

## **NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT**

**RE:** **Ordinance Amendment** codifying the following Sections of the New Haven Code of Ordinances for the city's parks and open spaces: Section 19-5, 19-7, 19-8, 19-9, 19-10 and a new Section 19-26, specifically relating to the New Haven Green.

**REPORT:** 1485-08

**ADVICE:** Approval

### **BACKGROUND**

Corporation Counsel has submitted revisions to the Code of Ordinances governing City Parks and open spaces, including the New Haven Green. The amendments are summarized on the attached sheet. The amendments were drafted in cooperation with the Proprietors of the Green and their counsel, as well as Parks Department staff who likely have live and enforce them.

### **PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

The Code of Ordinances is routinely revisited and revised to take into account new uses or concerns about clarity or practical enforcement New Haven's parks and the New Haven Green are heavily used, not just by residents but by visitors and attendees at the many sports, cultural or entertainment events staged in the parks. The Green in particular, owing to its origins as a common public open space from 1638 on has seen a wide variety of uses that change with the times and with technology, and new section is added to Code concerning the Green.

The proposed changes will go to a public hearing before a committee of the Board of Alderman. The Commission agrees that regulations governing Parks and The Green will need revision from time to time, but has not done a detailed analysis of this proposal. The Commission believes that that a public hearing is the appropriate place to listen to citizen concerns and respond by making any changes or additions, if necessary.

### **ADVICE**

Approval

**ADOPTED:** November 20, 2013  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director