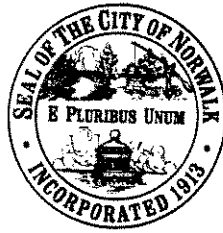


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COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 2016
7:00 p.m. – Room 231
Norwalk City Hall-125 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on): By-Laws of the Norwalk Harbor
Management Commission
Taxation – Board of Assessment Appeals
3. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: January 19, 2016
6. OLD BUSINESS (possible action on): Commercial Parking Ordinance
Don't Block The Box
7. NEW BUSINESS: (possible action on): Alarm Ordinance
Senior Deferral Program
Senior Tax Relief Program
Extra Police Work
8. ADJOURNMENT



HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

125 East Ave. Norwalk, Ct. 06851

**BYLAWS OF THE NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION¹**

ADOPTED MAY 27, 1987
REVISED JUNE 26, 1991
REVISED APRIL 26, 2000
REVISED APRIL 24, 2002
REVISED SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Article I: The Commission

Section 1. Name of the Organization. The Commission shall be known as the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission (hereinafter the Commission).

Section 2. Purpose and Authorization. The purpose and objectives of the Commission are to carry out the powers and duties of a duly established municipal harbor management commission as authorized pursuant to Section 22a-113k through 22a-113t of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and delegated to the Commission by Chapter 69, Article III of the Norwalk Code adopted April 24, 1984, as amended, and to carry out such other duties as may be authorized by State statute and the Norwalk Code.

Section 3. Operation of the Commission. The Commission shall operate under the following Bylaws, unless and until such Bylaws are amended in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

Section 4. Office of the Commission. The office of the Commission shall be located at the offices of the Planning and Zoning Department at the City Hall of the City of Norwalk, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut, 06856-5125.

¹ Proposed September 2014 additions to the existing Bylaws are shown as underlined in all capital letters; proposed deletions are shown as "struck-out."

Article II: The Membership

Section 1. Regular Members. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) regular members as specified in Section 69-20 of the Norwalk Code. The term "member" as used in these Bylaws shall mean a regular member of the Commission and shall not mean an ex officio member.

Section 2. Terms of Service. Terms of service (terms) of all members shall be for four (4) years commencing on January 1 as specified in Section 69-20 of the Norwalk Code.

Section 3. Appointment of Members. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the confirmation of the Common Council as specified in Section 69-20 of the Norwalk Code.

Section 4. Voting Rights of Members. Each member shall be entitled to vote in person on any matter which is properly brought before the Commission. A quorum for any meeting shall consist of five (5) members. The transaction of any business shall require a simple majority of those members present (and eligible to vote) to cast concurring votes. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall BE ENTITLED TO vote in all cases DURING A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION AND ONLY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE DURING ANY COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN NECESSARY TO BREAK A TIE VOTE. (SEE ARTICLE V, SEC. 1.)

Section 5. Conflict of Interest. No member shall participate in the hearing or decision upon any matter which may pose a conflict of interest between his or her duties as a member and his or her personal interests, including personal financial interests. Such member shall announce his or her conflict and absent him- or herself from the meeting during the discussion and any action that may be taken upon the matter. In the event of such disqualification, such fact shall be entered on the records of the Commission.

Section 6. Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated by resignation of a member in a letter to the Mayor, or by action of the Common Council in accordance with the Charter Section 69-20, or by the appointment and qualification of a successor after the conclusion of the member's term. The Commission, by majority vote, may request the resignation of any member

who has failed to attend five (5) regular meetings in the course of the calendar year without prior notification to the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~.

Section 7. Ex Officio Members. The Director of Planning of the City of Norwalk, the State of Connecticut Harbor Master for Norwalk Harbor, and the Director of Recreation and Parks of the City of Norwalk shall be ex officio members of the Commission without vote as specified in Section 69-20 of the Norwalk Code.

Article III: Officers

Section 1. Number and Eligibility. The officers of the Commission shall include a CHAIR ~~Chairman~~, Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~, and Secretary. Any member of the Commission shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the Commission.

Section 2. Election and Terms of Office. Officers shall be elected at the Commission's annual meeting. Officers shall take office immediately after the election and serve until the next election of officers at the next annual meeting. In the event any officer shall die, become incapacitated, resign, or be removed from the Commission for cause, the members shall elect a replacement for such officer at any duly noticed meeting. No officer shall serve in the same capacity for more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Section 3. Duties of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall preside at all meetings and public hearings of the Commission and shall have the duties normally conferred by parliamentary usage on the office of CHAIR ~~Chairman~~. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall appoint committees, call special meetings, certify expenditures of funds up to \$100.00 without prior approval of the Commission, and sign all contracts, deeds, and other instruments made by the Commission when recommended by the Commission and approved by the Mayor and Common Council. At meetings the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall submit such recommendations and information as he or she may consider proper concerning the affairs and policies of the Commission. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall also perform other duties as directed by the Commission or as may be prescribed in these Bylaws.

Section 4. Duties of the Vice CHAIR Chairman. In the absence of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ or in the event of the CHAIR'S ~~Chairman's~~ inability or refusal to act, the Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall perform the duties of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~. In the case of the termination, incapacitation, resignation, or death of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~, the Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall perform the duties of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ until a new CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall be elected. The Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ or by action of the Commission.

Section 5. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Commission, shall act as Secretary of the Commission's meetings and record all votes, shall ensure that records of the Commission's proceedings are maintained in a minutes book to be kept for such purposes in the office of the Commission, and shall perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary. In the event both the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ and Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall be absent or disqualified with respect to any particular matter, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~. The Secretary ~~from time to time~~ may delegate one or more of the duties set forth in this paragraph, excepting performance of the duties of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~, to a Recording Secretary who shall be PROPERLY CONTRACTED BY THE CITY. ~~an employee of the Commission, in which event the~~ THE Secretary shall supervise the Recording Secretary in the performance of such duties.

Article IV: Consultants and Assistants

~~Section 1. Executive Secretary.*~~

Section 1 2. Other Consultants and Assistants. AS AUTHORIZED BY SEC. 22A-113L OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, THE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY CONSULTANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANTS ~~Other consultants and assistants of the Commission shall be retained as necessary,~~

* ~~This Section is not to be implemented at this time.~~

subject to the availability of funds. Hiring of consultants and assistants shall be made by a majority vote of the Commission.

Article V: Committees

Section 1. Appointment of Committees. Standing committees shall be appointed by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission to assist the Commission in achieving its purpose. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ may from time to time authorize other committees as necessary to fulfill the Commission's responsibilities. Committees, excepting the Nominating Committee which is appointed by a motion of the Commission, shall consist of a committee CHAIR ~~chairman~~ and other committee members appointed annually by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission shall ensure that at least one member of the Commission serves on both the Commission's Application Review Committee and on the Mayor's Water Quality Committee. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission shall be an ex officio member of all committees excepting the Nominating Committee and ONLY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ~~may~~ vote on ~~all~~ matters before those committees WHEN NECESSARY TO BREAK A TIE VOTE. (SEE ARTICLE II, SEC. 4.) All committee CHAIRS ~~chairmen~~, excepting the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Nominating Committee, shall serve at the pleasure of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission.

Section 2. Committee Rules and Procedures. Each appointed committee may prepare rules and procedures to guide its actions in the performance of its duties; such rules and procedures shall take effect upon approval by the Commission.

Section 3. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be a standing committee and shall manage the Norwalk Harbor Management Fund and any other Commission funds in cooperation with the Norwalk Department of Finance. The Finance Committee shall keep regular books of accounts showing receipts and expenditures and shall render to the Commission at regular meetings of the Commission, and at such other times as the Commission may require, an account of the Commission's transactions and of the financial condition of the Commission.

The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget for the Commission which shall be submitted to the Commission for approval prior to the end of the Commission's fiscal year.

The Finance Committee also shall prepare documentation of the Commission's expenditures, receipts, and revenue status for the purpose of completing and supporting the Commission's annual funding request to the City of Norwalk.

All commitments or vouchers for expenditure of funds by the Commission in accordance with the Commission's approved budget shall be signed by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Finance Committee AND ~~or the CHAIR Chairman of the Commission. or the Director of Planning and Zoning.~~ All commitments or vouchers for expenditure of funds by the Commission for expenditures not covered in the Commission's approved budget shall be signed by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission (or Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ in the absence of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~) and CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Finance Committee (or the Secretary of the Commission in the absence of the Finance Committee CHAIR ~~Chairman~~) following approval by the Commission.

Section 4. Application Review Committee. The Application Review Committee shall be a standing committee and shall assist the Commission in its review of all applications and proposals affecting the real property on, in, or contiguous to the Norwalk Harbor that are referred to the Commission in accordance with Section 22a-113p of the Connecticut General Statutes and/or Section 69-21 of the Norwalk Code. The Committee shall review all proposals and MAY prepare APPROPRIATE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ~~a recommendation~~ with respect to the consistency or inconsistency of each proposal with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan and provide THOSE ~~that~~ COMMENTS AND recommendations to the Commission for appropriate action.

At least one member of the Application Review Committee shall also serve on the Mayor's Water Quality Committee.

Section 5. Plans and Recommendations Committee. The Plans and Recommendations Committee shall be a standing committee and shall periodically review the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan and conditions in Norwalk Harbor and recommend modifications to the Plan and City ordinances for implementing the Plan. The Committee also may pursue appropriate ~~special~~ projects for the beneficial use and conservation of the Harbor as necessary.

Section 6. MOORING Boating and HARBOR Safety Committee. The MOORING Boating and HARBOR Safety Committee shall be a standing committee and shall review, in coordination with the Harbor Master, conditions affecting the mooring and anchoring of all vessels in Norwalk Harbor, as well as conditions concerning waterfront structures, including docks and bulkheads, and ALL other matters affecting boating and navigation safety in the Harbor. The Committee shall recommend modifications to the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Mooring and Anchoring Vessels and to the Commission's Minimum Standards for Mooring Tackle, as necessary, and also may recommend modifications to the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan and Norwalk Code to ensure safe and efficient use of the Harbor. The Committee may pursue appropriate ~~special~~ projects for maintaining boating and navigation safety in the Harbor. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAINTAIN COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS CONCERNING ALL MOORING LOCATIONS AND MOORING PERMITTEES IN NORWALK HARBOR.

The Harbor Master shall be an ex officio member of the MOORING Boating and HARBOR Safety Committee WITHOUT VOTE AND SHALL, CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL STATUTES AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN, ASSIST THE COMMISSION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MOORING AND ANCHORING VESSELS.

~~**Section 7. Outer Harbor Committee.** The Chairman of the Commission may appoint an Outer Harbor Committee to review conditions and issues concerning the Norwalk Outer Harbor as defined in the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan and Norwalk Code, including matters concerning boating and navigation safety, in coordination with the Boating and Safety Committee and the Harbor Master.~~

Section 7 8. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Commission appointed by a motion of the Commission during or prior to the Commission's December meeting. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for officers of the Commission in advance of the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made by Commission members at the annual meeting provided such nominations are endorsed by at least three (3) members.

The Nominating Committee also shall assist the Commission in recommending to the Governor of Connecticut candidates for the positions of Norwalk Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALSO SHALL RECOMMEND NOMINEES FOR AWARDS AND OTHER RECOGNITIONS GIVEN BY THE COMMISSION.

Section 8 9. The Mayor's Water Quality Committee. Recognizing the importance of clean water to both recreational activities and commercial fishing in Norwalk Harbor, the Commission shall provide leadership and may provide financial support for the Mayor's Water Quality Committee.

Section 9 10. General. No committee or committee members may enter into any contracts for the Commission nor expend any Commission funds without the express permission of the Commission.

Article VI: Meetings of the Commission

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held at a time and place to be announced in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. In the event of a conflict with holidays the majority of members present at the annual meeting may change the date of any meeting that conflicts with a holiday. In the case of an emergency or other event which conflicts with the regular meeting a majority of members present at any meeting may change the date of the regular meeting and such change shall be posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. All meetings shall be held in the offices of the Planning and Zoning Department or in another place in the City of Norwalk as posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The regular meeting in the month of February shall be the annual meeting of the Commission for the purpose of electing officers and setting the dates of regular meetings for the twelve (12) month period following, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Commission.

Section 3. Special Meetings. The Commission shall hold special meetings as necessary to carry out the business of the Commission. Special meetings may be called at any time by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ when he or she deems it necessary to do so, or by the Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ in the event that the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ shall be unavailable or disqualified with respect to the subject matter of

the special meeting. Special meetings shall also be called at any time by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ when requested to do so by at least three (3) members of the Commission. Notice of all special meetings shall be PROVIDED ~~delivered~~ to all members ~~at their place of residence~~ not less than twenty four (24) hours prior to the time of the special meeting and shall be posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Such meeting shall be held at the place set forth in the notice. At such meeting no business may be considered other than as designated in the notice. ~~however, if 75% of the members are present at the special meeting, any and all proper business may be transacted at such meeting.~~

Section 4. Agendas. The agenda for each regular and special meeting shall be established in advance of each meeting by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~. The agenda for each regular meeting shall be provided, prior to the meeting, to all members and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 5. Location of Meetings. Any place in the City of Norwalk may be designated by majority vote of the Commission as the location of all regular meetings of the Commission. The CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission (or Vice CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ in the absence of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~) may designate any place in the City of Norwalk as the location of special meetings of the Commission. All designated meeting locations shall be accessible to all in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Section 6. Public Meetings. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the general public excepting Executive Sessions.

Section 7. Executive Sessions. Executive Sessions closed to the general public may be held only for the purposes stated in the Freedom of Information Act. Executive Sessions may be attended by all Commission members.

Section 8. Quorum. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the Commission's business at any regular and special meeting of the Commission.

Section 9. Voting. Voting shall be by voice vote of the members present and eligible to vote at any regular or special meeting. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall render a decision on a matter by the Commission unless otherwise specifically stated in these Bylaws.

Section 10. Order of Business for Meetings. Unless otherwise determined by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~, the order of business at all meetings shall be:

- a. Call to order;
- b. Roll call;
- ~~c. Reading and approval of minutes;~~
- C d. Communications;
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- E. STAFF REPORTS
- F e. Reports of officers and committees;
- G f. Old business;
- H g. New business;
- I. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- J h. Adjournment.

Section 11. Permission to Speak. Any person wishing to speak on any item appearing on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the Commission or on any item pursuant to the powers and duties of the Commission may do so at the discretion of the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Commission during the meeting. Such person may speak for a period of time as established by the CHAIR ~~Chairman~~.

Section 12. Other Procedures. All questions of procedure not otherwise covered herein or by applicable City or State statutes shall be determined in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article VII: General

Section 1. Conflict with Other Provisions. In the event that any provision of these Bylaws shall conflict with any provision of State law (specifically including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act), or with any provision of the City Charter or Code, then the provisions of State law, City Charter, and Norwalk Code shall prevail. Such conflict, however, shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Amendments of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds ($2/3$) of the members of the Commission present and voting at that meeting provided discussion of the proposed change is listed on the published agenda for that meeting and the proposed change has been read and discussed at the previous regular or special meeting.

Section 3. Suspension of Rules. The Commission may temporarily suspend any of the operating rules contained in these Bylaws during any regular or special meeting by the consent of two-thirds ($2/3$) of the members present.

Section 4. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Commission shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

The undersigned, CHAIR ~~Chairman~~ of the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, does hereby certify that the above and foregoing Bylaws constitute the duly adopted Bylaws of the Commission as duly amended by a vote of the Commission on September 17, 2014.

Jose Juan Cebrian, CHAIR ~~Chairman~~
September 17, 2014

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November 28, 2014

RULES AND REGULATIONS¹ FOR MOORING AND ANCHORING VESSELS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed additions to the Rules and Regulations approved by the Norwalk Common Council on June 22, 2004 are shown in **bold type**;
Proposed deletions are shown as "~~struck through~~."

1. Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee:

(a) A Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission (NHMC) and shall consist of four members of the NHMC, one of whom shall serve as an alternate member of the committee, plus the State of Connecticut Harbor Master for Norwalk Harbor who shall serve on the committee as a non-voting ex-officio member. As authorized by the NHMC, the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee shall have specific responsibilities for implementing these Rules and Regulations and shall direct and advise the Harbor Master with matters pertaining to the mooring and anchoring of vessels² in Norwalk Harbor³ and shall review all other matters affecting boating and

¹ These rules and regulations are prepared and adopted in accordance with Section 69-22 of the Norwalk Code and Sections 22a-113k through 22a-113t of the Connecticut General Statutes, and in furtherance of the provisions of the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan as adopted by the City of Norwalk and approved by the State of Connecticut. In those instances where there may be conflicts between these rules and regulations and the provisions of the Harbor Management Plan, the rules and regulations shall take precedence.

² For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, "mooring" is defined as the action to secure a vessel to: a) mooring tackle so designed that when the attachment of such tackle to the vessel is terminated, some portion of the tackle remains below the surface of the water and is not under the control of the vessel; and b) a floating docks (mooring float) no more than 100 square feet in area unattached to land, not associated with any other docking structure, and secured in whole or in part by mooring tackle. "Mooring tackle" is the hardware (e.g., anchor chain, line, buoys, and other equipment) used to secure a vessel or mooring float at a mooring location. Anchoring is defined as the action to secure a vessel temporarily to the bottom of Norwalk Harbor by dropping an anchor or anchors from the vessel so that when the vessel departs from its anchoring location the anchor or anchors depart with the vessel.

³ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, Norwalk Harbor is defined as that part of Norwalk Harbor consisting of the Inner and Outer harbors subject to the jurisdiction of the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission as defined in the Harbor Management Plan. Excluded from this definition is the Five Mile River Harbor which is under the jurisdiction of the Five Mile River Commission.

navigation safety in the harbor and safe and efficient operation of the harbor. The Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee's direction and advice to the Harbor Master shall be for the purpose of ensuring that all actions and decisions by the Harbor Master pertaining to these Rules and Regulations are consistent with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan (the Plan) as required by Sec. 15-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.⁴

2+. Mooring Permits Required

(a) In order to provide for adequate access for recreational and commercial vessels, for the safety of persons and property, and for the optimum use and safe and efficient operation of Norwalk Harbor, the Norwalk Harbor Master must approve all mooring locations in Norwalk Harbor, including locations used for "individual-private" mooring purposes and locations used for "commercial" mooring purposes the location of all moorings—including individual-private moorings and commercial moorings as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)⁵. —within Norwalk Harbor. A mooring permit issued by the Harbor Master shall be required for the use of The Harbor Master shall issue a permit for each approved mooring location or area.

(b) It is ~~shall be~~ a violation of the Norwalk Code for any person to moor any vessel⁶ place any individual-private or commercial mooring in Norwalk Harbor without a permit from the Harbor Master approved by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and issued through the online mooring system established by the NHMC.

⁴ Sec. 15-1 of the General Statutes requires that harbor masters and deputy harbor masters shall exercise their powers and duties in a manner consistent with any harbor management plan adopted for the harbor over which they have jurisdiction.

⁵ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, an "individual-private" mooring location is a location where the placement of mooring tackle for use by a single vessel is authorized by the January 4, 2008 Office of Long Island Sound Programs "General Permit for Harbor Moorings." As defined in that General Permit, such mooring tackle shall not be rented or used for any commercial purpose; no charge shall be made by the permittee for its use; and placement of the mooring tackle shall not interfere with navigation and shall otherwise be consistent with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan. A "commercial" mooring location is a location where placement of mooring tackle requires specific authorization by the OLISP and USACE pursuant to the state legislation known as the Structures and Dredging Act and the Department of the Army General Permit for the State of Connecticut. Commercial mooring locations include, but are not limited to, locations where mooring tackle is provided for a fee by any boating facility.

⁶ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, "moor any vessel" shall mean to secure a vessel to: a) mooring tackle so designed that when the attachment of such tackle to the vessel is terminated, some portion of the tackle remains below the surface of the water and is not under the control of the vessel or its operator; or b) a floating dock (mooring float) no more than 100 square feet in area unattached to land, not associated with any other docking structure, and secured in whole or in part by mooring tackle.

(c) Placement of mooring tackle⁷ to secure any floating dock unattached to land and greater than 100 square feet to which a vessel may be attached for any period of time is subject to these Rules and Regulations and state and federal regulatory requirements administered by the Connecticut DEEP and USACE, and must be reviewed by the NHMC for consistency with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan.

(d) Placement of mooring tackle to secure any floating dock attached to land and to which a vessel may be attached for any period of time is subject to state and federal regulatory requirements administered by the Connecticut DEEP and USACE and must be reviewed by the NHMC for consistency with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan.

(e) ~~(e)~~ Use of any mooring locations for commercial purposes ~~The location of all commercial moorings requires approval must be approved by the DEEP Department of Environmental Protection and the USACE Corps of Engineers in addition to approval by the Harbor Master. No permit for use of a commercial mooring location shall be issued by the Harbor Master until such time as the NHMC has determined that the proposed commercial mooring location is consistent with the Plan and the DEEP and USACE have issued commercial mooring permits for that location. Permits issued by the Harbor Master for these commercial moorings shall be issued in coordination with commercial mooring permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.~~

(f) ~~(d)~~ No provision contained in these Rules and Regulations shall limit the power of the Norwalk Harbor Master to station and remove vessels as provided in ~~the Connecticut General Statutes, including Sections 15-8, and 15-9, and Section 22a-113r of the Connecticut General Statutes.~~

3.2. Mooring Records

(a) The NHMC, acting through the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, Harbor Master shall keep a detailed record concerning ~~of each approved mooring location and the vessel permitted to use that location, including: the name, home and business address, email address, and telephone numbers of the owner of the permitted vessel; the name, length, beam, registration number required by the State of Connecticut, and type of the permitted vessel; and any other pertinent information as may be determined by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, including, but not limited to, proof of liability insurance for the permitted vessel. ~~its location, and the owner's name, home address, evening and day time telephone number, date mooring was set, and name, length, registration number or documentation, and type of vessel to be attached thereto.~~~~ The Harbor Master shall assist the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee with compilation and maintenance of mooring records. Those records shall be maintained in the online mooring system and include a copy of each mooring permit issued by the Harbor Master.

⁷ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, "mooring tackle" is the hardware (e.g., chain, line, anchor, buoys, and other equipment) used to secure a vessel or floating dock at a mooring location.

(b) **Mooring records** ~~The information shall be maintained in such a manner that information can be obtained easily by the NHMC, Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, and Harbor Master with regard to any individual mooring location, moored vessel, and owner of a moored vessel and also with regard to all mooring locations moorings within a particular harbor area. location.~~

(c) ~~The Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee Harbor Master shall maintain in the Norwalk City Hall and in the online mooring system any a waiting list for mooring space in Norwalk Harbor that may be necessary, as necessary, and a list of current assignments of mooring locations spaces, and both lists shall be updated annually.~~

(d) All mooring permittees shall be responsible for promptly notifying the Harbor Master of any changes to the information provided on their mooring permit applications. All persons on any mooring waiting list that may be established by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee also shall be responsible for notifying the Harbor Master of any changes to the information provided on their waiting list applications. Mooring permittees and persons on any mooring waiting list shall utilize the online mooring system to provide the required notification of changes.

4. Online Mooring System

(a) For the purpose of processing mooring permit applications and managing mooring records in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, the NHMC shall require use of a computerized system for mooring permit application and administration whereby applicants will apply for new and renewed permits online and all required information will be input directly by the applicant to the online system and stored in the system. The NHMC also shall require that applicable mooring fees be submitted directly by the applicant through the online mooring system unless, in response to a request by a particular applicant, the NHMC should determine that such requirement would create an undue hardship for that applicant.

(b) The Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of the online mooring system. The Harbor Master shall assist the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee with operation and maintenance of the online mooring system as necessary and at the direction of the Committee.

5.3. Allocation of Moorings Locations

(a) In allocating mooring locations, the Harbor Master shall give first priority to those persons applying for the renewal of permits granted in the preceding year, second priority to relocation requests in order of application, and third priority to new applicants in order of application.

(b) In allocating mooring locations, the Harbor Master shall, to the extent possible, accommodate ~~assign priority for mooring allocations to riparian or littoral property owners who apply for mooring locations moorings offshore of their properties property.~~⁸ When necessary to achieve

⁸ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, "littoral property" means property contiguous to the navigable waters of Norwalk Harbor and which, pursuant to water-rights law, affords its owner with certain rights including the right of reasonable access to navigable water.

the most equitable use of available mooring locations, the Harbor Master may limit ~~When considering the assignment of mooring locations to riparian or littoral property owners, the Harbor Master may limit the priority granted to owners who have established or are planning to establish docks, piers, or other structures providing boating access to navigable water.~~

(c) In allocating mooring locations, the Harbor Master shall, to the extent possible, assign priority for mooring locations to licensed commercial fishermen. Up to 10% of the available mooring locations ~~space~~ in mooring areas not designated as "commercial" mooring areas in permits issued by the ~~USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Connecticut DEEP Department of Environmental Protection~~ may be reserved for the use of licensed commercial fishermen.

(d) In allocating mooring locations, the Harbor Master shall give consideration to size, draft, type, and use of vessels to be moored.

(e) In allocating mooring locations in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the Harbor Master shall not discriminate on the basis of the applicant's ~~city town~~ of residence or any other factor.

(f) Mooring permits shall be issued by the Harbor Master only to the owner of the vessel to be moored and all moored vessels must be ~~those applicants owning a vessel~~ properly registered to the permittee in accordance with laws of the State of Connecticut and properly insured in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

(g) Within the limits of size and type of vessels, available mooring locations shall be offered to the most senior (lowest numbered) applicant on any the mooring waiting list that may be established by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, subject to the requirements of these Rules and Regulations. If an available mooring location is not suitable to accommodate the most senior applicant's vessel or specific needs, it shall be offered to the next senior qualified applicant. The most senior applicant shall retain his place on the waiting list in this case. The Harbor Master shall continue efforts to provide a suitable mooring location for the most senior applicant. If the most senior applicant refuses a mooring location which is suitable for his or her vessel in the opinion of the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and Harbor Master, that applicant shall be moved to the bottom of the waiting list. In order to obtain the most effective utilization of existing mooring locations ~~facilities~~, lists of applicants shall be maintained to include date of application and type or size of vessel. These lists will be available for public inspection at the Norwalk City Hall and through the online mooring system.

(h) In the interest of ensuring safe, efficient, and equitable use of Norwalk Harbor, the ~~NHMC Harbor Master may, at his discretion,~~ limit the number of mooring locations that can be assigned to any one individual, household, corporation, or other group. In the absence of compelling reasons to the contrary, clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, ~~Only one mooring location space~~ shall be allocated to any one vessel.

6.4. Application for Mooring Permit

(a) Any person, association, corporation, or other group may apply for a mooring permit, by completing in full the application provided for that purpose and submitting the completed application

to the Harbor Master at any time. The NHMC shall require that all applicants complete and submit mooring permit applications utilizing the online mooring system established by the NHMC. (See no. 4 above.)

(b) ~~The online mooring system Harbor Master shall utilize make use of a mooring permit application form, developed by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, that allows for the collection of information on the vessel and the vessel's owner/operator as requested by the Connecticut Department of Transportation as well as any additional information considered necessary by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and Harbor Master and the Harbor Management Commission.~~

(c) ~~If a the mooring permit application is approved by the Harbor Master and Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, the Harbor Master shall send a copy of the approved permit shall be is provided to the applicant through the online mooring system and one copy shall be is shall be retained for the records of the NHMC and Harbor Master. Harbor Master's records.~~

(d) The NHMC may, as necessary to avoid possible abuses of the mooring assignment rules and regulations herein established, establish fair and reasonable requirements on a case by case basis to limit the issuance of mooring permits for vessels with joint ownership.

(e) All applicants for a mooring permit shall maintain liability insurance on the vessel identified in any mooring permit that may be issued to them, and shall provide a copy of the insurance certificate when applying for a mooring permit. All applicants shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Norwalk, its officers, designees, and employees, for any and all claims, damages, or losses of any kind, including legal costs arising out of the use of any mooring location that may be assigned to the applicant. Any permittee in receipt of a commercial mooring field permit issued by the DEEP and USACE also shall hold harmless the City of Norwalk, its officers, designees, and employees, for any and all claims, damages, or losses of any kind, including legal costs arising out of the use of any mooring location within the commercial mooring field.

(f) A complete application for a mooring permit shall include: the application form completed in full; proof of the vessel's current registration in the State of Connecticut; proof of the applicant's vessel liability insurance; the mooring tackle inspection form completed in full; payment through the online mooring system of the appropriate mooring permit fee; and any other pertinent materials as determined by the NHMC.

7.5. Mooring Permits Valid for One Year Only

(a) ~~All In accordance with state regulations, all mooring permits shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year, unless renewed in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. All mooring permits shall expire on the 31st day of December following the date of issuance.~~

(b) No vessels shall be moored stationed on moorings in Norwalk Harbor from January 1 to March 15 of each year. Renewed permits shall will be valid from March 15 to December 31. Limited exceptions to the January 1 to March 15 exclusion may be granted under Section 1947(a) of these Rules and Regulations. rules. [Added 12-27-94.]

8 6. Renewal of Mooring Permit

- (a) All mooring permits shall expire on December 31st of the year issued. To renew an expired permit an applicant must submit all required information and fees **through the online mooring system** to the Norwalk Harbor Master, postmarked no later than January 31st of the following year. Renewal applications received postmarked after January 31st but before March 1st must pay a ~~an~~ additional Late Permit Fee. At least 30 days before the January 31st renewal date, notice of such date shall be **announced through the online mooring system**, ~~published in a newspaper having circulation in the City.~~ [Amended 6-22-04.]
- (b) Any mooring permit ~~Renewal rights for mooring permits not renewed in accordance with paragraph 8 6(a) above shall expire on March 1st. In such case, the former permittee permit holder must remove the abandoned mooring ground tackle from the water within thirty days following expiration of the permit unless, in response to a written request by the former permittee, the NHMC should determine that such removal would create an undue hardship for that former permittee. , and the mooring location may be assigned to the senior person on an existing waiting list or, if a waiting list does not exist, to any new applicant.~~ [Added 6-22-04.]
- (c) ~~After removing mooring ground tackle, a~~ A former permittee permit holder who has not renewed a previously issued mooring permit within the periods of time established herein, may subsequently apply for reinstatement a new mooring permit, subject to all other applicable provisions of these Rules and Regulations, including payment of a reinstatement fee and the applicable mooring permit fee. ~~under the provisions of the City of Norwalk's Mooring Permit Fee Schedule.~~ [Added 6-22-04.]
- (d) ~~A former permit holder who fails to remove ground tackle from the water is not eligible for a new mooring permit but may apply for reinstatement, subject to the provisions of the City of Norwalk's Mooring Permit Fee Schedule.~~ [Added 6-22-04.]
- (d) (e) The Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee with assistance from the Harbor Master shall be responsible for administration of all mooring permit renewals. All mooring permittees shall be notified of renewal requirements by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee through the online mooring system established by the NHMC. ~~Renewal applications will be mailed to all current mooring permit holders during December.~~ [Amended 12-27-94.]
- (e) (f) For vessels located in a **managed** ~~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 to the Harbor Master by the mooring field manager by March 31. This list must be accompanied by a fee equal to one-half 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. [Added 11-9-93.]

9 7. Annual Mooring Permit Fees

- (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 **proposed by the NHMC and adopted** established by the Norwalk Common Council from time to time as authorized by Sec.

22a-113s of the Connecticut General Statutes and subject to any other local, state, and federal requirements.

(b) When the Harbor Master determines that a suitable mooring location exists for an applicant for a new or renewed mooring permit, the applicant ~~shall will be notified and must~~ pay the appropriate annual fee, payable to the City of Norwalk, before the permit shall be issued. This fee shall be nonrefundable. All mooring fees shall be submitted directly by the applicant through an online mooring system established by the NHMC unless, in response to a request by a particular applicant, the NHMC should determine that such requirement would create an undue hardship for that applicant.

(c) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Norwalk Harbor Management Fund, as authorized by Sec. 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 ~~NHMC Harbor Management Commission~~ and the Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master.

(d) When proposing a mooring permit fee schedule for adoption by the Norwalk Common Council, the NHMC may differentiate fees for recreational and commercial vessels; consider reduced fees for duly established non-profit organizations⁹; and consider special fees for placement of mooring tackle used to secure floating docks to which vessels may be attached.

(e) No more than four mooring locations permitted at a reduced fee may be assigned to any duly established non-profit organization.

10 8. Transferral of Mooring Permits and Vessels

(a) ~~An individual-private A~~ mooring permit shall authorize ~~authorizes~~ use of a mooring location only for the single, registered vessel indicated on the permit. The use of a mooring location for any other vessel is prohibited and shall ~~will be~~ grounds for revocation of the mooring permit. ~~Individual-private mooring~~ However, mooring permits shall not be transferable with the transfer of vessels. Whenever a mooring permittee ~~the holder of a mooring permit~~ transfers the title or interest in or otherwise parts with possession of the vessel identified in the mooring permit to another person by any arrangement whatsoever, the new vessel possessor, transferee, or owner shall have no vested right to use the mooring location ~~space~~ covered by the mooring permit and must apply for a new permit in order to use that location or another location. ~~{Amended 6-22-04.}~~

(b) A mooring permittee ~~The holder of a mooring permit~~ may, upon written application to and approval by the Harbor Master and Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, retain the permitted mooring location ~~space assigned under the mooring permit~~ for a replacement vessel provided that vessel is owned and properly registered by the permittee ~~holder of the permit~~ and is moved onto the mooring location within sixty days (unless the period is extended by the Harbor Master and Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee because of special circumstances). If the replacement

⁹ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, "non-profit organization" means an incorporated organization which exists for educational or charitable purposes, does not operate for profit, and is granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service.

vessel is significantly smaller, larger, or of different draft or type, the Harbor Master shall have the right to relocate the vessel to another, more suitable mooring location **if, in the judgment of the Harbor Master, such relocation will advance the safe and efficient operation of the harbor.**

(c) Mooring permits shall be nontransferable except that the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee may approve the transfer of a mooring permit between a deceased and surviving spouse if not doing so would create an unreasonable hardship to the surviving spouse in the judgment of the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and Harbor Master.

~~(e) In the event of a permit holder's death, the terms and conditions of a currently valid permit shall be transferable to the surviving spouse, in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and in coordination with any local mooring field management sanctioned by the Harbor Master. [Added 6-22-04.]~~

11 9. Mooring Location and Placement

(a) When a permit is issued for a mooring location, the Harbor Master shall assign a specific location for that mooring. No mooring tackle shall be placed or maintained in any part of Norwalk Harbor until the location for placement of that mooring tackle has been approved by the Harbor Master.

(b) Moorings under no circumstances shall be located within navigation channels or fairways or otherwise interfere with the safe and efficient operation of the harbor as determined by the Harbor Master. ~~free use of navigation channels and fairways.~~

(c) In accordance with ~~Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 26-157a~~ (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, no mooring tackle shall be placed on any oyster bed without the permission of the owner or lessee of such bed. When considering placement of mooring tackle on designated natural shellfish grounds, the Harbor Master and Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee shall consider the recommendations of the Norwalk Shellfish Commission.

(d) Moorings located within designated anchorages identified in the Harbor Management Plan should be placed in accordance with specific mooring plans designed to provide safe and efficient mooring of vessels.

12 40. Transient Mooring and Anchoring

(a) The NHMC ~~Harbor Management Commission~~ may designate transient mooring and anchoring locations, identified by the Harbor Master, ~~areas~~ for the exclusive, short-term use (not to exceed a total of 14 days in any calendar year) by ~~of~~ recreational vessels visiting Norwalk Harbor. This space shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis. No vessel shall ride on its ship's anchor in Norwalk Harbor unattended for more than 24 hours without the expressed permission of the Harbor Master. ~~[Amended 6-22-04.]~~

(b) No vessel shall anchor in Norwalk Harbor with the use of the vessel's ship's anchoring equipment for a period greater than 14 days in any calendar year, unless expressly approved by the Harbor Master, in accordance with state statutes. ~~[Added 6-22-04.]~~

~~(e) — No vessel shall ride on its ship's anchor unattended for more than 24 hours without the expressed permission of the Harbor Master. [Added 6-22-04.]~~

(c) ~~(d)~~ The Harbor Master may require any person anchoring in the harbor to display for inspection the anchors, chains, and other equipment used at such anchoring for soundness of condition.

(d) ~~(e)~~ The City of Norwalk accepts no responsibility for the safety of transient **mooring and anchoring locations** ~~moorings~~ during periods of extreme weather including, but not limited to, gale winds, hurricanes, and extreme high water. ~~[Added 6-22-04.]~~

~~(f) — To help promote the City of Norwalk, the Harbor Management Commission may provide visitors' moorings in the Inner Harbor for the use of visiting boaters. With the Harbor Master's permission, a visiting boater may attach a vessel to one of these moorings free of charge for a period of up to 72 hours. After that time, that same vessel may not use a visitors' mooring for a period of 96 hours after which time the owner/operator of that vessel may reapply to the Harbor Master for permission to use a visitors' mooring again. Anyone not complying with these provisions shall be subject to fines in accordance with Section 18 of these Rules and Regulations. [Added 3-10-98.]~~

13 ~~14~~. Abandonment of Mooring Tackle

(a) Any permitted mooring **location** not used for a period of one **permit season year** may be considered abandoned and the **mooring tackle shall be subject to removal or relocation by order of the Harbor Master acting at the direction of the NHMC**. Any mooring **tackle** not authorized by a current **and valid** permit from the Harbor Master may be considered as abandoned and subject to removal at any time. No **permitted mooring location** may be left unused for more than one calendar year without written permission of the ~~NHMC, Harbor Management Commission~~.

(b) Any **mooring permittee** ~~registered owner~~ who owns mooring tackle and is ~~vacating~~ **abandoning** his or her mooring **location space** may ~~offer to sell the tackle occupying such location space to another permittee with a current and valid permit and shall notify the Harbor Master of such sale, the next person assigned that space.~~ Failure of the ~~registered~~ owner to remove such tackle shall constitute the abandonment thereof, and such tackle may be removed by the Harbor Master at the expense of the ~~such registered~~ owner. **Sale of mooring tackle shall not transfer any rights for a mooring permit or use of a mooring location, nor absolve the purchaser from compliance with the mooring tackle inspection requirements of these Rules and Regulations.**

14 ~~12~~. Mooring Tackle Inspection

(a) No mooring tackle shall be placed in Norwalk Harbor without inspection and approval of the tackle by the Harbor Master or his authorized designee. All mooring tackle placed in the harbor shall be in compliance with any mooring tackle guidelines that may be established by the NHMC. ~~The Harbor Master shall require that all new moorings, anchors, chains, and other equipment used in connection with moorings in Norwalk Harbor be submitted to the Harbor Master or to an inspector designated by the Harbor Master or Harbor Management Commission for inspection to determine soundness of condition and compliance with minimum guidelines established by the Harbor Management Commission.~~

(b) It is required that all mooring tackle **must** be inspected for soundness of condition no less than once every two calendar years. The Harbor Master may require any **mooring permittee** ~~person who holds a mooring permit in Norwalk Harbor~~ to display for inspection the anchor, chains, and other mooring equipment for soundness of condition. **All mooring tackle** ~~Each mooring~~ shall be **inspected and certified for soundness** ~~subject to inspection by the Harbor Master, or by a qualified an inspection contractor service acceptable to the NHMC and Harbor Master, Harbor Master, at the discretion of the Harbor Master.~~ A list of **qualified mooring tackle inspection contractors** ~~services~~ shall be made available to the mooring **permittee** ~~permit holder~~ by the Harbor Master. An official **mooring tackle** inspection form provided by the **Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee** ~~Harbor Master~~ shall be filed by the mooring owner with the **NHMC** ~~Harbor Master~~ once every two years **utilizing the online mooring system.**

(c) The **Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee** and Harbor Master shall maintain, **utilizing an online mooring system established by the NHMC,** a record of each inspection for a period of **four** ~~three~~ years. If, as a ~~the~~ result of such inspection it shall be determined that any chain, shackle, swivel, anchor, or other piece of mooring tackle has become unsafe or otherwise inadequate, such chain, shackle, swivel, **anchor,** or other piece of mooring tackle shall be replaced by the **mooring permittee** at the expense of the **permittee,** ~~accordingly,~~ **re-inspected, and a new inspection report shall be submitted through an online mooring system established by the NHMC.** Failure to **replace unsafe or otherwise inadequate mooring tackle** ~~make such replacement~~ shall be grounds for revocation of the mooring permit by the Harbor Master.

(d) **Qualified mooring tackle inspection contractors acceptable to the NHMC** shall maintain appropriate commercial insurance of an amount and type acceptable to the City of Norwalk Risk Manager.

15 43. Secure Mooring and Anchoring of Vessels

(a) The owner of any vessel moored or anchored within Norwalk Harbor shall be responsible for causing such vessel to be tied, secured, or anchored with proper care and equipment and in such manner as may be required to prevent the moored or anchored vessel from **breaking loose and causing damage to any other vessel, person, or property,** ~~breakaway and resulting damage,~~ and shall thereafter provide for periodic inspection of mooring or anchoring equipment as **required by these Rules and Regulations.** ~~the Harbor Master deems necessary.~~

(b) All mooring tackle shall comply with any **guidelines** ~~minimum standards~~ established by the **NHMC** ~~Harbor Management Commission~~ and adjusted, as necessary, by the **NHMC** ~~in consultation with the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and Harbor Master.~~ All mooring **permittees** ~~The holders of all mooring permits~~ shall recognize that requirements for mooring tackle may **will** vary in different locations **in Norwalk Harbor** and that some locations and conditions may require mooring tackle that exceeds the **guidelines.** ~~minimum standards.~~

(c) ~~The minimum standards for mooring tackle~~ **guidelines** shall be provided by the **Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee,** **utilizing the online mooring system established by the NHMC,** ~~Harbor Master~~ to all mooring permit applicants. ~~each person, corporation, organization, or group applying for a mooring permit.~~

(d) Mooring permittees are advised to monitor forecasts of approaching storms and apply additional safety measures to secure their vessels as necessary, including removal of their vessels from mooring locations in the harbor.

16-44. Identification of Approved Mooring Locations

(a) The **Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee acting in consultation with the Harbor Master** may, from time to time, establish and amend reasonable standards for the marking of all mooring buoys used in Norwalk Harbor. **Such standards shall be in compliance with any state or federal requirements for the marking of mooring buoys.** Notice of standards and requirements for marking approved mooring locations moorings shall be provided in writing to all approved mooring permittees. permit holders. ~~[Amended 3-10-98.]~~

(b) All mooring buoys (including temporary "winter buoys"¹⁰) must be clearly identified at all times with the assigned mooring permit number. ~~[Added 3-10-98.]~~

(c) In accordance with Section 15-121-A3(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, all anchorage and mooring area buoys shall be white with a clearly visible horizontal blue reflectance band around the circumference of the buoy centered midway between the top of the buoy and the water line. ~~[Added 3-10-98.]~~

(d) **Temporary Substitute** mooring buoys ("winter buoys") used ~~during the winter months~~ to mark approved mooring locations may be used only during the period of October 15 through **March May 15, subject to any additional restrictions imposed by the Harbor Master to maintain safe and efficient use of the harbor.** ~~such buoys are not permissible at any other time.~~ Any temporary substitute buoy must be permanently identified with the assigned mooring permit number clearly visible. **The Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee acting in consultation with the Harbor Master** may, from time to time, establish and amend reasonable requirements for placement of temporary mooring buoys. ~~[Added 3-10-98.]~~

(c) All vessels permitted to use a mooring location in Norwalk Harbor and all mooring buoys and mooring floats secured with mooring tackle shall display a current mooring permit identification decal issued by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee. The number on the decals shall correspond to the number of the mooring permit issued by the Harbor Master. The purpose of the decals shall be to help ensure that all vessels moored in the harbor are properly permitted and attached to properly inspected mooring tackle and their owners easily identified in the event of an emergency. Decals shall be affixed, by the mooring permittee, to the transom of the permitted vessel and to the mooring buoy or mooring float by a date specified by the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee.

¹⁰ For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, a "winter buoy" is a flotation device, acceptable to the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee, that may be used to temporarily mark a permitted mooring location during a specific period of the year when that location is not utilized to moor a vessel.

17 45. Relocation and Removal of Mooring Tackle Moorings

(a) The Harbor Master acting in consultation with the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee may require any mooring tackle or moored vessel to be removed to a new location whenever, in his judgment, **such removal is needed to maintain safe and efficient use of the mooring location.** ~~the safety of any other vessel or optimum use of the mooring location area so requires.~~

(b) If an order ~~directions~~ given by the Harbor Master with respect to removing unauthorized ~~mooring tackle moorings~~, removing **mooring tackle** ~~moorings~~ not properly identified in accordance with Section ~~16 44~~ of these Rules and Regulations, changing the location of **mooring tackle** ~~existing moorings~~ for the purpose of ensuring **safe and efficient** ~~safety and optimum~~ use of the mooring location area, or replacing mooring tackle determined to be **unsafe or otherwise** inadequate are not taken by the owner, if known, within fourteen days after the owner's receipt of **written notice by certified mail, notification**, or, if the owner is not known, after notice has been posted for that period on the vessel or mooring tackle, the Harbor Master may cause such **mooring tackle** ~~moorings~~ to be removed or **relocated**, ~~changed~~, or may drop same to the bottom of the harbor. The expense of such **mooring tackle** removal or relocation and any liability arising from injury to person or property incurred thereby shall be the responsibility of the mooring **permittee** ~~permit holder~~. ~~[Amended 3-10-98.]~~

(c) Nothing above shall prevent the Harbor Master ~~or his designee~~ from taking measures with or without notice if, in the judgment of the Harbor Master, **such measures are** ~~it is~~ necessary in order to provide for the safety of persons or property.

18 46. Designation of Navigation Channels or Fairways to be Kept Free of Moorings

(a) In order to provide safe navigation in all parts of Norwalk Harbor, the ~~NHMC Harbor Management Commission~~, with **consideration** of the advice of the **Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and Harbor Master** and with authority provided by **Sec. 22a-113n of the Connecticut General Statutes**, ~~shall be empowered to~~ designate, as **necessary**, the location of **navigation channels or fairways** within which **approved mooring locations** ~~moorings~~ shall not be **approved** ~~located~~ and to make changes in such designations when conditions or needs require.

19 47. Suspension of Requirements and Imposition of Emergency Requirements

(a) The requirements of these Rules and Regulations pertaining to a specific mooring or **anchoring location area** and/or **moored or anchored** vessel may be modified by the ~~NHMC, Harbor Master~~ acting in consultation with the **Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee and Harbor Master**, if, in the judgment of the ~~NHMC, Harbor Master~~, such modification is necessary to provide for the safety of persons or property or if the imposition of the requirements would result in an unreasonable hardship on the person or persons so affected.

(b) In order to most effectively respond to any emergency as may be caused by a severe storm or other natural or man-made conditions, the Harbor Master **acting in consultation with the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee** is empowered to suspend the requirements of these Rules and Regulations and/or impose additional requirements in the interest of public safety.

20 48. Violations

(a) These Rules and Regulations have been adopted and approved in accordance with Sec. 22a-113r of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sec. 69-22 of the Norwalk Code. In accordance with Sec. 69-22D of the Norwalk Code, any person who shall violate any of these Rules and Regulations shall be fined **an amount authorized by the Code, not more than ninety dollars (\$90.00).** Each day such violation continues after the time for correction of the violation has been given in any written order **issued by a duly authorized police officer of the City of Norwalk** shall constitute a continuing violation and shall be subject to a fine **in an amount authorized by the Code of ninety dollars (\$90.00) per day** for each day said violation continues.

(b) Fines levied for violations of these Rules and Regulations as authorized by the Norwalk Code shall be collected by the City of Norwalk and deposited into the Norwalk Harbor Management Fund established pursuant to **Sec. 22a-113 s of the Connecticut General Statutes.**

(c) Any person who obstructs, resists, or willfully refuses to obey the order of the Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master for the stationing of a vessel in accordance with these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in **Sec. 15-8** and other applicable sections of the Connecticut General Statutes, enforceable by any duly authorized police officer of the City of Norwalk.

21 49. Revocation of Mooring Permits

(a) The Harbor Master **acting in consultation with the Mooring and Harbor Safety Committee** ~~may shall have the authority to~~ revoke a mooring permit if the ~~permittee~~ **permit holder** fails to maintain the moored vessel in a seaworthy condition or fails to comply with any permit condition or provision of these Rules and Regulations.

22 20. Review of Decisions

(a) Any party aggrieved by any decision pertaining to the application of these Rules and Regulations may **submit a request in writing to the NHMC Harbor Management Commission** to review that decision with respect to these Rules and Regulations and with respect to the goals, objectives, policies, and guidelines established in the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan. **Such request shall be submitted within 30 days of the date of the decision.** The NHMC shall review the decision and **render a finding on the matter** ~~Harbor Management Commission must respond with a decision or action within 60 days of receipt of the aggrieved party's written request. a request for review.~~

(b) While **Sec. 15-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes** ~~state law~~ requires the ~~state-appointed~~ **Norwalk Harbor Master who is appointed by the Governor** to act in a manner consistent with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan, **it is recognized that** City ordinances, rules, and regulations cannot alter the Harbor Master's duties and powers **established in the Connecticut General Statutes** which include primary authority to station vessels, **and issue mooring permits, regarding mooring assignments.** As a result, the ~~NHMC Harbor Management Commission~~ may not over-ride the Harbor Master's mooring assignments, **provided as long as** such assignments are consistent with the Harbor Management Plan and these Rules and Regulations.

23. Exclusions

(a) Specifically excluded from the requirements of these Rules and Regulations are the placement of swim floats, navigation and regulatory markers, and aquaculture structures secured by bottom anchors and subject to state and federal regulatory programs, including regulatory programs administered by the Connecticut DEEP, USACE, and Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture. All applications for swim floats, navigation and regulatory markers, and aquaculture structures must be reviewed by the NHMC for consistency with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan and by the Harbor Master for potential impacts on safe and efficient operation of the Harbor. Pursuant to the DEEP's General Permit for Swim Floats, no vessel shall be attached to a swim float at any time.

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Chapter 103. Taxation

Article V. Board of Tax ReviewAssessment Appeals

§ 103-14. Appointment of alternates; increase in membership.

A.

There shall be three alternate members appointed to the Board of Tax ReviewAssessment Appeals. The Mayor shall appoint the alternates subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The appointed alternates shall serve terms of one year from the date of appointment.

B.

Revaluation.

(1)

In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-199(c), the Board of Tax ReviewAssessment Appeals is hereby increased to seven members for any assessment year during which a revaluation becomes effective as well as the two assessment years immediately following such year of revaluation. The Mayor shall appoint the four additional members, and a total of seven alternate members to the Board, subject to confirmation by the Common Council, during such years.

(2)

The provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, § 9-167a concerning minority representation shall apply to the Board of Tax ReviewAssessment Appeals.

(3)

Upon the completion by the Board of Tax ReviewAssessment Appeals of its work for any revaluation assessment year described above for which the additional members were appointed, the terms of the four additional members and four alternates appointed and confirmed pursuant to this section shall expire and no successors shall be appointed.

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PUBLIC HEARING
&
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Eloisa Melendez, Chair; Michael Corsello; Bruce Kimmel;
Thomas Livingston; Shannon O'Toole Giandurco

STAFF: Brian McCann, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Timothy Callahan,
Director, Department of Health

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Melendez called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and called the Roll.

PUBLIC HEARING: Responsible Bidder's Ordinance

There were no members of the public present this evening who wished to speak.

Ms. Melendez closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco explained that this is the second time this issue came through this committee. Mr. McCann reviewed paragraphs E and F. Mr. Corsello said that he would rather see the Purchasing Department have discretion, rather than provide a laundry list. He said that paragraph F could get into libel and slander issues and once that is in the ordinance, a reason would have to be provided as to why a contract was not awarded.

Mr. Kimmel explained that the policy is to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. McCann said that in the past, that was interpreted broadly.

Mr. Livingston asked why this paragraph was needed. Mr. McCann explained that the Purchasing Department was ready to award a contract when they were alerted by the Tax Department that the owner owed back taxes.

Following a discussion, the following revisions were made:

- A. It is the policy of the City of Norwalk to award to the lowest responsible bidders for any contract. Any person or organization is deemed to be a responsible bidder if such bidder, including, but not limited to:

G. Notwithstanding the above, the City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or bidders as it may consider to be in its best interests or when it is determined that the public interest would best be served by doing so.

F. Remove

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO FORWARD THE PROPOSED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER'S ORDINANCE AS AMENDED TO THE FULL COMMON COUNCIL**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no member of the public who wished to speak this evening.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: December 15, 2015

**** MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW BUSINESS

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. Nail Salons

Mr. McCann explained that a few months ago, he was informed about work being done by students at Brien McMahon's Center for Youth Leadership about health conditions for workers at nail salons:

Recommendations to strengthen the Ordinance that governs the operation of nail saloons was reviewed. Mr. Kimmel noted that the biggest issues seem to be hours and salaries. Mr. Callahan explained that the Health Department can only respond to health issues.

A representative from the Center for Youth Leadership said that the wage issue is paramount; the nail workers get paid \$3.50 per hour. He had Chinese speaking students go to the saloons to talk to workers. He said that it needs to be made public that there are unsafe practices. Mr. Callahan suggested that student interns could do the research and they could come back in three months with an update.

Mr. Kimmel asked about barbershops. Mr. Callahan said that the biggest issue is that they hire unlicensed barbers.

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REVISIT THE REQUIRED ANNUAL INSPECTION IN THREE MONTHS AND LOOK AT INCREASING INSPECTIONS TO TWICE A YEAR AND INCREASING THE FEE**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Board of Assessment Appeals Revisions

Mr. McCann explained the State Statute and Charter limits the number of Board members and alternates. It may permit additional members on a temporary basis to accommodate the bump during a revaluation year and the year after.

The Board of Assessment Appeals is asking if they can increase the number of Board members for a longer period of time. There is no cost to the City. Mr. McCann said that he can't legally appoint seven members permanently. Mr. Corsello added that the reason is due to the State Statute. He suggested talking to the State Legislators about amending the Statute.

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco said that they can give the other members one more year.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016 TO REVISE THE NAME OF THE BOARD TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Harbor Commission Bylaw Revisions

Mr. McCann explained that the Harbor Commission was created through an enabling act. The Common Council reserves the ability to review any revisions proposed by the Commission. The Commission is proposing revisions to their bylaws. Mr. Tony Mobilia and Mr. Dennis Santella explained that these revisions bring their bylaws up to date. Mr. Corsello said that he reviewed the document and nothing seems unreasonable. Mr. Livingston suggested changing Chairman to Chair where not already noted.

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AMEND THE BYLAWS TO CHANGE CHAIRMAN TO CHAIR WHERE NOT ALREADY NOTED AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. Commercial Parking Ordinance

Mr. McCann explained the Ordinance. Mr. Livingston said that he was not comfortable with penalizing someone for parking their boat/camper on the street if they come home from a trip and can't bring it back to the storage area within four hours.

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco asked if there had been any complaints. Mr. McCann said that he received four to five e-mails from the Police Department. Mr. Corsello suggested separating boats from campers. He added that he does not want to pass a regulation that can't be enforced. He said that this is trying to legislate neighborly conduct.

Mr. Livingston asked what other towns do. Mr. McCann said that they prohibit commercial vehicles. Mr. Livingston said that he would like to see a broader example of a camper.

This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

2. Don't Block the Box

Mr. McCann explained the item. Mr. Corsello said that this can make things worse. Ms. O'Toole Giandurco asked if this item could be sent back to the Traffic Authority. Mr. Kimmel suggested inviting the Deputy Chief to the next meeting to discuss this further.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

Chapter 11A: Alarm Systems

[HISTORY: Adopted by the City of Norwalk Common Council as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article I: Burglar and Holdup Alarm Systems

[Adopted 4-8-1986]

§ 11A-1 Title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Ordinance Regulating Burglar and Holdup Alarm Systems and Users."

§ 11A-2 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to reduce the number of false alarms and promote the responsible use of alarm devices, thereby improving the members of the Police Department who must respond to such alarms.

§ 11A-3 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALARM SYSTEM

Any device or assembly of equipment arranged to signal, audibly or visibly, the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which police and fire personnel are expected to respond. In this article, the term "alarm system" shall include the terms "automatic holdup alarm system," "burglar alarm system," "holdup alarm system" and "manual holdup alarm system." Alarm systems which monitor temperature, humidity or any other condition not directly related to the detection of an unauthorized intrusion into a premises or an attempted robbery or a fire or smoke condition at a premises are specifically excluded from the provisions of this article.

ALARM USER

Any person on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the City of Norwalk, except alarm systems on motor vehicles or proprietary alarms. If, however, an alarm system on a motor vehicle is connected with an alarm system at a premises (other than a proprietary system), the person using such system is an alarm user. Also excluded from this definition and from the coverage of this article are persons who use alarm systems to alert or signal persons within the premises in which the alarm system is located of an attempted unauthorized intrusion or holdup attempt. If such system, however, employs an audible signal emitting sounds or a flashing light or beacon designed to signal persons outside the premises, such system shall be within the definition of "alarm system" and shall be subject to this article.

AUTOMATIC DIALING DEVICE

An alarm system which automatically sends over regular telephone lines, by direct connection or otherwise, a prerecorded voice message or a coded signal indicating the existence of the emergency situation that the alarm system is designed to detect.

AUTOMATIC HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEM

An alarm system in which the signal is initiated by the action of the robber.

BURGLARY ALARM SYSTEM

An alarm system signaling an entry or attempted entry into the area protected by the system.

CENTRAL STATION

An office to which remote alarm devices are connected where operators monitor those signals and relay information to the Police Department.

CITY

The City of Norwalk, County of Fairfield, Connecticut.

FALSE ALARM

The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employees or agents. Such terminology does not include, for example, alarms caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes or other violent conditions. "False alarms" shall not mean alarms transmitted because of a watermain break or similar causes that occur outside of the protected property. "False alarms," as defined in this article, also do not include those alarms that are transmitted with a criminal, malicious or mischievous intent.

HOLDUP ALARM SYSTEM

An alarm system signaling a robbery or attempted robbery.

MANUAL HOLDUP ALARM

An alarm system in which the signal transmission is initiated by the direct action of the person attacked or by an observer of the attack.

PERSON

Any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

POLICE or POLICE DEPARTMENT

The publicly supported Police Department of the City of Norwalk.

§ 11A-4 Automatic dial alarm prohibited.

- A. No automatic dial alarms may be installed which transmit a signal directly to the Police Department.
- B. This section does not apply to automatic dial alarms which transmit to a central station.

§ 11A-5 Exterior audible devices.

- A. Unless required by law, no alarm device which produces an exterior audible signal shall be permitted unless its operation is automatically restricted to a maximum of 30 minutes.
- B. All existing devices which produce an exterior audible signal shall be modified within 60 days of the effective date of this article to comply with Subsection A of this section.

§ 11A-6 Testing of alarm devices.

Permission is not required to test or demonstrate alarm devices not transmitting signals directly to the Police Department. If such signals are to be relayed to the Police Department, permission from the head of the affected department or his designee must first be obtained.

§ 11A-7 through § 11A-9. (Reserved) ^[1]

[1] Editor's Note: Former §§ 11A-7, False alarms, 11A-8, Municipal responsibility, and 11A-9, Exceptions, were repealed 1-28-2003.

Article II: Alarm Devices; False Alarms

[Adopted 1-28-2003]

§ 11A-10 Legislative determination.

- A. It is determined that the number of false alarms being made to the Norwalk Police and Fire Departments hinders the efficiency of those Departments, lowers the morale of Department personnel, constitutes a danger to the general public during responses to false alarms, and that the adoption of this article will reduce the number of false alarms and promote the responsible use of alarm devices in Norwalk.

- B. The general welfare and safety of the residents of Norwalk will be best served and protected by the establishment and implementation of an ordinance requiring the registration of alarm devices and establishing a mechanism to reduce the number of false alarms and promote the responsible use of alarm devices in Norwalk.

§ 11A-11 Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply.

ALARM DEVICE

Any device which, when activated by a criminal act, fire or other emergency calling for Police or Fire Department response, transmits a signal to the Police or Fire Department; transmits a signal to a person who relays information to the Police or Fire Department; or produces an audible or visible signal to which the Police or Fire Department is expected to respond. Excluded from this definition and the scope of this article are devices which are designed to alert or signal only persons within the premises in which the device is installed.

ALARM USER

The owner of any premises in which an alarm device is used, provided that an occupant who expressly accepts responsibility for an alarm device by registration pursuant to § 11A-14 shall be deemed the "alarm user."

AUTOMATIC DIAL ALARM

A telephone device or attachment that mechanically or electronically selects a telephone line to the Police or Fire Department and reproduces a prerecorded voice message to report a criminal act, fire or other emergency calling for Police or Fire Department response.

CENTRAL STATION

An office to which remote alarm devices transmit signals where operators monitor those signals and relay information to the Police and Fire Departments.

CONTRACTOR

Any person, firm or corporation in the business of supplying and installing alarm devices or servicing the same.

FALSE ALARM

Any activation of an alarm device to which the Police or Fire Department responds and which is not the result of an actual emergency.

§ 11A-12 Administrator.

The Chief of the Norwalk Police Department and the Chief of the Norwalk Fire Department shall jointly designate an Alarm Administrator for alarm devices who shall have the powers and duties granted under this article.

§ 11A-13 Alarm Appeal Board.

- A. There shall be an Alarm Appeal Board, which shall have the powers and duties granted to it under this article.
- B. The Alarm Appeal Board shall consist of five members, at least one of whom shall have experience with installing or servicing alarm devices. Each member shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. The Mayor will designate the Chairman. Each initial member shall serve until January 1, 2005. All members shall be electors of the City of Norwalk and shall serve without compensation. Further appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for terms of four years. Appointed members shall serve until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired portion of a term in the same manner as regular appointments.
- C. Three members of such Board shall constitute a quorum. All decisions of the Board shall be made by agreement of a majority of those present and voting.

§ 11A-14 Notice and registration of alarm devices required.

On or after 90 days of the effective date of this article:

- A. No person, firm or corporation shall install an alarm device without first providing the Alarm Administrator with the name, address and phone number of the owner of the premises wherein an alarm device is to be installed. An occupant of such premises, other than the owner, can accept responsibility for an alarm device used on the premises by executing a written acceptance form and filing the name with the Alarm Administrator.
- B. Each alarm user shall register his alarm device or devices with the Alarm Administrator prior to use of the alarm device.
- C. Each user of an existing alarm device or contractor acting on behalf of an alarm user shall register the alarm device with the Alarm Administrator.

§ 11A-15 Alarm device registration procedure.

- A. Alarm device registration shall be accomplished by filling out a form provided by the Alarm Administrator which shall require such information concerning the identity of the proposed alarm user, the identity of the alarm user's contractor, if any, and the nature of the proposed alarm device, as the Alarm Administrator may require. The Alarm Administrator shall issue the alarm user a written acknowledgment of proper registration.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of each alarm user who has possession of the premises to notify the Alarm Administrator of changes in registration information.

§ 11A-16 Registration of central stations required.

Each central station which plans to transmit signals to the Norwalk Police or Fire Department must register with the Alarm Administrator before doing so.

§ 11A-17 Central station registration procedure.

- A. Central station registration shall be accomplished by filling out a form provided by the Alarm Administrator which shall include such information as the Administrator may require concerning the identity of the applicant, the type of its business organization (individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation), the principal place of business of the entity, the location of the office monitoring alarms and the alarm users in Norwalk served by the station. The Administrator shall issue the central station a written acknowledgment of proper registration.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of each central station to notify the Administrator of any change in the registration information in writing within 30 days, but such notification need not be given more frequently than once a month.

§ 11A-18 Registration of contractors required.

- A. Each contractor that wishes to provide authorized alarm device inspection and repair services shall register with the Alarm Administrator.
- B. Contractor registration shall be accomplished by filling out a form provided by the Alarm Administrator which shall include such information concerning the identity of the applicant, the type of its business organization (individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation), the principal place of business of the entity, the places of business from which Norwalk alarm users will be served, the types and makes of equipment the contractor is qualified to service, as the Administrator may require. The Administrator shall issue the contractor a written acknowledgment of proper registration.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of each contractor to notify in writing the Alarm Administrator of changes in the registration information within 30 days of the change.

§ 11A-19 Registration fees.

There shall be a registration fee of \$10 for each registration under §§ 11A-16, 11A-17 and 11A-18.

§ 11A-20 New automatic dial alarms prohibited.

No automatic dial alarm device may be installed after the effective date of the article.

§ 11A-21 Reporting of false alarms.

- A. The Norwalk Police Department and Norwalk Fire Department shall report false alarms to the Alarm Administrator, based upon the report of the investigating officer.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the central station to notify the alarm user whenever the central station reports an alarm to the Norwalk Police Department or Fire Department.

§ 11A-22 Charges for false alarms.

- A. When the Alarm Administrator determines that the Police Department or Fire Department has responded to a false alarm, the Alarm Administrator shall impose a charge on the responsible alarm user according to the following schedule:
 - (1) For the first two false alarms within the City's fiscal year: no charge.
 - (2) For the third false alarm within the City's fiscal year: \$50.
 - (3) For each subsequent false alarm within the City's fiscal year: \$75.
- B. Failure to pay any such charge within 30 days of the imposition thereof shall constitute a separate violation of this article. Each month thereafter that a charge remains unpaid shall constitute a separate violation.
- C. Charges may be amended by a fee schedule enacted by the Common Council.

§ 11A-23 Notification of charges.

- A. The Alarm Administrator shall notify the responsible alarm user of any false alarm charge by mail addressed to the alarm user at the address noted on the registration form on file. Within 30 days after receipt of such notice, the alarm user may file with the Administrator information to show that the alarm was not a false alarm within the meaning of this article. Notice shall be deemed to be received within seven days from date of mailing.
- B. The Administrator shall consider all such information, reaffirm or rescind the false alarm charge based on the use of reasonable judgment and notify the alarm user of its decision by mail. No later than 30 days after the mailing of such notice, the alarm user may file with the Alarm Appeal Board an appeal, in writing, to challenge the basis for the Alarm Administrator's decision.

§ 11A-24 Violations and penalties.

Any person who performs or causes to be performed any of the following acts shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed \$75 for each such act:

- A. Failure to register an alarm device, central station or contractor or give notice of changes in registration information within the required times and as required by this article.
- B. Use of an automatic dial alarm device.
- C. Installation of an alarm device without first providing the Alarm Administrator with the name, address and phone number of the owner of and the alarm user at (if different) the premises wherein the alarm device was installed. Each thirty-day period following the imposition of a penalty that a violation remains uncorrected or that a penalty remains unpaid shall constitute a separate violation.

§ 11A-25 Appeals procedure.

Appeals shall be filed in writing within 30 days. Upon receipt of a timely appeal from a false alarm charge, registration suspension, violation or penalty, the Alarm Appeal Board shall hold a hearing to consider the appeal and shall mail notice of the time and place of said hearing to the alarm user taking the appeal, to the last known address, at least 15 days before the hearing. The address listed on the registration shall be deemed to be valid and current for purposes of this article. On the basis of information provided by the alarm user and other information introduced at the hearing, the Board shall affirm the action or decision of the Alarm Administrator if it finds that such action or decision was properly imposed, or it may rescind the action or decision if it finds the action or decision was improper and without a reasonable basis.

§ 11A-26 Information to be compiled.

The Alarm Administrator, Norwalk Police Department and Norwalk Fire Department shall, with respect to each false alarm, compile information concerning the alarm devices involved, contractors and addresses of false alarms and any other information that may be evaluated to determine relative reliability of different types of alarm devices, and particular contractors and the frequency of false alarms attributable to different categories, addresses and contractors.

§ 11A-27 Disclaimer of liability.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, the City of Norwalk, its departments, officers, agents and employees shall be under no obligation whatsoever concerning the adequacy, operation or maintenance of any alarm device or of the alarm-monitoring and responding facilities of the Norwalk Police and Fire Departments. No liability whatsoever is assumed for the failure of such alarm devices or monitoring facilities or for the failure to respond to any alarms or for any other acts or omission in connection with such alarm devices. Each alarm user shall be deemed to hold and save harmless the City, of Norwalk, its departments, officers, agents and employees from any and all liabilities and responsibilities in connection any alarm device, including the use, installation and or operation of any alarm device, regardless of registration status.

§ 11A-28 Charges and fees to be paid into general fund.

Charges for contractor registration, charges for false alarms, appeal fees and penalties for violations and late charges shall be collected by the Alarm Administrator and placed in the general fund. The failure to pay any charge, suspension, violation or penalty within 30 days from date of imposition shall cause a late charge of \$25 to be due and payable for each thirty-day period during which an outstanding balance is due.

§ 11A-29 Enforcement.

The City of Norwalk, upon authorization of the Alarm Administrator, may institute civil proceedings to enforce the provisions of this article.

§ 11A-30 Applicability.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to alarm devices on premises owned or controlled by the City of Norwalk, including the Norwalk Board of Education, the State of Connecticut or the government of the United States nor to alarm devices installed in a licensed motor vehicle, trailer or boat.

Chapter 103. Taxation

Article VII. Tax Deferral Program for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners

[Adopted 4-9-2002]

§ 103-16. Enactment; purpose.

The City of Norwalk hereby enacts, for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2001, and each assessment year thereafter, a tax deferral program for elderly and disabled homeowners pursuant to Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes for eligible residents of the City of Norwalk, on the terms and conditions provided herein. This article is enacted for the purpose of assisting elderly and disabled homeowners with a portion of the costs of property taxation.

§ 103-17. Eligibility.

Any resident of the City of Norwalk who qualifies under the following requirements is eligible for property tax deferral with respect to real property owned and occupied by such person as his or her legal domicile and principal, permanent residence:

- A. Such resident at the close of the preceding calendar year has attained age 65 or over, or his or her spouse, who is living with such resident, is 65 years of age or over; or such resident is 60 years of age or over at the close of the preceding calendar year and is the surviving spouse of a taxpayer who was qualified in the City of Norwalk under this program at the time of his or her death, with respect to real property on which any such resident or spouse is liable for taxes under the provisions of Section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes; or
- B. Such resident is under age 65 and eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under social security; or has not been engaged in employment covered by social security and accordingly has not qualified for benefits thereunder, but has qualified for permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act, and any government-related teachers' retirement plan, in which requirements with respect to qualifications for such permanent total disability benefits are comparable to the requirements under social security; and
- C. Such resident shall have been a taxpayer of the City of Norwalk and have paid taxes for a period of at least the 12 months immediately preceding his or her application for tax deferral under this article;
- D. No tax deferral shall be given under this article to any person who owes delinquent property taxes, sewer fees or assessments or other delinquent charges to the City of Norwalk;

- E. The property for which the tax deferral is claimed is the tax lot which is the legal domicile and principal, permanent residence of such person, together with all improvements thereon, and is occupied for more than 200 days of each year by such person;
- F. Such resident shall have individually, if unmarried, or jointly, if married, qualifying income in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the calendar year 2002 and \$45,000 for the calendar year 2003 and thereafter. "Qualifying income" is defined as adjusted gross income, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as may be amended from time to time, plus the nontaxable portion of any social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, income from other tax exempt retirement and annuity sources and income from tax exempt bonds, less an amount equal to the medical and dental expense deduction allowed or allowable under Section 213(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as may be amended from time to time (currently allowed deduction for medical and dental expenses only if in excess of 7.5% of adjusted gross income);
[Amended 1-28-2008] **we should amend the qualifying income amount to be the same as the City credit program that usually increases every year.
- G. ¹¹Such resident, if eligible, shall have applied for, and have received, state-reimbursed property tax relief under the homeowners' program as outlined in Connecticut General Statute Section 12-170aa, or the program formerly known as the freeze program, as outlined in Connecticut General Statute Section 12-129b, for the same grand list year as the claimed deferral;
[1] *Editor's Note: Former Subsection G, which provided for the adjustment of the maximum amount of qualifying income, was repealed 1-28-2003. The ordinance also provided for the redesignation of former Subsections H through J as Subsections G through I, respectively.*
- H. The market value of the real property for which the tax deferral is claimed shall not exceed \$715,000, as determined by the most current property records on file in the office of the Tax Assessor; and
- I. Such resident may not receive both a locally funded tax credit for the City of Norwalk; and tax deferral hereunder simultaneously for either the local tax credit program, or for the tax deferral program; **we should do away with the market value limit, as some elderly who may live in a home that is valued high still can have difficulty paying their taxes and should not be excluded just because their homes are valued high.

§ 103-18. Filing of application.

- A. In order for an eligible resident to receive a tax deferral hereunder an application must be filed with the office of the Tax Assessor not earlier than February 1 or later than May 15 of each year for the next fiscal year. This application for such tax deferral shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's most recent federal income tax return for the previous calendar year and written documentation of all other income.
- B. The Tax Assessor shall require all necessary documents to determine eligibility. The withholding of such information, if reasonably available, shall be sufficient reason for the denial of tax deferral.
- C. The Tax Assessor shall establish such application forms and procedures as may be necessary to implement this tax deferral program. The Tax Assessor, or his or her agent, shall determine what evidence of qualifying income is pertinent for the determination of eligibility under this article, and shall be responsible for requesting and reviewing the same.
- D. All applications, including federal income tax returns filed under this program, as well as any and all additional evidence of qualifying income required by the Tax Assessor, shall be kept in strict confidence

and shall not be open to public inspection, in accordance with State Freedom of Information guidelines.

§ 103-19. Limits of tax deferral.

- A. For any eligible resident, for any given grand list year, the total of all tax credits, abatements, exemptions, and deferrals provided under state statutes for elderly and permanently disabled taxpayers, shall not exceed 75% of the tax which would have been levied against such resident. For the purpose of this section, the term "exemption" shall not be construed to include the graduated increase in property tax assessments due to revaluation of property. If the total of all tax credits, abatements, exemptions and deferrals provided under state statutes for elderly and permanently disabled taxpayers does exceed 75% of the tax which would have been levied against any eligible resident, for any given grand list year, the Office of the Tax Assessor shall administer the programs so as to allow for maximization of state-funded property tax relief, in accordance with § 103-24, herein.
- B. For each grand list year, deferral hereunder shall be limited to the lesser of either an amount up to \$2,500, or an amount up to 50% of the tax principal due, less any tax credits, abatements, exemptions and other benefits provided under state statutes for elderly and permanently and totally disabled taxpayers. For each grand list year, the minimum amount allowed for deferral hereunder shall be equal to the amount of the tax credit allowed under § 103-12.
- C. The total deferral is not to exceed 75% of the market value of the subject real property, as determined by the Office of the Tax Assessor.

§ 103-20. Tax deferral benefits; lien on property.

- A. An eligible applicant shall enter into a written agreement with the City providing for payment to the City of the tax deferral. A separate agreement shall be entered into for each grand list year.
- B. The principal amount of such tax deferral benefit, and the rate of interest on the deferred amount, as described herein, shall be recorded in the Norwalk Land Records and shall constitute a continuing, priority lien against the subject property, payable upon the death of the applicant or the conveyance of the subject property.
- C. The eligible resident shall be charged the current statutory fees for releases of lien continuing certificates at the time of payment to the City.

§ 103-21. Rate of interest on deferred taxes.

- A. All deferred taxes shall be subject to an interest charge, determined annually by the Director of Finance on January 1. Such interest charge shall be equal to the annual percentage rate of the most recent City bond issue, rounded to the nearest 0.5%, plus an additional 1.5%, per year.
- B. All such interest charges shall be included in the written agreement entered into by the eligible resident and

the City, and shall be included on the lien continuing certificate recorded in the Norwalk Land Records to reflect the deferral of taxes.

- C. Interest shall be calculated on a monthly basis, with any portion of a month being considered a full month. Interest shall be simple interest, not compounded, and shall accrue from the month and year of the deferral until the month and year of the final payment to the City.

§ 103-22. Maximum credits.

The total tax deferral granted under the provisions of this program, together with the total tax relief granted under the provisions of §§ 103-5 through 103-12 of the Norwalk Code, shall not exceed an amount equal to 0.5% of the total property tax levy assessed in Norwalk in the preceding fiscal year.

§ 103-23. Deferral to be prorated.

- A. Only one tax deferral shall be allowed for each parcel of real property eligible for deferral under this program. The Tax Collector's Office shall mail a bill for such taxes, which shall be immediately due and payable in a single installment, with a grace period of 30 days from the date the bill is mailed.
- B. If such property is a multifamily dwelling, such deferral shall be prorated to reflect the fractional portion of such property that is currently occupied by the eligible resident.
- C. Such tax, as well as any previous deferred taxes, shall be immediately due and payable, collectible in the same manner as all other property taxes, and subject to the same liens and collection enforcement proceedings, provided that such tax shall be payable in a single installment within 30 days after the date the bill is mailed by the Tax Collector.
- D. If payment is not made upon demand at the conclusion of the deferral period, due to the death of the applicant or the conveyance of the property, the property shall become subject to Tax Collector's demand for payment and collection enforcement action in accordance with state statute. All deferred taxes, accrued interest, lien recording fees and collection costs, if any, shall be collectible in the same manner as all other property taxes, and subject to the same statutory penalty interest, liens and collection enforcement proceedings, as all other property taxes.

§ 103-24. Effect on other tax benefits.

The tax deferral granted to any eligible resident under this program shall not disqualify such eligible resident, or his or her surviving spouse, with respect to any tax relief for which such person is eligible under state tax relief programs. Any tax deferral provided shall be in addition to such state tax relief.

§ 103-25. Conclusion of deferral period.

- A. All deferred taxes, accrued interest, and lien recording fees shall become due and payable to the City upon

the death of the applicant or the conveyance of the subject property, at which time the deferral period shall be deemed concluded. In the case of a conveyance of the subject property, payment in full shall be made to the City upon conveyance of said property.

- B. The estate of the applicant, or his or her agent or other party in interest, heirs and/or assignees, shall be solely responsible for notifying the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of the death of the applicant within 60 days of the death and notify the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of any Certificate of Devise within 60 days of the issuance of such certificate by the Probate Court.
- C. The grantor of the property conveyed, his or her agent or other party in interest, heirs or assignees, shall be solely responsible for notifying the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector directly of the conveyance of the property formerly subject to deferral, within 30 days.
- D. If payment is not made upon demand at the conclusion of the deferral period due to the death of the applicant or the conveyance of the property, the property shall be subject to the Tax Collector's demand for payment and collection enforcement action in accordance with state statutes.
- E. In the case of the death of an applicant, the deferral period shall not be deemed concluded if there remains a surviving spouse who qualifies for deferral under § 103-17A, herein.

§ 103-26. Funding.

The Director of Finance shall make every effort to include in his or her annual budget an amount from the Undesignated Fund Balance to offset the estimated amount of taxes to be deferred under this program.



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City of Norwalk, CT
Thursday, January 7, 2016

Chapter 103. Taxation

Article III. Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners

[Adopted 10-25-1983; amended in its entirety 9-26-2000]^[1]

[1] *Editor's Note: Original Section 9 of this ordinance provided that it shall not be applicable prior to taxation on the Grand List of October 1, 1983.*

§ 103-5. Enactment; purpose.

The City of Norwalk hereby enacts a tax relief program for elderly and disabled homeowners pursuant to Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes for eligible residents of the City of Norwalk, on the terms and conditions provided herein. This ordinance is enacted for the purpose of assisting elderly and disabled homeowners with a portion of the costs of property taxation.

§ 103-6. Eligibility.

Any resident of the City of Norwalk who qualifies under the following requirements is eligible for property tax relief with respect to real property owned and occupied by such person as his or her principal residence.

- A. Such resident is 65 years of age or over or his or her spouse, who is living with such resident, is 65 years of age or over; or such resident is 60 years of age or over and is the surviving spouse of a taxpayer who was qualified in the City of Norwalk under this ordinance at the time of his or her death, with respect to real property on which any such resident or spouse is liable for taxes under the provisions of § 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes; or
- B. Such taxpayer is under age 65 and eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under social security, or has not been engaged in employment covered by social security and, accordingly, has not qualified for benefits thereunder, but has qualified for permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act, and any government-related teacher's retirement plan, in which requirements with respect to qualifications for such permanent total disability benefits are comparable to the requirements under social security; and provided that
- C. Such person shall have been a taxpayer of the City of Norwalk and have paid taxes for a period of five years immediately prior to his or her receipt of tax relief under this ordinance. No tax relief shall be given under this ordinance to any person who owes delinquent taxes to the City of Norwalk.
- D. The property for which the tax relief is claimed is the legal domicile of such person and is occupied more than 200 days of each year by such person.

- E. Such person shall have applied for property tax relief under any state statutes for which he or she is eligible; or if such person has not applied for tax relief under any state statutes because he or she is not eligible, he or she shall so certify by filing a form acceptable to the Tax Collector swearing to his or her ineligibility under current qualification requirements.
- F. All permanent residents in the domicile who are aged 25 years and older and who occupy such domicile for more than 200 days of each year shall have combined annual aggregate adjusted gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, plus tax exempt interest per Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, dividend exclusions as set forth in Section 116 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits and income from other tax-exempt sources of an amount less than ~~44.33%~~ of the maximum qualifying income defined in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 12-170aa, For the Grand List of October 1, 1999, this amount shall be \$33,500. The amount shall be adjusted annually as provided by Section 12-170aa(2) for the calendar year immediately preceding the year for which tax relief is sought and shall be posted in the office of the Assessor.
- [Amended 3-27-2001] 121.45%

§ 103-7. Filing of application.

- A. In order to be entitled to the benefits provided herein, an application must be filed with the Assessor not earlier than February 1 nor later than May 15 of each odd-numbered year so that these benefits shall be available to the taxpayer in the next following two fiscal years. This application for such tax relief must be acted on in accordance with the eligibility standards hereinabove set forth. The Assessor is empowered to require all necessary documents to determine eligibility, and the withholding of such information, if reasonably available, shall be sufficient reason for the denial of tax relief.
- [Amended 5-28-2002; 10-28-2014]
- B. For tax relief on the Grand List of 1999, applications must be filed no later than October 27, 2000, and for tax relief on the Grand List of 2000, applications must be filed no later than April 15, 2001. Application for tax relief filed prior to the passage of this amendment shall automatically be eligible for the increased tax relief provided herein for the Grand List of 1999 and the increased relief provided herein shall be applied retroactively by the Assessor on such applications.

§ 103-8. Limits of tax relief.

No property tax relief provided for any person shall exceed, in the aggregate, 75% of the tax which would, except for benefits provided by state statutes and the within program, be laid against said person.

§ 103-9. Maximum credits.

The total tax relief granted under the provisions of this program shall not exceed an amount equal to 1/2 of 1% of the total property tax assessed in Norwalk in the preceding fiscal year.

§ 103-10. Benefits to be prorated.

Only one tax credit shall be allowed for each parcel of real property eligible for tax relief under the within program. In the event that title to real property is recorded in the name of the taxpayer or his or her spouse, who are eligible for tax relief, and any other person or persons, the tax relief under the within program shall be prorated to allow tax relief equivalent to the fractional share in the property of such taxpayer or spouse, and the person or persons not eligible shall not receive any tax credit.

§ 103-11. Effect on other tax benefits.

The tax relief granted to any person under the within program shall not disqualify such person with respect to any benefits for which such person is eligible under state statutes, and any tax relief provided under the within ordinance shall be in addition to any such benefits.

§ 103-12. Amount of benefits; annual adjustment.

[Amended 3-27-2001; 4-27-2004; 2-26-2008; 3-22-2011; 10-28-2014]

Any individual or married couple eligible for tax relief as provided by this article, having income as provided in § 103-6F of this article, shall be entitled to tax relief as follows:

A. For the 2014 grand list and all subsequent tax years:

(1) Tier 1: 0% to ~~93%~~ ~~\$1,265~~. 100% of maximum qualifying State income.: \$1,390.

(2) Tier 2: ^{100.01% 121.45%} ~~93.01%~~ to ~~114.33%~~; \$750, except that, if the maximum credits granted under the provisions of this program shall exceed an amount equal to 1/2% of the total property tax assessed in Norwalk in the preceding fiscal year, then the amount of benefits for Tier 2 shall be adjusted by subtracting the total amount of benefits for Tier 1 from the maximum tax relief allowed under the program pursuant to § 103-9, leaving a balance of tax relief available to Tier 2. The amount of benefits for each Tier 2 recipient shall be calculated by dividing the remaining funding for tax relief available to Tier 2 by the total number of eligible persons in Tier 2.

2015 Grand List Local Elderly Tax Relief Program

Finance Committee Changes: No Tier 2 benefit increase, Add \$3,000 to Tier 1 & 2 max income & estimated Tier 2 enrollment + 15%.
(Increasing the Tier 1 Income by \$3,000 shifts 70 households from Tier 2 to Tier 1, and the starting Tier 1 count to 1,000.)

PROPOSED									
	2014 Actual Counts	2014 Income Range	2014 Grand List Cost	2015 Estim. Counts	2015 Income Range	2015 Grand List Cost	2015 Estim. Counts	2015 Income Range	2015 Grand List Cost
Tier 1	899	\$4,295 - \$39,130	\$1,123,471	920	\$0.00 - \$39,900	\$1,149,404	990	\$0.00 - \$42,900	\$1,376,100
MED: MAX: Benefit:		\$25,106			\$25,928			\$26,268	
			\$1,265			\$1,265			\$1,390
(No change to Tier 2 benefits)									
Tier 2	190	\$39,203 - \$48,167	\$149,841	169	\$39,901 - \$49,100	\$125,612	115	\$42,901 - \$52,100	\$86,250
MED: MAX: Benefit:		\$43,269			\$43,648				
Total Local:	City Only: 1,089		\$750	1,089		\$1,275,016	1,105		\$750
			\$1,273,312						\$1,462,350

Total Prope \$292,678,622

MAXIMUM PERMITTED LOCAL EHO CRI (Total Property Taxes X .05%)

2014 Grand List State Elderly Tax Relief Program

Income Range	Med. Income	Households	State Only	Max Benefit	Current Cost
\$0.00 - \$42,200	\$24,260	859	17	\$1,250	\$595,787
Avg. Taxes:	\$5,935				

TOTAL EHO CREDITS: \$1,869,099

(List of 213 new applicants has been compiled for 2015 filing period)