RESOLUTIONS

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<u>RESOLVED</u>: That upon the recommendation of the RTM Rules Committee, amendments to Section 22-1 of the Code of Ordinances, establishing new voting districts following the 2010 Census as provided in Section C5-2 of the Town Charter are hereby approved. (Second reading. Full text is as follows.)

Sec. 22-L - Establishment of RTM voting districts

For the purpose of electing Town Meeting Representatives, the following voting districts shall remain in effect until new districts are established by ordinance and successors shall have taken office. Candidates shall run for election from the districts as set forth:

(1)

District 1. Beginning at a point located at the intersection of Strathmore Lane King's Highway South and the common Town line of Norwalk and Westport, being the northwest corner of the said district. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the Norwalk and Westport common Town line to the shoreline. Thence continuing in a general easterly, then northerly direction following the shoreline to the eastern end of Old Mill Road. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Old Mill Road to the intersection with Hillspoint Road. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of Hillspoint Road to the intersection with Burnham Hill Thence continuing in a westerly then southerly direction to the southern most point of Burnham Hill then continue to the northern most point of Minute Man Hill. Thence continuing generally in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Minute Man Hill to Compo Road South, Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of Compo Road South to Bridge Street. Thence continuing generally in a westerly direction along the centerline of Bridge Street to the intersection with Riverside Avenue. Thence continuing in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Riverside Avenue to the intersection with Treadwell Avenue. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Treadwell Avenue to the intersection with Strathmore Lane King's Highway South. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Strathmore Lane King's Highway South to the intersection with the common Town line of Norwalk and Westport to the point and place of beginning.

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District 2 Beginning at a point located at the common Town line of Westport and Norwalk and the intersection with the Merritt Parkway, being the northwest corner of the said district. Thence continuing in an easterly direction along the centerline of the Merritt Parkway to the intersection with Newtown Turnpike. Wilton Road. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the center line of Newtown Tpk to the intersection of Wilton Road. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Wilton Road to the intersection of Post Road West. Thence continuing in a southerly and southwesterly direction along the centerline of Riverside Avenue to the intersection with Treadwell Avenue. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Treadwell Avenue to the intersection with Kings Highway South then crossing Kings Highway South to Strathmore Lane. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Strathmore Lane. Thence continuing to the intersection with the common Town line of Norwalk and Westport. Thence continuing in a northerly and northwesterly direction along the common Town line of Norwalk and Westport to the intersection with the Merritt Parkway to the point and place of beginning.

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District 3. Beginning at a point located at the intersection of the common Town line of Weston and Westport and the centerline of Lyons Plains Road Weston Road, being the northeast corner of the said district. Lyons Plains Road to the intersection with Weston Road. Thence continuing generally in a southerly direction along the centerline of Weston Road to the intersection with Cross Highway. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Cross Highway and continuing in a southerly direction to the intersection of Main Street. Thence continuing generally in a southerly direction along the centerline of Main Street to the intersection of Canal Street. Thence continuing in

a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Canal Street and following along the centerline of Kings Highway North to the intersection with Wilton Road. Thence continuing in a northerly and northwesterly direction along the centerline of Wilton Road to the intersection with the Newtown Turnpike Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Newtown Turnpike to the intersection of the Merritt Parkway. Thence continuing in westerly direction along the centerline of the Merritt Parkway to the intersection with the common Town line of Norwalk and Westport. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the common Town line of Norwalk and Westport continuing in a northerly direction along the same line which becomes the common Town line of Wilton and Westport still continuing northeasterly to the intersection with Cavalry Road. Thence continuing in a southeasterly direction along the common Town line of Weston and Westport thence continuing northeasterly along the common Town line of Weston and Westport to the intersection of Weston-Road Lyons Plains Road to the point and place of beginning.

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District 4. Beginning at a point located at the intersection of Post Road East and Compo Road South, being the northwest corner of the said district. Thence continuing generally in a southerly direction along the centerline of Compo Road South to the intersection with Minute Man Hill. Thence continuing generally in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Minute Man Hill to the northern most point of Minute Man Hill and thence connecting to the southern most point of Burnham Hill. Thence continuing in a northerly and then easterly direction along the centerline of Burnham Hill to the intersection with Hillspoint Road. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Hillspoint Road to the intersection with Old Mill Road. Thence continuing in an easterly direction along the centerline of Old Mill Road to the shoreline. Thence continuing in a southeasterly direction following along the shoreline to the intersection with the Sherwood Island Connector. Thence continuing generally in a northerly direction along the centerline of the Sherwood Island Connector to the intersection with Interstate 95. Thence continuing generally in a westerly direction along the centerline of Interstate 95 to the intersection with Hillspoint Road Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of Hillspoint Road to the intersection with Greens Farms Road. Thence continuing generally in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Greens Farms Road to the intersection with Prospect Road. Thence continuing in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Prospect Road to the intersection with Hillspoint Road. Thence continuing generally in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Hillspoint Road to the intersection with Post Road East. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Post Road East to the intersection with Compo Road South to the point and place of beginning.

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District 5. Commencing at a point located at the intersection of Post Road East Old Road with the common Town line of Fairfield and Westport, being the northeastern most corner of the said district. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Old Road to the centerline of Bulkley Avenue North. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Bulkley Avenue North to the intersection with Post Road East. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Post Road East to the intersection with Hillspoint Road. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Hillspoint Road to the intersection with Prospect Road. Thence continuing generally in a southerly direction along the centerline of Prospect Road to the intersection of Greens Farms Road. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Greens Farms Road to the intersection with Hillspoint Road. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Hillspoint Road to the intersection with Interstate 95. Thence continuing in an easterly direction along the centerline of Interstate 95 to the intersection with the Sherwood Island Connector. Thence continuing in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of the Sherwood Island Connector and continuing in a southerly direction to the Long Island Sound shoreline. Thence continuing generally in a northeasterly direction along the Long Island Sound shoreline to the common corner of the Westport and Fairfield Town boundary. Thence continuing generally in a northerly direction along the common Town line of Westport and Fairfield to the point and place of beginning.

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District 6. Beginning at a point located at the intersection of Cross Highway and Roseville Road being in the northwest corner of said district. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Roseville Road to the intersection with Lost Lodge Road. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Lost Lodge Road to the intersection with the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook. Thence continuing generally in a westerly direction along the centerline of the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook to the intersection with Compo Road North. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Compo Road North to the intersection with Post Road East. Thence continuing in an easterly direction along the centerline of Post Road East to the intersection with Turkey Hill Road North. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of Turkey Hill Road North to the intersection with the watercourse known as Muddy Brook. Thence continuing in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of the watercourse known as Muddy Brook to the intersection with Long Lots Road. Thence continuing generally in a westerly direction along the centerline of Long Lots Road to the intersection with North Avenue. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of North Avenue to

the intersection of Melon Patch Lane. Gross Highway. Thence continuing in an westerly easterly direction along the centerline of Melon Patch Lane Gross Highway to the intersection with the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook Roseville Road. Thence continuing in a westerly northerly direction along the centerline of the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook to the intersection with Cross Highway. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Gross Highway to the intersection with Roseville Road to the point and place of beginning.

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District 7. Beginning at a point located at the intersection of Cross Highway and the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook North Avenue, being the northwest corner of the said district. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of North Avenue the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook to the intersection with Melon Patch Lane. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Melon Patch Lane to the intersection with North Avenue. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of North Avenue to the intersection with Long Lots Road. Thence continuing in an easterly direction along the centerline of Long Lots Road to the intersection with the watercourse known as Muddy Brook Turkey Hill Road North. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of the watercourse known as Muddy Brook to the intersection with Turkey Hill Road North. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Turkey Hill Road North to the intersection with Post Road East. Thence continuing in an easterly direction along the centerline of Post Road East to the intersection with Bulkley Avenue North. Thence continuing northerly along the centerline of Bulkley Avenue North to the intersection of Old Road. Thence continuing easterly along the centerline of Old Road to the common Town line of Westport and Fairfield. Thence continuing northerly along the common Town line of Westport and Fairfield to the intersection with Cross Highway. Thence continuing in a westerly direction along the centerline of Cross Highway to the intersection with North Avenue the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook to the point and place of beginning

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District 8 Beginning at a point located at the intersection of Cross Highway and Sturges Highway, being the southeast corner of said district. Thence continuing in a northerly direction, along the shared Town Line of Westport and Fairfield to the common corner of the Towns of Westport, Weston and Fairfield. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the common Town line of Westport and Weston to the intersection of Lyons Plains Road. Thence continuing in a southerly and southwesterly direction to the intersection of Weston Road. Thence continuing generally in a southerly direction along the centerline of Weston Road to the intersection with Cross Highway. Thence continuing generally in an easterly direction along the centerline of Cross Highway to the point and place of beginning.

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District 9. Beginning at a point located at the intersection of Wilton Road and Kings Highway North in the northwest corner of the said district. Thence continuing generally in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of King's Highway North continuing along the centerline of Canal Street to the intersection of Main Street. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of Main Street to the intersection of Cross Highway. Thence continuing in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Cross Highway to the intersection of Roseville Road. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Roseville Road to the intersection with Lost Lodge Road. Thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Lost Lodge Road to the intersection with the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook. Thence continuing generally in a westerly direction along the centerline of the watercourse known as Dead Man's Brook to the intersection with Compo Road North. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Compo Road North to the intersection with Post Road East. Thence continuing in a southerly direction along the centerline of Compo Road South to the intersection with Bridge Street. Thence continuing generally in a westerly direction along the centerline of Bridge Street to the intersection with Riverside Avenue. Thence continuing generally in a northerly direction along the centerline of Riverside Avenue to the intersection with Post Road West. Thence continuing in a northerly direction along the centerline of Wilton Road to the intersection with King's Highway North to the point and place of beginning.



PATRICIA H. STRAUSS, CCTC TOWN CLERK REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS 110 MYRTLE AVENUE WESTPORT CT 06880 203-341-1105 pstrauss@westportct.gov

> BACK UP MATERIAL RTM ITEM #_

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 2013

To:

RTM Members

FROM: Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk

RE:

RTM redistricting

Pursuant to our Town Charter, RTM districts must be determined by the U.S. Census Bureau population every 10 years after any state reapportionments have been completed. The Town of Westport population figure for 2010 is 26,391, an increase of 642 from 25,749 in 2000.

Following the formula described in section C5-2B of our charter, and incorporating the State General Assembly districts provided in February 2012, a proposed RTM district map maintaining nine RTM districts has been created.

The following documents and maps are attached:

- 1. Current RTM map approved in 2003.
- 2. Town map of State General Assembly Districts provided in 2012.
- 3. Proposed RTM district map with 2010 US Census figures.
- 4. Proposed voting districts for 2013 through 2022 elections.

Mandatory completion date for local redistricting is June 1, 2013. The following time line is being followed:

December 2012 to January 2013

Engineering provides current population data to the Town Clerk along with a recommended change in boundaries and representation to meet requirements as defined in the Town Charter Sec C5-2B.

January 2103 to March 1, 2013

RTM reviews changes and writes a new ordinance.

March 5, 2013

Proposed redistricting ordinance is read for the first time at the monthly RTM meeting.

April 2, 2013

Proposed redistricting ordinance is read for the second time at the monthly RTM meeting and is approved. The Town Clerk publishes the ordinance.

April 19 to May 31, 2013

- 1. The Registrars of Voters make RTM district changes to the voters list.
- 2. The Town Clerk prepares the new boundary line map.

June 1, 2013

The new RTM district map is filed with the Secretary of the State.

Town of Westport

Charter Requirements

2012 RTM Redistricting

§ C5-2. Voting Districts; Basis of Representation; Qualifications.

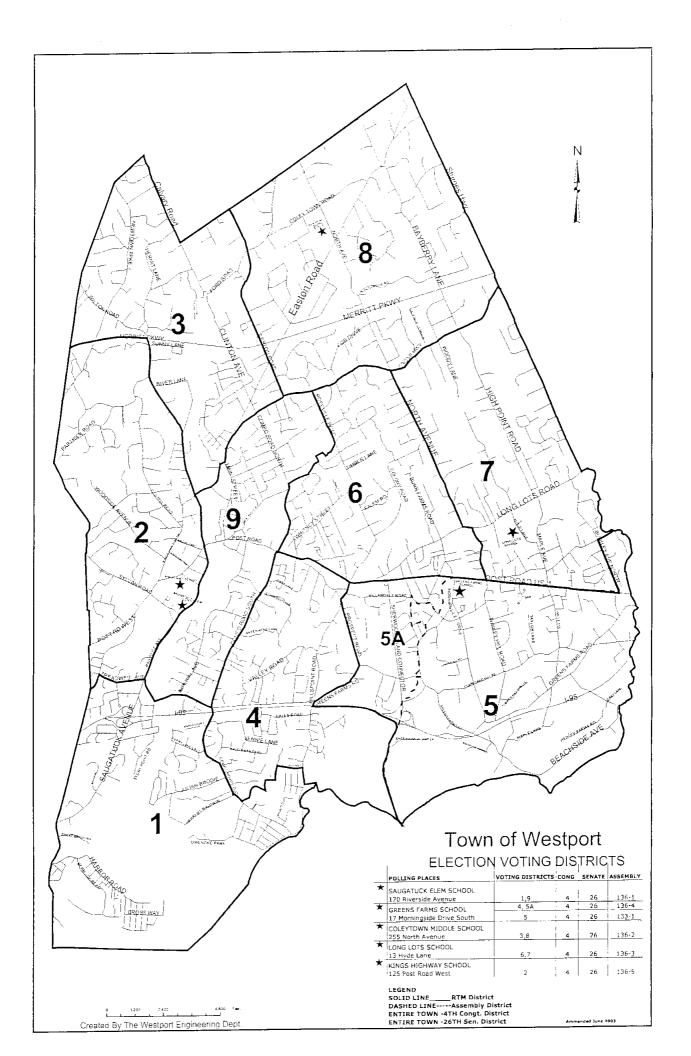
- A. Establishment of voting districts. The voting districts of the Town for the election of Representative Town Meeting members shall be as hereinafter provided or as established by ordinance.
- В. Basis of representation. The number of members of the Representative Town Meeting from each voting district shall be determined by the following formula: Population in each voting district, based on U.S. Census Bureau population data. divided by population of the Town, multiplied by 35, rounded to the nearest whole number. After completion of the Census of the United States and after any reapportionment of the State General Assembly Districts, State Senatorial Districts and Congressional Districts affecting the Town, voting districts of the Town shall be established such that the population deviation from the largest to the smallest voting district shall not exceed ten percent. To the extent practicable, the redistricting ordinance adopted by the Representative Town Meeting shall provide for equitable representation for each voting unit within the constraints of this Charter and State General Assembly redistricting, shall provide for districts that are located in only one State General Assembly District, one State Senatorial District and one Congressional District.

Connecticut General Statutes

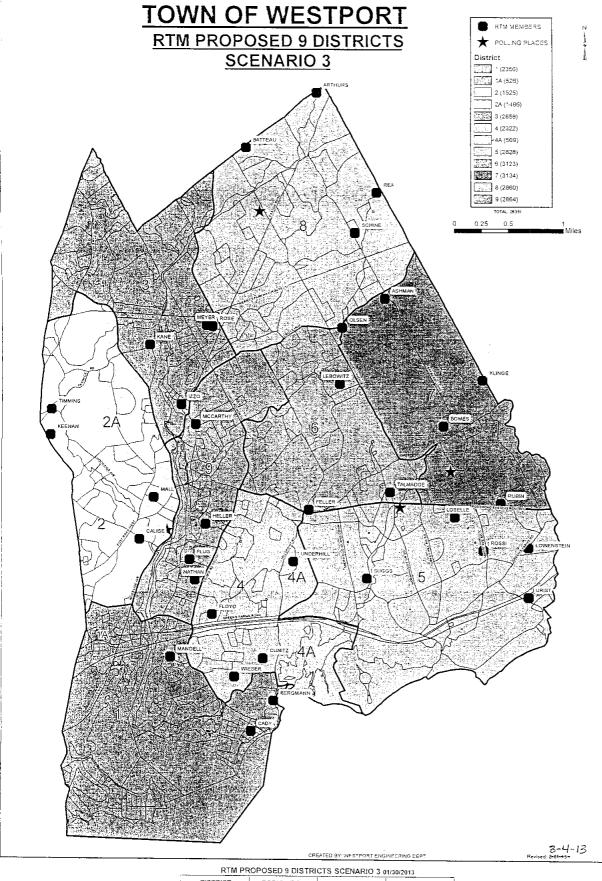
Municipal Reapportionment Requirements

Sec. 9-169f. Reapportionment required for certain municipal legislative bodies. Not later than June first in the year after the first regular General Assembly election following a reapportionment of the General Assembly, each municipal legislative body whose members are elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the municipality shall adopt a reapportionment plan for such legislative body. Any such municipal reapportionment plan (1) shall be based on population data for the municipality from the most recent decennial census of the United States and (2) may provide for geographical divisions which use the same borders as General Assembly districts in the municipality.

(P.A. 89-283.)



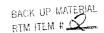




DISTRICT	POPULATION	DEVIATION % (AVC)	REPRESENTATIVES
1	2882	-1.71%	4
2	3011	2.69%	4
3	2858	-2.52%	4
4	2831	-3.44%	4
5	2828	-3.55%	4
6	3123	6.51%	4
7	3134	6.89%	4
8 i	2860	-2.46%	4
9	2864	-2.32%	4
TOTAL	26391	Overall Deviation	36
AVERAGE (NORM)	2932	9.76%	

Polling Places for Proposed RTM 9 Districts:

Polling Places	RTM-Local	RTM-State	Cong	Senate	Assembly
Saugatuck Elem School 170 Riverside Avenue	1, 1A 2, 2A	1, 2A 2, 1A	4	26	136-1 143-1
Greens Farms School 17 Morningside Drive South	4, 4A 5	4 4A, 5	4 4	26 28	136-4 136-5
Coleytown Middle School 255 North Avenue	3	3 8	4	26	136-2
Long Lots School 13 Hyde Lane	6 7	6 7	4	26	136-3
Kings Highway School 255 Post Road West	9	9	4	26	136-6



MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Town Meeting From: RTM Ordinance Committee

Date: March 22, 2013 **Re:** RTM Redistricting

Following the RTM Rules Committee meeting held on January 28th which voted favorably to recommend maintaining a nine district RTM and the first reading of this ordinance at our March 5th meeting, the Ordinance Committee met on March 19th with Patty Strauss, Town Clerk and the two Registrars of Voters, Marla Cowden and Bob Lasprogato. After a short presentation, Ms. Strauss reviewed the ordinance checklist with the Committee.

The Committee confirmed with Patty Strauss that the metes and bounds in the ordinance amendments had been reviewed by the GIS Technician in the Engineering Department and confirmed with the Registrars of Voters that they would conduct adequate publicity for the new polling locations for District 2 and District 9.

At the conclusion, the Committee voted unanimously that the proposed changes to the ordinance were deemed ready for RTM consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RTM Ordinance Committee

Eileen Flug, Chair Lee Arthurs Don Bergmann (absent) Allen Bomes, Reporter David Floyd (absent) Clarissa Moore TO: The RTM Ordinance Committee

FROM: Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk

DATE: March 19, 2013

RE: RTM Redistricting

Contact Person: Patricia Strauss pstrauss@westportct.gov 203-341-1105

- Q. Why do we need this ordinance? (What problem does it solve?)
- **A.** Per Section C52 of the Westport Town Code. Voting Districts, Basis of Representation
- Q. Is the proposed ordinance a new one or an amendment to an existing Westport ordinance? If an amendment, what are the proposed changes and why are they important? (Copy of existing ordinance to be attached.)
- A. Amendment of existing ordinance, adjustment of RTM district boundary lines to maintain an average district size of 2932 using the Connecticut General Assembly district lines from 2011 and the US Census data from 2010
- Q. Is this the only practical solution to the perceived problem or are there other options (either legislative or non-legislative):
- **A.** This is a state mandated reapportionment per CGS 9-169f
- Q. Have we exhausted all non-legislative alternatives?
- **A.** N/A
- Q. Does the problem warrant the solution? That is, is the problem serious enough, or widespread enough, to justify any restrictions that will result if this ordinance is passed?
- A. The problem requires amendment to the ordinance. The scenario chosen maintains similarity to the existing RTM district map.

- Q. Is the proposed ordinance fair to Westport's citizens?
- A. Yes
- Q. Have the rights of all Westporters been considered?
- **A.** Yes. Other scenarios were presented and discussed.
- Q. If the proposed ordinance involves a fine or penalty, is the penalty reasonable in amount and fair in application? How was the amount determined? Is a maximum penalty specified? Are there any exceptions for extenuating circumstances? Is an appeals process specified? Is the appeals process fair? Is it practical?
- **A.** N/A

QUESTIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Q. If the proposed ordinance involves the collection of any fees (including a monetary fine or penalty), will the revenue be retained by the Town? If so, how much revenue is estimated? Will it be included in the general fund? If not, where will the funds be distributed?
- **A.** N/A
- Q. Will the passage of the proposed ordinance result in a decrease in amounts currently expended by the town (for example, decreased maintenance costs)? If so, how much savings is estimated?
- A. No
- Q. Will the passage of the proposed ordinance result in any increased expenses for the town (for example, increased enforcement costs)? If so, how much additional cost is estimated?
- A. Legal Notice printing, registrars of voters will need to realign the voting district list, which is manual cost
- Q. Will the passage of the proposed ordinance result in any decreased revenues for the town? (An ordinance covering abatement of property taxes would be an example.)
- A. No

- O. If so, how much revenue loss is estimated?
- **A.** N/A

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY OR ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY:

- Q. Does the proposed ordinance conflict with any existing laws (municipal, state or federal?) If so, what modifications can be recommended? (Or, should the proposed ordinance be rejected in favor of a non-legislate alternative?)
- A. No
- Q. Is the language (and the intent) of the proposed ordinance consistent with Westport's powers as a municipality? (Copy of the state and/or federal enabling legislation to be attached.)
- A. Westport Town Charter Section C5-2 & CGS Section 9-169f
- Q. Are there any existing state or federal statutes covering the same subject? If so, why is the proposed ordinance necessary or advisable? (Copy of relevant state or federal law to be attached.)
- **A.** Westport Town Code Section 22-1
- Q. Do our neighboring towns have similar ordinances? (Copies to be attached.)

 Does the policy in neighboring towns have an impact on Westport?
- A. Unknown
- Q. Is the language of the proposed ordinance consistent with its intent? Is the language of the proposed ordinance as clear as it can be? Will it be easily understood? Would it be clearer if definitions were added or revisions were made?
- **A.** Yes

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