



REGULAR MEETING – ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

MAY 19, 2026, 7:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 7 (General Provisions), Article II (City Seal), Section 10 (Custody)
 - B. Discuss and vote on new ordinance: Financial Disclosures and Impact of Ordinances
 - C. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 1 (Title; Administration)
 - D. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 3 (Definitions)
 - E. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 12 (Board of Ethics)
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- A. Discuss and vote on regular meeting minutes of the ordinance committee dated April 21, 2026

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 95 (Streets and Sidewalks), Article II (Honorary and Historic Naming of Streets), Sections 37, 38, 39

VII. NEW BUSINESS

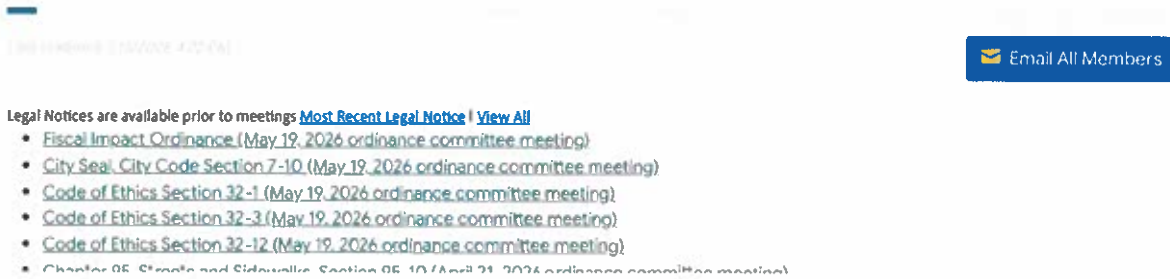
- A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 118 (Zoning)

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Legal Notice of Public Hearing
Chapter 7 (General Provisions), Article II (City Seal), Section 10 (Custody)
City Code Section 7-10**

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Dated at Norwalk, Connecticut this 22nd day of April 2026.

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Marsha Elbourne, City Clerk

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§ XX-2. Definitions.

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§ XX-3. Fiscal Impact Statements; when required, preparation and review.

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D. Following the public hearing, any City Council member who intends to present a significant amendment to the ordinance shall provide the appropriate City Department and the Chief Financial Officer, or their designee, with a copy and sufficient time to analyze the fiscal impact of the amended ordinance. If the amendment requires a revised Fiscal Impact Statement, or the written statement explaining the reason why no Fiscal Impact Statement could be prepared, it shall be provided to the City Council no less than three days before the City Council meeting where the final vote will be held.

E. The City Council cannot vote on an ordinance unless the requirements of this Section are satisfied.

§ XX-4. Contents of Fiscal Impact Statement.

A. A Fiscal Impact Statement shall include, but not be limited to the following information:

1. A statement of the estimated costs or savings to the City resulting from the ordinance in the upcoming fiscal year.
2. A statement on any potential impact of the ordinance on revenues in the upcoming fiscal year.
3. A statement on any potential impact of the ordinance on staffing, operations, and capital expenditures in the upcoming fiscal year.
4. Identification of the funding source(s) of the ordinance, if applicable.

§ XX-5. Submission and Use.

All Fiscal Impact Statements, or the written statement explaining the reason why no Fiscal Impact Statement could be prepared, shall be submitted as supporting documentation to the proposed ordinance at the City Council meeting where the final vote will be held. The purpose of the Fiscal Impact Statement, or the written statement explaining the reason why no Fiscal Impact Statement could be prepared, is to provide a formal structure for estimating potential financial impact and to inform the City Council's deliberations. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall not be considered binding.

§ XX-6. Effect of Inaccuracy.

Any mistake or inaccuracy in a Fiscal Impact Statement shall not affect the validity of the legislative action to which it is attached.

§ XX-7. When effective.

This Chapter shall take effect 10 days following adoption by the City Council.

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ATTEST:


Marsha Elbourne, City Clerk

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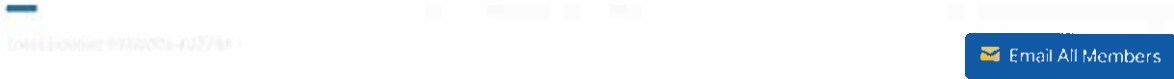

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§ 32-12. Board of Ethics. [Amended 6-11-2019; 7-23-2020]

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 - (1) Advisory opinions. The Board of Ethics, when requested to do so in writing by any Officer, Employee, Agency, or upon its own motion, may render advisory opinions concerning Officers and Employees and other issues with respect to this Code of Ethics. Such an advisory opinion shall be binding on the Board of Ethics, until amended or revoked, and reliance on a controlling advisory opinion in good faith is an absolute defense in any action or proceedings brought under the provisions of this Code of Ethics. Within 120 days of valid receipt of such a request, the Board of Ethics shall render its advisory opinion or its decision not to consider such request, and shall file such opinion

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- C. Powers and duties. The powers and duties of the Board of Ethics shall include: rendering advisory opinions, investigation of complaints, and hearings on complaints; notification to the Mayor, City Clerk, Corporation Counsel and any other Officer as it deems appropriate of its memorandum of decision on any complaint; annual reports to the Mayor, City Common Council, and Corporation Counsel on its activities and recommendations; annual educational programs on the Code of Ethics for municipal Officers, Employees, and Agencies; and such other powers and duties as may be set forth herein. Further, the Board of Ethics shall promote a culture and operating environment of high ethical standards throughout the City of Norwalk by educating, informing and encouraging Officers, Employees, residents and vendors of the City of Norwalk to become aware of the Code of Ethics to ensure that their public actions and activities are in compliance with the Code of Ethics.
- (1) Advisory opinions. The Board of Ethics, when requested to do so in writing by any Officer, Employee, Agency, or upon its own motion, may render advisory opinions concerning Officers and Employees and other issues with respect to this Code of Ethics. Such an advisory opinion shall be binding on the Board of Ethics, until amended or revoked, and reliance on a controlling advisory opinion in good faith is an absolute defense in any action or proceedings brought under the provisions of this Code of Ethics. Within 120 days of valid receipt of such a request, the Board of Ethics shall render its advisory opinion or its decision not to consider such request, and shall file such opinion

or decision with the office of the City Clerk, and such opinion or decision shall be available to the public. The opinion or decision so filed may contain such deletions as the Board of Ethics may in its sole discretion deem necessary to prevent disclosure of the identity of the Officer or Employee involved.

(2) Probable Cause hearings and subsequent procedures.

(a) Filing of the complaint; notification and amendment. Any Person, including a member of the Board of Ethics, may submit a written complaint, in a form prescribed by the Board of Ethics and signed under penalty of false statements, alleging a violation of this Code of Ethics by an Officer or Employee or an Individual who was an Officer or Employee within the preceding year. The complaint shall contain the specific act or acts which allegedly constitute the violation.

(b) Review of complaint.

[1] Upon receipt of a complaint, the Board of Ethics shall review the complaint and determine whether it warrants acceptance. If a majority of the members of the Board of Ethics present at the meeting reviewing said complaint determines that acceptance is not warranted, then it shall notify the Complainant that it has refused to accept the complaint without establishing an Investigating Panel. If the Board of Ethics refuses to accept a complaint, it shall issue a written explanation of the reasons for such rejection.

[2] The basis for which the Board of Ethics may refuse to accept a complaint may include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of complaints filed and the total number of pending complaints by the Complainant; (ii) the scope of the complaint; (iii) the nature, content, language or subject matter of the complaint; (iv) the nature, content, language or subject matter of other oral and written communications to the Board of Ethics from the Complainant; and (v) a pattern of conduct that amounts to an abuse of the ethics complaint process or an interference with the operations of the Board of Ethics.

[3] Upon the rejection of a complaint, if the Board of Ethics makes a finding that the complaint was vexatious and brought in bad faith it may provide appropriate relief commensurate with the conduct, including but not limited to, an order that the Board of Ethics need not accept future complaints from the Complainant for a specified period of time.

(c) Appointment of Investigating Panel. An Investigating Panel shall be appointed within 21 days after the next regularly scheduled Board of Ethics meeting following receipt of a complaint by the Board of Ethics. No member of the Investigating Panel shall serve or have served within one year as an Officer or Employee from the Agency at which the Complainant or Respondent serves or formally served within one year as an Officer or Employee. The Investigating Panel members may delete, defer or reject any part of a complaint that does not conform to the requirements specified by the Board of Ethics. If any member of the Board of Ethics initiates or is involved in a complaint, he or she will recuse himself or herself from the Board of Ethics for the purposes of that complaint, including the appointment of the Investigating Panel and any Hearing Board, ~~and an alternate of the Board shall serve in his or her place as to all further proceedings on that complaint.~~

Dated at Norwalk, Connecticut this 22nd day of April 2026.

ATTEST: 
Marsha Elbourne, City Clerk

A digital copy of this Legal Notice of Public Hearing was published on the Ordinance Committee's webpage: <https://hub.norwalkct.gov/meetingboard/committee/27>

A physical copy of this Legal Notice of Public Hearing was published at the City of Norwalk's Town Clerk's Office.

**CITY OF NORWALK
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 21, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

ATTENDEES Jalin Sead, Anne Wennerstrand , Josh Goldstein, Jesse Buccolo, Johan Lopez, Colin Hosten, Richard Dellinger.

STAFF: Brian Candela.

OTHERS: Lori Liell, Kitty Sang.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sead called the meeting of the Ordinance Committee to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sead noted the attendance as listed above and a quorum was confirmed,

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Discuss and vote on new ordinance: City Council member being appointed as ex officio member of the Board of Estimate and Taxation

Mr. Sead opened the public hearing. Mr. Candela stated that no emails had been received concerning the issue and no attendees raised their hand to comment. Mr. Sead, Mr. Goldstein, and Mr. Candela discussed the importance of the ordinance, noting that it formalized a change approved by voters in the November charter revision ballot, allowing a council member to participate fully in Board of Estimate and Taxation meetings as an ex-officio member without a vote. Mr. Candela confirmed that the language already included an alternate and that the change did not alter the BET except for the council member's presence.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED TO MOVE THE NEW ORDINANCE REGARDING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BEING APPOINTED AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION TO THE FULL COUNCIL.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Discuss and vote on Chapter 95 (Streets and Sidewalks), Section 10 (Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks and Driveways), Subsection F. City Code § 95-10(F)

Mr. Sead opened the public hearing. Mr. Candela stated that no emails had been received and no attendees raised their hand to comment. Ms. Wennerstrand explained that the ordinance provided clarification that residential property owners with sidewalks in front of their homes must remove snow and ice within 24 hours after the cessation of the weather-related event,

replacing previous language regarding a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Candela noted that a future conversation regarding the fee schedule for enforcement would occur in the Public Works Committee.

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO MOVE THE ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 95, SECTION 10(F) TO THE FULL COUNCIL.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Sead opened public participation. Ms. Ana Tabachneck of Gilbert Street commented on the draft fiscal impact ordinance under Old Business, stating that based on the previous meeting it seemed to be getting too detailed with requirements for every ordinance and suggested that a motion to request a fiscal impact statement from the appropriate department would suffice if needed. Mr. Sead closed public participation.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Discuss and vote on approval of March 17, 2026, minutes of the regular meeting of the ordinance committee

Mr. Sead asked if any members had concerns or changes to the March 17, 2026, minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

****MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss and vote on new ordinance: Financial Disclosures and Impact of Ordinances

Mr. Sead highlighted that the committee had reached out to department heads for feedback; most had no comment, while the Chief Financial Officer indicated that the ordinance would be helpful for planning over the next five years. Mr. Candela confirmed feedback from the Mayor, DPW, Chief of Police, Chief of Economic and Community Development, and Chief of Finance, noting general support. Mr. Lopez questioned potential misalignment between Section 3(E), which states the City Council cannot vote unless requirements are satisfied, and Section 6, which states that any mistake or inaccuracy shall not affect the validity of the legislation. Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Sead, and Mr. Candela discussed that Section 6 addresses minor inaccuracies or projections in fiscal impact statements after the fact, while Section 3(E) ensures the process is followed, and that the language was not contradictory. Mr. Sead thanked the councilwoman who brought the ordinance forward. Mr. Buccolo and Mr. Hosten asked about standardization of forms and the process if the Finance Department itself is the department in question. Mr. Candela explained

that the ordinance would still go through the Ordinance Committee and City Council for oversight. Mr. Sead noted that the process follows similar budget procedures.

****MR. BUCCOLO MOVED TO MOVE THE NEW ORDINANCE REGARDING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND IMPACT OF ORDINANCES TO PUBLIC HEARING.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and vote on Chapter 7 (General Provisions), Article II (City Seal), Section 10 (Custody)

Mr. Candela presented the proposed changes to the custody of the City Seal to prevent unauthorized use by private companies or organizations without proper authorization by the City, including a violation and fine. Mr. Sead noted that the changes responded to a business using the seal inappropriately. Mr. Hosten suggested adding language that the seal may not be used by private companies without proper authorization. Mr. Goldstein suggested further clarifying the language to include “or organizations.” Mr. Candela agreed and stated that a policy would be developed for authorized use.

****MR. HOSTEN MOVED TO MOVE THE ORDINANCE REGARDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE II, SECTION 10 TO PUBLIC HEARING.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Discuss and vote on Chapter 95 (Streets and Sidewalks), Article II (Honorary and Historic Naming of Streets), Sections 37, 38, 39

Mr. Sead opened discussion, noting that Public Works had placed a moratorium on honorary street namings, approved by the Council the previous week, to allow the committee to update the process for equity and clarity. Ms. Wennerstrand confirmed that pending applications before the moratorium were unaffected. Mr. Candela outlined key issues for consideration including filing fees, petition requirements and percentages, sign duration, notification to property owners or residents, and criteria for honorees such as length of residency or criminal history. Mr. Sead stated that petitions should include renters as part of the community and that honorary signs should be permanent rather than time-limited. Mr. Buccolo questioned the necessity of the one-year deceased requirement and two-thirds majority vote. Mr. Hosten asked what prompted the review and clarified that honorary namings are added to, not replace, existing street names. Mr. Goldstein emphasized the emotional and symbolic importance of these namings. Mr. Hosten noted that changes should be considered for consistency with city-owned building naming processes. Mr. Candela agreed to send written examples from other municipalities for the committee to review and bring a revised version to the May meeting. No motion was made.

- C. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 1 (Title; Administration)**
- D. Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 3 (Definitions) E.**
- Discuss and vote on Chapter 32 (Code of Ethics), Section 12 (Board of Ethics)**

Mr. Candela explained the proposed changes, presented with input from the Board of Ethics, to increase the Board from seven to nine regular members (removing alternates) with no more than three members registered to the same political party to ensure balanced panels for investigating complaints and hearing boards and to prevent burnout. Ms. Liell and Ms. Sang expressed support, noting difficulties in maintaining required political balance for panels. Mr. Hosten reminded the committee that the Independent Party is a recognized political party. Mr. Sead stated that the language “no more than three members of the board shall be registered to the same political party” was clear and preferred. Mr. Candela confirmed that changes from “Common Council” to “City Council” would be made and that minor language adjustments were not substantive. The items were discussed and voted on together.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED TO MOVE THE ORDINANCES REGARDING CHAPTER 32, SECTIONS 1, 3, AND 12 TO PUBLIC HEARING.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. DISCUSSION

Mr. Sead encouraged all council members, not only those on the committee, to bring forward ideas for ordinances.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

****MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary**

ARTICLE II
Honorary and Historic Naming of Streets
[Adopted 10-28-2014; amended in its entirety 9-23-2025]

§ 95-37. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish guidelines and formalize procedures when considering the honorary or historic naming or renaming of a City street or roadway, administered under the responsibility charged to the Public Works Committee of the Common Council, or its successor (hereinafter "Public Works Committee").

§ 95-38. Policy and considerations.

If a City street or roadway is to be named in honor of an individual, it is generally required that such individual has made a significant contribution to the community through public service and deeds and is respected for their accomplishments and good conduct. Consideration shall be given to individuals who have made recent accomplishments and contributions as well as individuals with historic ties to the City. An individual shall be deceased at least one year prior to the naming unless the Common Council determines by a two-thirds-majority plus one vote that a living individual or a person who has been deceased less than one year deserves the honor. Groups should not be in a position to influence the process by funding of past or future operations of the street or roadway, and it is ultimately important for the City to avoid any perception of improper manipulation, special favor, vested interest, or endorsement of businesses, products or services.

§ 95-39. Procedure.

Naming of City streets or roadways shall proceed as follows:

- A. The proposed naming of a City street or roadway shall be placed on a Public Works Committee regular meeting agenda for discussion and review. In the event that the street or roadway to be named is located within a City park, the proposed naming shall also be placed on the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee of the Common Council, or its successor, agenda for discussion and review, following which such committee shall report its recommendation to the Public Works Committee.
- B. A public hearing is required prior to forwarding the naming request to the full Common Council for approval. The hearing shall be held at a regular meeting of the Public Works Committee, and the scheduling of said hearing shall have been approved at a previous regular meeting by a majority vote of the Committee.
- C. A two-thirds-majority of the Common Council is required for the approval of all honorary or historic street or roadway names, except in the case where a living individual or a person who has been deceased less than one year is the honoree, in which case a two-thirds-majority plus one vote is required.

Chapter 118 Zoning

City of Norwalk's Zoning Regulations and Map, effective December 5, 2025, are available at the Planning Zoning Office.

They may also be accessed at the following website address:

<https://www.norwalkct.gov/3445/Zoning-Regulations-Map>

The following articles and attachments are being removed from Chapter 118 of Norwalk's City Code as they are outdated and inaccurate.

- Article 10
- Article 20
- Article 30
- Article 40
- Article 41
- Article 42
- Article 43
- Article 44
- Article 50
- Article 60
- Article 70
- Article 75
- Article 76
- Article 80
- Article 90
- Article 100
- Article 101
- Article 110
- Article 111
- Article 112
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- Article 120
- Article 121
- Article 130
- Article 140

- Attachment 1
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- Attachment 4
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- Attachment 6
- Attachment 7
- Attachment 8
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