

§ 69-21, Powers and duties.

~~The Harbor Management Commission shall have the following powers and duties:~~

- A. ~~To conduct studies of the conditions and operations in the Norwalk Harbor and to present to the Common Council proposals for its efficient operation.~~

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B. To receive and review all proposals for dredging, filling and constructing or altering any structure on, in or contiguous to the harbor and to cooperate with federal and state permitting authorities to ensure their consistency with the harbor management plan. Any local agency receiving an application for any such proposal shall send a copy of the same to the Commission upon the request of the Commission. The Commission shall be notified of any such proposal at least 35 days prior to the commencement of the hearing thereon or, where no hearing is held, at least 35 days prior to the taking of any final action on the proposal. The local agency authorized to act on the proposal shall consider the recommendations of the Commission. A two-thirds vote of all the members of the local agency having authority to act on the proposal shall be required to approve a proposal which has not received a favorable recommendation from the Commission, provided that the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to alter the authority of the agency having primary jurisdiction over the proposal to deny, modify or condition the proposal. Failure of the Commission to submit a recommendation shall be deemed to be approval of the proposal.

C. To prepare a harbor management plan for the ~~harbor~~Norwalk Harbor, including the designation of harbor lines, mooring areas, anchorage areas, thoroughfares or channels; the establishment of regulations ensuring the equitable allocation of moorings and other uses of the ~~harbor~~Norwalk Harbor; the issuance of permits for regattas and parades or other harbor events; and other matters relative to the public use of the Norwalk Harbor.

D. To assist in the coordination of all public and private agencies, commissions and other organizations which provide service or other facilities using or otherwise based upon the waters of Norwalk Harbor.

E. To exercise all additional powers granted by state statute, unless otherwise denied such authority by the Common Council.

F. To expend funds or to incur debts on behalf of the ~~city~~City of Norwalk, to the extent such expenditures are specifically authorized by the Common Council.

§ 69-22. Adoption of rules and regulations.

The Norwalk Harbor Management Commission may, from time to time, adopt such rules and regulations and plans as it shall deem necessary in the following manner:

A. Prior to adopting any such rules or regulations, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering their adoption. Notice of the time and place of such public hearing, which notice shall include the title and a summary of the rules or regulations proposed, shall be published ~~twice in a local newspaper having substantial circulation in the manner set forth~~ in the Charter of the City of Norwalk at least ~~five~~seven days, but not more than 15 days, prior to the date of said hearing. A copy of the full text

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of the proposed ~~regulation or rules~~ and regulations shall be ~~filed in posted on the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection~~ City's website at least 10 days prior to such hearing.

B. Following such public hearing, the Commission shall act upon such rules and regulations and may make such changes or alterations in the form or content of the proposed rules or regulations as ~~seen~~ it deems appropriate or necessary as a result of the public hearing held in connection therewith. Such changes, additions or alterations shall not require further public notice.

C. Such rules, if adopted by the Commission and ~~after approval~~ approved by the Common Council ~~of the City of Norwalk~~, shall become effective ~~after publication once in a local newspaper having substantial circulation in the City of Norwalk within 21~~ seven days following Council approval.

D. Any person who ~~shall violate~~ violates any of the rules and regulations adopted by the ~~Norwalk Harbor Management~~ Commission and approved by the Common Council, as above provided, shall be fined ~~not more than~~ up to \$90 for each violation. Each day such violation continues after the time for correction of the violation has been given in any written order shall constitute a continuing violation and the violator shall be subject to a fine of up to \$90 per day for each day said violation continues. In the case of vessels located in a controlled mooring field, a violation by the manager of the field shall constitute a separate violation by each vessel in the field.

§ 69-23. Jurisdiction.

The ~~territorial limits of Norwalk Harbor, which shall constitute the~~ jurisdictional limits of the Harbor ~~Management~~ Commission, shall include all of the waters of the ~~city as described in § 1-205 of the~~ Norwalk ~~Charter Harbor~~, excepting only the area of the Five Mile River which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Five Mile River Commission. ~~The Norwalk Harbor, as defined above, may be further subdivided by the Commission into an inner and outer harbor, as provided by the Norwalk Code § 69-2 and as amended from time to time.~~

§ 69-24. Adoption of Harbor Management Plan.

~~Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-113m, the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan, dated June 1989, and previously adopted by the Norwalk Common Council, effective September 1, 1990, is hereby adopted, as amended, as follows, effective March 1, 1998:~~

- ~~A. Chapter 5 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Chapter 5, The Outside Harbor Planning Area, dated November 1992.~~
- ~~B. The 1991 Addendum, dated November 1992, is incorporated into the plan.~~
- ~~C. The 1997 Plan Addendum, dated November 1997, is incorporated into the plan.~~
 - ~~(1) Definition of terms shall be added as pp. VIII - XIV.~~
 - ~~(2) Update of Harbor Conditions in 1997 is added to Chapter 1.~~

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~~(3) Part Two: Amendments to Harbor Management Issues and Policies is incorporated into Chapter 3.~~

A. Part Three: Revised Chapter Six, Responsibilities and Recommendations for Plan Implementation, replaces the current Chapter Six. The Norwalk Harbor Management Plan, as in effect on January 1, 2024, shall remain in effect until amended or replaced as provided in this Chapter.

B. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-113m, the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Harbor Management Commission. This annual review shall be completed by the end of January in each calendar year. Prior to adopting any changes to the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan, the Harbor Management Commission shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed changes. Notice of the time and place of such public hearing, which notice shall include a summary of the proposed changes, shall be published in the manner set forth in the Charter of the City of Norwalk at least seven days, but not more than 15 days, prior to the date of said hearing. A copy of the full text of the proposed changes shall be posted on the City's website at least 10 days prior to such hearing. Following such hearing, any recommended changes to the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan shall be approved in the manner set forth in Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-113m, including approval by the Common Council.

§ 69-25 Norwalk Harbor Fee Schedule.

A. The Norwalk Harbor Management Commission may, from time to time, propose a Harbor Fee Schedule to the Common Council, acting through its Economic and Community Development Committee, or its successor, in accordance with applicable state statutes, including, but not limited to, Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-113s. The Harbor Fee Schedule shall relate to all mooring, anchorage, slips, and other activities identified in the harbor management plan and permitted by Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-113s. Prior to adopting a Harbor Fee Schedule, the Economic and Community Development Committee, or its successor, shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption of the proposed Harbor Fee Schedule. Notice of the time and place of such public hearing, which notice shall include the full text of the proposed Harbor Fee Schedule, shall be published in the manner set forth in the Charter of the City of Norwalk at least seven days, but not more than 15 days, prior to the date of said hearing. A copy of the full text of the proposed Harbor Fee Schedule shall be posted on the City's website at least 10 days prior to such hearing.

B. Following such public hearing, the Common Council shall act upon the proposed Harbor Fee Schedule and may make such changes or alterations in the proposed Harbor Fee Schedule as it deems appropriate or necessary as a result of the public hearing held in connection therewith. Such changes, additions or alterations shall not require further public notice.

C. Such Harbor Fee Schedule, as proposed by ~~if adopted by the Harbor Management Commission~~ and approved by the Common Council with any changes, additions or alterations thereto, shall become effective seven days following Council approval.

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Chapter 66A Mooring and Anchoring

ARTICLE I.

Rules and General Regulations

§ 66A

§ 66A-3, Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

NORWALK HARBOR — That part of Norwalk Harbor consisting means that part of the inner and outer harbors Norwalk Harbor subject to the jurisdiction of the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, as defined set forth in the Harbor Management Plan. Excluded Norwalk Code § 69-2, as amended from this definition is the Five Mile River Harbor which is under the jurisdiction of the Five Mile River Commission, time to time.

§ 66A*****

§ 66A-8, Renewal of mooring permit.

- A. All mooring permits shall expire on December 31 and should be renewed by January 31 of the following calendar year. A grace period lasting until the last calendar day of February is allowed. After this grace period, applications received for renewal of mooring permits shall be treated in the same manner as new applications. At least 30 days before the January 31 renewal date, notice of such date shall be published in a newspaper having circulation in the city.
- B. The Harbormaster shall be responsible for the administration of all mooring permit renewals.
- C. For vessels located in a controlled mooring field of at least 50 vessels subject to valid federal and state commercial mooring permits and/or operated under common management, a preliminary mooring list must be submitted by March 31. This list must be accompanied by a fee equal to 1/2 the amount of the prior year's total fee for the entire mooring field. The final mooring list with all information necessary to complete an application for each vessel in the field shall be submitted by April 30 with the balance of the fees due as calculated from the then applicable Harbor Fee Schedule.

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§ 66A-9, Annual mooring permit fee and initial application fee.

- A. Any person, association, corporation or other group receiving a new or renewed permit for a mooring location in Norwalk Harbor shall pay an appropriate annual fee as

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established by the Harbor Management Commission in accordance with Norwalk
Common Council from time to time as authorized by Section 22a-113s of the Connecticut
General Statutes, Code § 69-25.

- B. When the Harbormaster determines that a suitable mooring location exists for an applicant for a new or renewed mooring permit, the applicant will be notified and must pay the appropriate annual fee set forth in the Harbor Fee Schedule, payable to the City of Norwalk before the permit shall be issued. This fee shall be nonrefundable.
- C. All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department to be deposited into the Norwalk Harbor Management Fund, as authorized by Section § 22a-113s of the Connecticut General Statutes, and used exclusively for the maintenance and improvement of Norwalk Harbor for the public and for expenses for personnel and equipment directly related to the function of the Harbor Management Commission and the Harbormaster or Deputy Harbormaster-(s). Any funds expended pursuant to this section shall follow procurement guidelines for the City of Norwalk.

§ 66A

§ 66A-12. Transient mooring and anchoring.

- A. The Harbor Management Commission may designate transient mooring and anchoring areas for the exclusive, short-term use [not to exceed seven consecutive days] of recreational vessels. This space shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- B. Transient mooring fees shall be set forth in the Harbor Fee Schedule.
- C. The Harbormaster, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for the administration of all transient mooring and anchoring reservations.
- B.D. The Harbormaster may require any person anchoring in the harbor Norwalk Harbor to display for inspection the anchors, chains and other equipment used at such anchoring for soundness of condition.

§ 66A-20. Violations and penalties; disposition of funds.

- A. This Article has been adopted and approved in accordance with Section 22a-113r of the Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-113r and § 69-22 of the Norwalk Code. In accordance with § 69-22D of the Norwalk Code, any § 69-22. Any person who shall violateviolates any provision of this Article shall be fined not more than \$90. Each day such violation continues after the time for correction of the violation has been given in any written order shall constitute a continuing violation and shall be subject to a fine of \$90 per day for each day said violation continues the fines established pursuant to Norwalk Code § 69-22.

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- B. Fines levied for violations of this Article, as authorized by the Norwalk Code, shall be collected by the City of Norwalk and deposited into the Norwalk Harbor Management Fund.

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ARTICLE II

Permit Fees

§ 66A-26. Annual mooring permit fees.

- A. The ~~following annual mooring permit~~ fees shall be ~~set forth in the Harbor Fee Schedule and shall be~~ required for all mooring permits issued by the Norwalk ~~Harbor Master: Boat Length (feet) Annual Mooring Permit Fee 20.0 or less \$20 20.1 or longer, up to and including 30.0 \$35 30.1 or longer \$50~~ Harbormaster.
- B. The length used to determine the ~~mooring permit~~ fee shall be the length stated on the State of Connecticut certificate of number or certificate of decal for the vessel assigned to the mooring. Fees are nonrefundable.
- C. Nonprofit organizations shall ~~only~~ be charged ~~only an administrative~~ the nonprofit fee of ~~\$5~~ ~~each, set forth in the Harbor Fee Schedule~~ for up to six moorings, ~~which provided that the moorings~~ must be for vessels registered with the state for the reduced fee available to nonprofit organizations (as authorized under Chapter 268, § ~~15 15-144b, 144(b)~~ of the Connecticut General Statutes. ~~[Added 11-9-1993]).~~

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§ 66A-27. Initial New Mooring permit fee.

- ~~A. Any applicant for a mooring permit who does not hold a current valid mooring permit for the vessel listed on the application shall pay an initial non-refundable new mooring permit fee of \$20, in addition to the annual mooring permit fee specified above. This fee is also nonrefundable.~~
- A. The ~~initial new mooring permit fee~~ shall be set forth in the Harbor Fee Schedule.

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- B. The new mooring permit fee is not required for a new vessel which that replaces an old one listed on a previous mooring permit held by the applicant if the Harbormaster determines that the new vessel may be moored in approximately the same location.
- C. The initial new mooring permit fee shall be waived for applicants whose vessels will be located in a controlled mooring field of at least 50 vessels subject to valid federal and state commercial mooring permits and/or operated under common management.

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