

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**, Amend New Haven Code of Ordinances pertaining to Police Cost Reimbursement of Entertainment-Related Events and in Places of Amusement (Chief Administrative Officer).

REPORT: 1435-02

ADVICE: Approval with Corporation Counsel Review

BACKGROUND

Before the Board of Aldermen is an Ordinance Amendment authorizing the City to seek cost reimbursement for police traffic control provided for road races, parades, special events at downtown clubs or any other such event that is entertainment or amusement. On a trial basis over the past year the City has initiated a cost sharing process with event organizers to attempt to defray costs for provision of police traffic control. The proposed Ordinance will formalize the process while assuring First Amendment constitutional rights are protected.

Under the ordinance fees are established based upon the location, duration, route, time and date, and expected size of a proposed event, as well as the expected sale or service of alcoholic beverages, the number of streets and intersections blocked, whether bridges or main arteries are involved in an event route, and the need to detour or preempt citizens' travel and use of public rights of way.

The Ordinance would also apply to places of amusement such as downtown clubs to ensure that the Police Department is able to provide adequate coverage. The Chief Administrative Officer is required to develop administrative regulations per the proposed Ordinance. There are provisions for indigency for organizations unable to afford making reimbursement for police services.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The sole issue before the Commission is the use of public rights of way for activities for which police coverage would be sought.

ADVICE

The Commission advises the Board to seek Corporation Counsel's final review and approval of the Ordinance prior to its final action.

ADOPTED: December 16, 2009
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director

