# NOTICE OF ALDERMANIC MEETING OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

GREETINGS

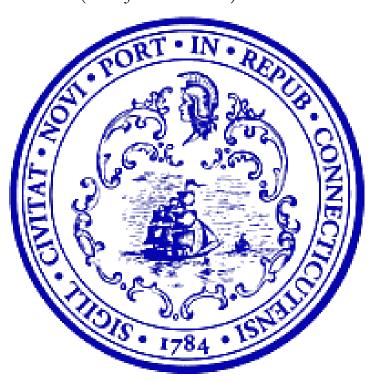
You are hereby required to meet in the Aldermanic Chambers of the City of New Haven on the date and time below.

MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DAY SEPTEMBER 2024

At 7:00 PM

Given under my hand this 13th Day of Sepember 2024

(Hon Justin Elicker)



The Seal of The City of New Haven

Attendance:

Divine Guidance:

Approval of the Journal of September 3, 2024, Board of Alders Meeting.

## **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

- 1. From Tax Collector, order de tax refunds (September 16, 2024).
- **2.** Order concerning real property taxes of Dale Cabiness Jr., on motor vehicle tax accounts 57598, 57610, 57102, and 57101.
- **3.** Order concerning real property taxes of Daneque Carr, on motor vehicle tax accounts 58045 and 81901.
- **4.** Order concerning real property taxes of George Cunningham on motor vehicle tax accounts 952210, 928248, 61910, and 62194.
- **5.** Order concerning real property taxes of Hashiem Roberson on motor vehicle tax accounts 94302, 92533, 94912, and 94814.
- **6.** Order concerning real property taxes of Keith Middleton on motor vehicle tax accounts 700211 and 700212.
- 7. Order concerning real property taxes of Joseph Wells on motor vehicle tax accounts 941996, 96603, 107544, 104649, 805223, and 836796.
- **8.** From the Registrar of Voters submitting an Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut to lease voting equipment for the 2024 presidential election.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- **9.** From the Executive Director of City Plan submitting a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, in an amount not to exceed \$2 million to support the I-91 Neighborhood Reconnection Initiative.
- 10. From the Executive Director of City Plan submitting a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for and accept Pathways to Removing Obstacles To Housing (Pro-Housing) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) not to exceed \$7 million to support the development and preservation of affordable housing citywide.
- 11. From the Economic Development Administrator submitting a Resolution designating the City of New Haven as a rehabilitation area and renewing and amending criteria for the eligibility of real property for assessment deferral and administrative procedures.

- 12. From the Director of the Office of Sustainability submitting an Order of the New Haven Board of Alders authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept additional funding for the climate pollution reduction related to a networked geothermal and to enter into associated agreements in order to accept the funding and carry out the associated program activities.
- **13.** From the Executive Director of the Christian Community Action agency, submitting a request to rename the corner of Davenport Ave. and Asylum St. to "Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs Corner."
- 14. From the Executive Director of City Plan submitting the following report from the City Plan Commission meeting of July 31, 2024: REPORT: 1654-02 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the corner of Argyle Street and Dixwell Avenue as "James Walker Way" in perpetuity, for his love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Dixwell neighborhood. Submitted by: Troy Streater, Ward 21 Advice: Approval REPORT: 1654-03 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the northwest corner of Congress Street and West Street as "Annie Louis Boyd Way" in perpetuity for her love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Hill neighborhood. Submitted by: Evelyn Rodriguez, Ward 4 Advice: Approval REPORT: 1654-04 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street "Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way" in perpetuity for his selfless acts of kindness and contributions to residents in the Fair Haven/Mill River neighborhood. Submitted by: Ellen Cupo, Ward 8 Advice: Approval REPORT: 1654-05 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS approving an amended and restated Development and Land Disposition Agreement between the City of New Haven and District NHV, LLC. Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator Advice: *Item tabled to* 9/18 meeting **REPORT: 1654-06** RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the city of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to the Urban Action Grant program in the amount of \$250,000 to promote the redevelopment and transformation of the Goffe Street Armory. <u>Submitted by:</u> Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator Advice: *Approval* REPORT: 1654-07 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the City of New Haven to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven and Glendower Group, inc. and Glendower Level Heights Limited Partnership with respect to the Heights at West Rock redevelopment of 34 Level Street (including a tax abatement pursuant to section §28-4 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances). Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator Advice: Approval REPORT: 1654-08 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN to enter into a multiyear agreement with New England Smart Energy Group, LLC in order to provide energy efficiency and home electrification services to New Haven residents. Submitted by: Steven Winter, Executive Director Office of Climate & Sustainability Advice: Approval REPORT: 1654-09 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS approving the execution of a five-year agreement between the City of New Haven and Lock Management, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Alling Memorial Golf Course for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2029. Submitted by: Rebecca Bombero, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Advice: Approval.
- **15.** From Matthew Beattie-Callahan submitting a petition to the Board of Alders for assistance concerning his motor vehicle tax accounts 54168 and 54188.

**16.** From Faina Kotler, of European Skin Care submitting a petition to the Board of Alders for assistance concerning their property taxes for account number 308125.

#### FIRST READINGS

## 17. City Services and Environmental Policy. Favorable.

- **a.** Order of the New Haven Board of Alders designating the corner of Grand Avenue and John Murphy Drive "Malik Jones Corner" in perpetuity, for his love and commitment to residents in the Fair Haven Neighborhood.
- **b.** Order of the New Haven Board of Alders to read and file the communication to hold "a public hearing to discuss preparations and plans for the November 5th election."

#### 18. Finance. Favorable.

- **a.** Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizing the execution of an agreement with Artis Energy Solutions for energy monitoring the Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.
- **b.** Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizing the New Haven Board of Education to enter into an agreement with Connecticut Controls Corporation for HVAC control repairs and maintenance in the amount of three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000.00) for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025
- **c.** Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizing the use of multi-year interdepartmental MOUs to formalize the obligation of American Rescue Plan funds to various city departments.
- **d.** Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven approving amendment 1 to the lease, operating, and funding agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the management and operation of the New Haven Union Station and State Street Station campus.
- **e.** Ordinance Amendment to Appropriating Ordinance # 1 reclassifying the position of Deputy Director Recreation to Deputy Director Administration and Planning within the Department of Parks.
- **f.** Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven approving the execution of a five-year agreement between the City of New Haven and Lock Management, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Alling Memorial Golf Course for January 1, 2025, -December 31, 2029.
- **g.** Ordinance Amendment to Sec 19-16 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances to update the golf course fees and associated rules.

## 19. Legislation. Favorable.

Ordinance amendment of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven amending the process for appeal of Housing Code Citations.

## 20. Legislation. Leave to Withdraw.

Order of the New Haven Board of Alders granting leave to withdraw to the communication titled: "Ordinance Amendment of the New Haven Code of Ordinances approving the amendment to Title V – Housing Code Par. 102. – penalties of the City of New Haven Code of Ordinances."

#### 21. Youth Services. Favorable.

- **a.** Resolution authorizing the acceptance from the state of Connecticut in the amount of one million (\$1,000,000) to support the employment of New Haven youth for fiscal year 2025.
- **b.** Order authorizing the Youth and Recreation Department to enter into a two-year multi-year agreement with Connecticut Violence Intervention and Prevention under the city of New Haven Youth and Recreation Family Fun Day management request for proposal.

## **SECOND READINGS**

## 22. Community Development. Favorable.

- **a.** Order approving an amended and restated Development and Land Disposition Agreement between the City of New Haven and District NHV, LLC.
- **b.** Resolution authorizing the City of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to the Urban Action Grant program in the amount of \$250,000 to promote the redevelopment and transformation of the Goffe Street Armory.
- **c.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept funding from the Housing Authority of New Haven to construct improvements in and around Trowbridge Square.

## 23. Legislation. Favorable.

Ordinance amendment of the New Haven Board of Alders to review and approve the New Haven Democracy Fund Board approved code of general ordinance revisions.

## 24. Joint Community Development/Tax Abatement. Favorable.

Order authorizing the City of New Haven to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven, Glendower Group, Inc., and Glendower Level Heights Limited partnership with respect to the Heights at West Rock Redevelopment of 34 Level Street (including a tax abatement pursuant to section §28-4 of the Code of Ordinances).

## FROM TAX COLLECTOR, ORDER DE TAX REFUNDS (Sep 16,2024)

ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the tax refund applications specified hereinafter by taxpayer's name, account number, and refund amount be and hereby are approved pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes and the certification of the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector shall draw orders upon the City Treasurer for each payee specified and, pursuant to Section 2-37 of the City Ordinances, the Controller or his designee shall surrender each payment to the payee named thereon after obtaining satisfaction of any and all debts owed to the City of New Haven by the Payee.

	ACCT#	DEFLIND ASSOCIALE
NAME	ACCT#	REFUND AMOUNT
ACAR LEASING LTD	50322	\$478.46
ADT AUTOMOTIVE CORP	820988	\$91.90
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF CT	51738	\$9.45
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF CT	51740	\$9.45
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF CT	51741	\$10.59
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF CT	51819	\$5.73
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF CT	51820	\$6.27
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE OF CT	51821	\$13.60
CORDERO CARMEN I	61328	\$112.65
CORELOGIC	20512	\$3,108.46
FISCO DARLENE	68023	\$71.09
FISCO DARLENE	68024	\$16.23
HADDAD DAVID	72476	\$107.77
HYLTON RODNEY J	75275	\$717.04
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75406	\$422.64
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75430	\$569.68
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75514	\$539.52
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75597	\$606.22
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75291	\$317.14
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75310	\$503.78
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75411	\$565.78
HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75447	\$74.41
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HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	75544	\$1,087.34
JIMENEZ-CASTILLO JOSE M	76715	\$126.11
JIMENEZ-CASTILLO JOSE M	76601	\$16.43
KRENZER MARTINA L	77796	\$91.70
LERNER MILDRED H	80019	\$174.03
MILIANO-GARCIA LUISA E	85086	\$233.76
MZJ LLC	15274	\$2,382.38
NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	87883	\$150.14
PALUMBO ELISA	89707	\$170.42
PARKER KENNETH	89962	\$96.69
PYL LLC	19272	\$3,391.66
SARGEANT CHERYL	98465	\$15.14
TOUBOLETS DMITRY	77847	\$44.63
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	103998	\$106.16
UNITED CHURCH OF WESTVILLE	104872	\$756.66
YAFTALI HAIDAR SHAH	108585	\$74.99
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# ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF DALE CABINESS JR., ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 57598, 57610, 57102, AND 57101

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WHEREAS: Dale Cabiness Jr., has old motor vehicle tax accounts; and

WHEREAS: Dale Cabiness Jr., wants to pay these tax bills; and

WHEREAS: Dale Cabiness Jr., is asking for assistance with these accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the interest for account numbers 57598, 57610, 57102, and 57101 be forgiven; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Dale Cabiness Jr., will pay the outstanding taxes less the interest within ninety days of the passage of this Order or the interest shall be restored on motor vehicle tax accounts 57598, 57610, 57102, and 57101.

# ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF HASHIEM ROBERSON ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 94302, 92533, 94912, AND 94814

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WHEREAS: Hashiem Roberson has old motor vehicle tax accounts; and

WHEREAS: Hashiem Roberson wants to pay these tax bills; and

WHEREAS: Hashiem Roberson is asking for assistance with these accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the interest for account numbers 94302, 92533, 94912, and 94814 be forgiven; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Hashiem Roberson will pay the outstanding taxes less the interest within ninety days of the passage of this Order or the interest shall be restored on motor vehicle tax accounts 94302, 92533, 94912, and 94814.

# ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JOSEPH WELLS ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 941996, 96603, 107544, 104649, 805223, AND 836796

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WHEREAS: Joseph Wells has old motor vehicle tax accounts; and

WHEREAS: Joseph Wells wants to pay these tax bills; and

WHEREAS: Joseph Wells is asking for assistance with these accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the interest for account numbers 941996, 96603, 107544, 104649, 805223, and 836796 be forgiven; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Joseph Wells will pay the outstanding taxes less the interest within ninety days of the passage of this Order or the interest shall be restored on motor vehicle tax accounts 941996, 96603, 107544, 104649, 805223, and 836796.

# ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF KEITH MIDDLETON ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 700211 AND 700212

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WHEREAS: Keith Middleton has old motor vehicle tax accounts; and

WHEREAS: Keith Middleton wants to pay these tax bills; and

WHEREAS: Keith Middleton is asking for assistance with these accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the interest for account numbers 700211 and 700212 be forgiven; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Keith Middleton will pay the outstanding taxes less the interest within ninety days of the passage of this Order or the interest shall be restored on motor vehicle tax accounts 700211 and 700212.

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Date Submitted:	9/5/2024	
Meeting Submitted For:		
Regular or Suspension Agenda:	Regular	
Submitted By:	Laura E. Brown	
Title of Legislation:  RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE I-91 NEIGHBORHOOD RECONNECTION INITIATIVE		
Comments:		
Coordinator's Signature:  Controller's Signature (if grant):  Mayor's Office Signature:	MPL	

Call (203) 946-7670 with any questions. bmontalvo@newhavenct.gov

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X	X Notice of Intent X Grant Summary		
X	Executive Summary (not longer than	5 pages without an explanation)	
Date S	ubmitted:	September 5, 2024	
Meetir	ng Submitted For:	September 16, 2024	
Regula	ır or Suspension Agenda:	Regular	
Submi	tted By:	Laura E. Brown, City Plan Executive Director	
RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE I-91 NEIGHBORHOOD RECONNECTION INITIATIVE			
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Call (203) 927-0802 or email aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov with any questions.

\*\*PLEASE NOTE CLEARLY IF UC (UNANIMOUS CONSENT) IS REQUESTED\*\*

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September 5, 2024

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President Board of Alders of the City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

## Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached resolution authorizing the application for and execution of a grant agreement between the City of New Haven and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP). This \$2 million grant request, supplemented by \$400,000 in local and federal funds, is aimed at addressing the longstanding barriers created by transportation infrastructure, particularly Interstate 91, which has physically divided neighborhoods and restricted access to essential resources, opportunities, and services.

The proposed I-91 Neighborhood Reconnection Initiative aims to restore community connectivity by exploring strategies to reclaim land, reroute traffic, and create public spaces. Specifically, the initiative will focus on reconnecting neighborhoods from I-91 Exits 3-6 and transforming underutilized areas beneath highways into vibrant public spaces that enhance pedestrian and bicycle access. Additionally, we will explore potential housing development opportunities in the Mill River and River Street areas to promote economic growth and increase residential density.

This effort aligns with the goals of the RCP Program, which seeks to redress the harms caused by transportation infrastructure, particularly in disadvantaged communities. By breaking down the barriers imposed by I-91, this initiative will provide improved access to jobs, healthcare, education, recreation, and other vital services, fostering social and economic equity for the residents of New Haven.

I urge your favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Laura E. Brown

Executive Director. City Plan Department

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE I-91 NEIGHBORHOOD RECONNECTION INITIATIVE

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has established the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program ("RCP") Grant Opportunity, which is dedicated to reconnecting communities that were historically cut off from economic opportunities due to the erection of transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (the "RCP Program") supports planning grants to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities; and

WHEREAS, the RCP Program seeks to redress the legacy of harm caused by transportation infrastructure, including barriers to opportunity, displacement, damage to the environment and public health, limited access, and other hardships; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of this goal, the RCP Program will support and engage economically disadvantaged communities to increase affordable, accessible, and multimodal access to daily destinations like jobs, healthcare, grocery stores, schools, places of worship, recreation, and park space; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Interstate 91 (I-91) in New Haven created a substantial barrier, partitioning the City into distinct eastern and western quadrants, disrupting the social and economic fabric of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven (the "City") proposes to seek RCP Program Community Planning funding, along with \$400,000 from a mix of local and federal sources to explore ways to break down barriers and bolster connectivity across the affected areas, from Long Wharf to Fair Haven, by undertaking the following tasks: 1) developing a buildable strategy for reconnecting the neighborhoods off of I-91 Exits 3-6, along with adjoining amenities, through the reclamation of land and rerouting traffic to efficiently move traffic while reducing the physical divide caused by the highway; 2) transforming underutilized spaces beneath highways and underpasses into vibrant public realms that enhance bicycle and pedestrian access, fostering a sense of place and ownership for residents; and 3) exploring potential housing development opportunities on the east side of I-91, specifically in the Mill River and River Street areas, to stimulate economic growth and increase residential density; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-169f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the USDOT is authorized to provide financial assistance for economic development projects under Section

107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, provided that certain conditions are met, including approval by the municipality's legislative body; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City submit an application to the USDOT for an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to undertake the I-91 Neighborhood Reconnection Initiative in accordance with the goals of the RCP Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City's Board of Alders that:

- 1). It is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for financial assistance imposed by the USDOT.
- 2). That the filing of an application by the City for financial assistance with USDOT for the benefit of the RCP Program by the City in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is hereby approved and that Justin Elicker, as Mayor of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file said application with the USDOT, to provide such additional information as may be required, to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application process, to execute an Assistance Agreement with USDOT for financial assistance (if such an agreement is offered), in the amount of \$2,000,000 or for such lesser amount (if any) as may be offered by USDOT (which Assistance Agreement may include an indemnification of USDOT and/or the Federal Government and/or other relevant federal agency), to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City in connection with all other matters pertaining to said application, and that the Grant Agreement and/or any ancillary document may contain an indemnity of two and/or any other appointee subdivision of the federal government.

## **PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM**

# NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

ТО	(list applicable alders of): ALL			
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FR	OM: Department/Office City Plan Department Person Laura Brown Telephone 946-6380			
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INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS				
1.	Departments are responsible for sending this form to the alder(s) affected by the item.			
2.	This form must be sent (or delivered) directly to the alder(s) <b>before</b> it is submitted to the Legislative Services Office for the Board of Alders agenda.			
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Copies to: alderperson(s); sponsoring department; attached to submission to Board of Alders.



#### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

DATE:	September 6, 2024		
FROM (Dept.):	City Plan Department		
CONTACT:	Laura Brown	PHONE	203-946-6380

## **SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):**

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE I-91 NEIGHBORHOOD RECONNECTION INITIATIVE

**List Cost:** 

Describe in as much detail as possible both personnel and non-personnel costs; general, capital or special funds; and source of funds currently budgeted for this purpose.

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	<b>GENERAL</b>	SPECIAL	BOND	
A. Personnel				
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	Mill River Bond Funds
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	
3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	
B. Non-personnel				
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	Reconnecting Communities Grant
3. Annual	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	

List Revenues: Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO	X
YES	

- 1. One-time
- 2. Annual

**Other Comments:** 

### **NOTICE OF INTENT**

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:

October 1, 2024 - September 1, 2030

**PROGRAM NAME:** 

(X) NEW ( ) CONTINUATION (Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$2,000,000

**FUNDING SOURCE:** USDOT

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** The purpose of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program is to support projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL: The City of New Haven is seeking \$2m in funding through the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program to undertake a comprehensive community planning effort aimed at breaking down barriers created by I-91 and enhancing connectivity between key neighborhoods, including Long Wharf and Fair Haven. The project will focus on three main tasks: (1) Reconnection & Safety: developing a buildable strategy to reconnect neighborhoods along I-91 Exits 3-6 by reclaiming land and rerouting traffic to reduce the highway's physical divide; (2) Integrative Design: transforming underutilized spaces beneath highways into vibrant public areas that improve bicycle and pedestrian access and foster a sense of community; and (3) Housing & Zoning: exploring housing development opportunities in the Mill River area, located east of I-91, to support equitable growth and revitalization.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): \$0

**ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: \$0** 

**DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION:** City Plan Department

**CONTACT PERSON: Laura Brown** 

DATE: 9/5/2024

GRANT SUMMARY		
Grant Title:	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	
Grant Title:		
MUNIS #:	Unknown until grant is received	
City Department:	City Plan Department	
City Contact Person & Phone:	Laura Brown 203-946-6380	
Funding Level:	\$2,000,000	
Funding Period:	Three years from receipt of the grant	
Funding Source:	USDOT	
Funding Source	Unknown until grant is received	
Contact Person & Phone		
Purpose of Program:	The I-91 Neighborhood Reconnection Initiative aims to address the long-standing barriers created by Interstate 91, which has physically divided neighborhoods in New Haven. Through the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, this initiative seeks \$2 million in funding, supplemented by \$400,000 from local and federal sources, to develop strategies focused on equitable development, restoring community connections, enhancing climate resilience, and improving mobility.	
Personnel (salary):	\$200,000 over 3 years	
Personnel (Worker's Comp):	Unknown	
Personnel (Med. Benefit):	\$200,000 over 3 years	
Non-Personnel (total):	\$2,000,000	
Non-Personnel (M & U):	NA	
New or Renewal?	New	
Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?	<u>Unknown</u>	
Reporting requirements: Fiscal	Unknown until grant is received	
Reporting requirements: Programmatic	Unknown until grant is received	
Due date of first report:	Unknown until grant is received	
Audit Requirements:	Single Audit	

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program offers a transformative opportunity for the City of New Haven to address the long-standing barriers created by Interstate 91. With up to \$607 million available, the City is seeking \$2 million in planning funds, supplemented by \$400,000 from local and federal sources, to support the I-91 Neighborhood Reconnection Initiative. This project focuses on equitable development, community restoration, climate resilience, and improved mobility to reconnect neighborhoods and enhance quality of life for residents.

This initiative is an essential component of the City's broader economic recovery strategy. Through the Together New Haven partnership, the City has developed a comprehensive framework that integrates planning, infrastructure, and small business development, promoting sustainable growth across neighborhoods. New Haven has been a key driver of statewide economic growth, particularly in life sciences, which is supported by a strong sense of place and an inclusive growth strategy that benefits all residents.

New Haven is one of the most diverse cities in Connecticut and the nation. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, the population is 36.6% Black or African American, 31.2% Hispanic or Latino, 29.5% White, and 5% Asian. The neighborhoods of East Rock, Cedar Hill/Mill River, Fair Haven, and Wooster Square reflect this diversity. East Rock is 8% Black, 10% Hispanic, 14% Asian, and 58% White. Cedar Hill/Mill River is 14.4% Black, 55.1% Hispanic, 2% Asian, and 24.3% White. Fair Haven is 21% Black, 64% Hispanic, 1% Asian, and 11% White. Wooster Square, home to many immigrant-owned businesses, is 13% Black, 20% Hispanic, and 6% Asian. Despite the City's diversity and recent economic growth, income inequality remains a significant challenge. With 26.5% of residents living below the poverty line and a per capita income of \$26,429, many neighborhoods continue to experience lower health outcomes and persistent poverty. The I-91 Neighborhood Reconnection Initiative seeks to bridge these gaps, aligning with USDOT's Equity Action Plan and the Justice40 Initiative, and using tools like the USDOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer to ensure that historically disadvantaged communities are prioritized.

The neighborhoods involved play a crucial role in providing residents, particularly those without personal vehicles, with access to essential services, employment opportunities, and an enhanced quality of life. This project aims to restore physical and social connections disrupted by past infrastructure, facilitating economic revitalization, reducing exclusionary zoning, and providing equitable access to transportation and public spaces. By reconnecting these historically linked but divided communities, the project will promote business formation, workforce development, and inclusive growth, creating vibrant spaces for all. Additionally, it prioritizes long-term community stability, anti-displacement measures, and climate resilience, ensuring that New Haven's future growth is sustainable and equitable for all its residents.

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Submitted By:	Laura E. Brown	
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Mayor's Office Signature:	m	

Call (203) 927-0802 or email aguzhnayamewhavenct.gov with any questions.

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September 10, 2024

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President Board of Alders of the City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached resolution authorizing the application for and execution of a grant agreement between the City of New Haven and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program. This \$7 million grant request aims to address the critical barriers to affordable housing production within our community, aligning with HUD's efforts to promote equitable housing opportunities nationwide.

The proposed initiative will focus on community engagement and planning to address outdated zoning and land use policies, improve neighborhood infrastructure, and establish targeted investment funds and programs. These efforts will include 1) Neighborhood planning and policy development- community engagement and neighborhood planning to target updating land use policies, ensuring that zoning regulations support affordable housing development. 2) Support for priority residential and mixed-use projects that promote affordability and inclusivity through increased housing density while maintaining neighborhood scale and character, enhancing climate resilience and walkability. 3) Anti-displacement strategies that provide direct support - create housing support funds and programs to assist homeowners and developers in building and preserving affordable housing. Incentives will prioritize long-term community stability by protecting vulnerable residents from displacement and fostering inclusive, equitable development that benefits all. Together, these measures will not only increase the number of affordable units but also strengthen neighborhood connectivity and promote sustainable development that benefits both current and future residents. The initiative is designed to foster long-term stability by ensuring that development is implemented in a way that protects vulnerable populations from displacement.

These efforts are a key component of the City's broader commitment to addressing the housing affordability crisis and promoting economic growth in a way that uplifts all residents, particularly those in historically underserved communities. By breaking down barriers to housing, this proposal will support social and economic equity, improve neighborhood well-being, and create new opportunities for residents to thrive. I urge your favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Laura E. Brown
Executive Director

#### ..TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING) GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) NOT TO EXCEED \$7 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING CITYWIDE.

#### ..BODY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is making available \$100 million in grant funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-12242, approved March 9, 2024), for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation through the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) initiative; and

WHEREAS, communities across the nation, including the City of New Haven (the "City"), face significant challenges in providing affordable housing, due to shrinking land availability, outdated zoning and land use policies, deteriorating infrastructure, and redevelopment pressures that threaten the preservation of existing affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that housing affordability is crucial for its residents' well-being and the overall economic health of the community, and that the production of new housing units, particularly affordable units, is a key strategy for addressing this need; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to updating land use policies, improving housing strategies, and implementing anti-displacement measures to ensure that new housing development occurs in a manner that promotes long-term community stability and protects vulnerable residents, particularly in historically marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed scope of work for the PRO Housing Grant includes three key elements: neighborhood engagement and planning, policy development and zoning improvements, and direct investment into anti-displacement strategies, all organized around the theme of "development without displacement," to balance the need for more housing units citywide with the protection of existing communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-169f of the Connecticut General Statutes, HUD is authorized to provide financial assistance for economic development projects under Section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, provided that certain conditions are met, including approval by the municipality's legislative body; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest for the City to apply for and accept a PRO Housing Grant from HUD in an amount not to exceed \$7 million, in order to implement these strategies and remove barriers to the creation of affordable housing citywide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City's Board of Alders that:

- 1. It is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for financial assistance imposed by Section 8-169f of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2. That the filing of an application by the City for financial assistance from HUD under the PRO Housing initiative in an amount not to exceed \$7 million is hereby approved and that Justin Elicker, as Mayor of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file said application with the HUD, to provide such additional information as may be required, to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application process, to execute an Assistance Agreement with 4m or for such lesser amount (if any) as may be offered by HUD (which Assistance Agreement may include an indemnification of HUD and/or the Federal Government and/or other relevant federal agency), to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City in connection with all other matters pertaining to said application, and that the Grant Agreement and/or any ancillary document may contain an indemnity of two and/or any other appointee subdivision of the federal government.

## **PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM**

# NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

TO (list applicable alders of):		ALL				
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DAT	E:	September 10, 20	24			
FRO	M:	Department/Office Person	City Plan Depar Laura Brown	tment	Telephone	203-946- 6380
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4.	Copies to: alderperson(s); sponsoring department; attached to submission to Board of Alders.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

DATE:	September 10, 2024			
FROM (Dept.):	City Plan Department			
CONTACT:	Laura Brown, Executive Director	PHONE	(203) 946-6380	

## SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING) GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) NOT TO EXCEED \$7 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING CITYWIDE.

**List Cost:** Describe in as much detail as possible both personnel and non-personnel costs; general, capital or special funds; and source of funds currently budgeted for this purpose. **GENERAL SPECIAL BOND** CAPITAL/LINE **FUND FUNDS FUNDING** ITEM/DEPT/ACT/OBJ CODE A. Personnel **\$0 \$0 \$0** 1. Initial start up **\$0 \$0 \$0** 2. One-time **\$0 \$0 \$0** 3. Annual **\$0 \$0 \$0** B. Non-personnel **\$0 \$0 \$0** 1. Initial start up **\$0 \$0 \$0** 2. One-time **\$0 \$0 \$0** 3. Annual **\$0** \$0 **\$0** 

List Revenues: Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO	X
YES	

- 1. One-time
- 2. Annual

## **Other Comments:**

## NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:

(HUD Fiscal Year) October 31, 2024 - November 1, 2030

**PROGRAM NAME:** 

(X) NEW ( ) CONTINUATION (Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$4,000,000

FUNDING SOURCE: HUD

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** The purpose of the HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles grant is to address barriers to affordable housing. Funds support efforts to update zoning, improve infrastructure, and develop policies for creating and preserving affordable housing, aiming to enhance accessibility and promote sustainable community growth, affordable housing production and preservation.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL: The City of New Haven is seeking \$4 million in funding through HUD's PRO Housing initiative to address housing disparities and promote equitable economic growth. The project focuses on three main tasks: (1) Land Use & Zoning: conducting a community engagement and neighborhood planning study to update land use policies and ensure zoning regulations support affordable housing development; (2)

Neighborhood Scale Density: establishing design guidelines for Neighborhood Scale Density Developments that increase housing density while preserving neighborhood character and enhancing walkability and climate resilience; and (3) Housing Support: creating funds and programs to assist homeowners and developers in building and preserving affordable housing, ensuring long-term community stability and protecting vulnerable residents from displacement.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): \$0

**ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: \$0** 

**DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION:** City Plan Department

**CONTACT PERSON: Laura Brown** 

**DATE:** 09/06/24

GRANT SUMMARY		
Grant Title:	HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles	
MUNIS #:	Unknown until grant is received	
City Department:	City Plan Department	
City Contact Person & Phone:	Laura Brown 203-946-6380	
Funding Level:	\$7,000,000	
Funding Period:	Three years from receipt of the grant	
Funding Source:	HUD	
Funding Source Contact Person & Phone	Unknown until grant is received	
Purpose of Program:	The City of New Haven is seeking \$7 million in funding through HUD's PRO Housing initiative to address housing disparities and promote equitable economic growth. The project focuses on three main tasks: (1) Land Use, Zoning, & Policy: conducting a community engagement and neighborhood planning study to update land use and legislative policies and ensure zoning regulations support affordable housing development; (2) Neighborhood Scale Density: establishing design guidelines for Neighborhood Scale Density Developments that increase housing density while preserving neighborhood character and enhancing walkability and climate resilience; and (3) Housing Support: creating funds and programs to assist homeowners and developers in building and preserving affordable housing, ensuring long-term community stability and protecting vulnerable residents from displacement.	
Personnel (salary):	Unknown	
Personnel (Worker's Comp):	Unknown	
Personnel (Med. Benefit):	Unknown	
Non-Personnel (total):	\$4,000,000	
Non-Personnel (M & U):	NA	
New or Renewal?	New	
Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?	<u>Unknown</u>	
Reporting requirements: Fiscal	Unknown until grant is received	
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Programmatic	
Due date of first report:	Unknown until grant is received
Audit Requirements:	Single Audit

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant offers a critical opportunity for the City of New Haven to address long-standing barriers to affordable housing development and preservation. With \$100 million available nationwide, the City is seeking \$7 million in funding to support initiatives that target outdated zoning, deteriorating infrastructure, and anti-displacement measures. These efforts are essential to ensuring the city's housing growth remains equitable, resilient, and inclusive.

The initiative is a key component of New Haven's broader strategy to tackle housing affordability while promoting economic development. As part of the "Together New Haven" framework, the City integrates housing policy, infrastructure upgrades, and community-based investments to support both current and future residents. By removing barriers to affordable housing, New Haven aims to address the critical housing shortage while promoting neighborhood connectivity and sustainability.

New Haven is one of Connecticut's most diverse cities, as reflected in the 2020 U.S. Census: the population is 36.6% Black or African American, 31.2% Hispanic or Latino, 29.5% White, and 5% Asian. However, despite this diversity, income inequality remains a pressing challenge. Approximately 26.5% of New Haven residents live below the poverty line, and many neighborhoods experience poor health outcomes and persistent economic hardship.

The City is committed to addressing housing disparities, particularly the affordability crisis, while promoting economic growth that uplifts all residents. This effort aligns with HUD's goals of removing barriers to housing production. The planning proposal centers on three key components: 1)

Neighborhood planning and policy development- community engagement and neighborhood planning to target updating land use policies, ensuring that zoning regulations support affordable housing development. 2) Support for priority residential and mixed-use projects that promote affordability and inclusivity through increased housing density while maintaining neighborhood scale and character, enhancing climate resilience and walkability. 3) Anti-displacement strategies that provide direct support - create housing support funds and programs to assist homeowners and developers in building and preserving affordable housing. Incentives will prioritize long-term community stability by protecting vulnerable residents from displacement and fostering inclusive, equitable development that benefits all.

This proposal aims to promote economic revitalization, workforce development, and climate resilience. It emphasizes New Haven's commitment to creating vibrant, thriving neighborhoods where all residents—regardless of socioeconomic background—can access affordable housing and essential services. The City looks forward to working with HUD to turn these objectives into reality for New Haven's diverse and dynamic population

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Date Submitted:	September 10, 2024		
Meeting Submitted For:	September 16, 2024		
Regular or Suspension Agenda:	Regular		
Submitted By:	Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development		
	Administrator		
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AS A REHABILITATION AREA AND RENEWING AND AMENDING CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES			
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Mayor's Office Signature:			

Call (203) 927-0802 or email aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov with any questions.

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#### Justin Elicker Mayor

## City of New Haven

### Office of the Economic Development Administrator 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510



Michael Piscitelli Economic Development Administrator

September 6, 2024

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor New Haven, CT 06510

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AS A REHABILITATION AREA AND RENEWING AND AMENDING CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Dear President Walker-Myers,

I am pleased to submit to you, for consideration by the Honorable Board of Alders, the attached request to renew and amend the City of New Haven's (the "City") Assessment Deferral program (the "Program") by passing the above-captioned proposed Resolution. Since the City's mandatory five-year sunset provision expires on December 31, 2024, the attached Resolution, if approved, will take effect on January 1, 2025 and extend the Program through December 31, 2029.

Approving the proposed Resolution would preserve a valuable development tool and business incentive to continue to improve the City's housing and commercial building stock and support the growth of its Grand List. The Program is the primary business incentive that the City has available to attract new businesses and is of particular importance given that, by virtue of its being citywide, it extends into areas not covered by similar assessment deferral programs, including the State of Connecticut's Enterprise Zone program, which are limited to certain parts of New Haven.

By way of additional information concerning the history, purpose, nature, and current operations of the Program, I also attach a copy of the latest Joint Report of the Office Economic Development and Livable City Initiative.

Thank you for your attention to, and consideration of, this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Michael Piscitelli, AICP

Economic Development Administrator

Attachments

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Mayor's Office

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AS A REHABILITATION AREA AND RENEWING AND AMENDING CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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WHEREAS, the extensive rehabilitation or development of New Haven properties is critical to the needs of the City of New Haven as a means of improving New Haven's housing stock, increasing employment opportunities, and expanding New Haven's tax base; and

WHEREAS, the significant increases in property tax assessments brought about by extensive rehabilitation or development have been found to discourage this sorely needed investment in the City of New Haven; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 1975, the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution in accordance with State statute to implement a limited assessment deferral program; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1981, the Board of Aldermen repealed and rescinded its resolution of August 4, 1975, and on December 7, 1981, passed a resolution designating the City of New Haven as a rehabilitation area, establishing criteria for the eligibility of real property within the designated rehabilitation area for fixing of assessments during the period of rehabilitation, and for deferral of increased assessments attributable to such rehabilitation (the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution contained a termination date of January 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution was amended by the Board of Aldermen on December 3, 1984, to extend the termination date to January 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution was amended by the Board of Aldermen on December 19, 1988, to extend the termination date to January 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution expired on January 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen passed a new resolution similar to the Resolution on October 17, 1994; and

WHEREAS, that resolution expired on January 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen passed a new resolution similar to the Resolution on October 16, 2000; and

WHEREAS, that resolution expired on January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Board of Aldermen passed a new resolution similar to the 2001 resolution which extended the termination date to January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Board of Aldermen passed a new resolution similar to the 2005 resolution further designating the City of New Haven as a rehabilitation area and establishing criteria for the tax deferment program; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Board of Alders passed a new resolution similar to the 2010 resolution which extended the termination date to January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, that resolution expired on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Board of Alders passed a new resolution similar to the 2014 resolution, with some modifications, which extended the termination date to January 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in 2022 that resolution was modified to clarify that property owners can refinance properties enhanced with the Assessment Deferral Program and that, should a mortgagee to a property foreclose on a property enhanced with Assessment Deferral, that they can resell the property without losing the Assessment Deferral benefits, and

WHEREAS, the current resolution expires on January 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, renewal of the city-wide assessment deferral program will continue to encourage the rehabilitation of aging or deteriorating structures, encourage the construction of new housing stock, and subject to the need for adjustments to the operation of the program as hereafter set forth, encourage the provision of affordable housing within the City of New Haven.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 12-65d et seq, of the Connecticut General Statutes (1958 Rev.) as amended, the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven hereby designates all territory within the City of New Haven as a Rehabilitation Area, and establishes criteria for eligibility of real property within the designated rehabilitation area for fixing of assessments during the period of rehabilitation and for deferral of increased assessments attributable to such rehabilitation.

#### CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

#### I. <u>Use</u>

Except as expressly stated herein, there shall be no restrictions on use for properties eligible for assessment fixing and deferral, subject to existing zoning regulations and current planning policy.

#### II. <u>Initial Condition of Property</u>

In order to be eligible for the fixing of assessments and deferral of increased assessments attributable to rehabilitation pursuant to Section12-65c and 12-65f of the Connecticut

General Statutes, a property must fail to comply with one of the following prior to rehabilitation:

- A. the State Building Code, as adopted under Section 29-252 of the General Statutes as amended; or
- B. the State Fire Safety Code, as adopted under Section 29-292 et. seq. of the General Statutes as amended; or
- C. the State Public Health Code and regulations, as adopted under Section 19a-36 of the General Statutes, as amended; or
- D. the Housing Code of the City of New Haven, as adopted under Section 47a-52 and Chapter 833a of the General Statutes as amended.

#### III. Extent and Nature of Improvement

- A. In general, an eligible property is any property with a structure to be rehabilitated, or any proposed new construction of residential rental or cooperative housing, for which the nature and extent of the rehabilitation work or construction:
  - (1) Results in an increase in the assessed value of the property of not less than thirty-five percent (35%); and
  - (2) Corrects any and all non-compliance with codes described in Section II, above; and
  - (3) Results in a structure that conforms to the standards and requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of New Haven.
- B. A "Certified Historic Structure" as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR §67) and other such structures as may from time to time be designated by the Historic District Commission as historically significant, shall be eligible, provided that the rehabilitation meets the "Standards of Rehabilitation" as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR §67.2).

#### IV. Exceptions

- A. The following properties and property owners are not eligible:
  - (i) Any property receiving abatement or deferral of increases caused by the rehabilitation under any other assessment deferral or tax abatement program.

- (ii) Occupied residential structures being converted to residential condominiums within five (5) years following the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy for a dwelling unit within such rehabilitated residential structures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a residential structure being converted to residential condominiums shall be eligible if the structure is being converted to a residential condominium with the written approval of all tenants lawfully residing within the structure.
- (iii) Any property already receiving property tax relief through state subsidies which include payment of local taxes for more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the dwelling units, or payment in lieu of taxes through an Agreement with the City of New Haven.
- (iv) Any property on which property taxes are delinquent unless such delinquency is cleared before commencement of rehabilitation or construction or the Tax Collector and the Board of Alders have agreed to a schedule for the payment of delinquent taxes.
- (v) Any property owner who has a legal or equitable interest in any property in the City of New Haven for which property taxes are delinquent, as verified by the Tax Collector, unless any such delinquency is cleared before the commencement of rehabilitation or construction.

#### B. The following businesses/industries are not eligible:

Energy Production, Transmission, Distribution Facilities Utilities Outdoor Advertising Adult Entertainment Facilities Parking Structures Greater than Three (3) Stories Self Storage Facilities

#### V. <u>Effect of General Revaluation by the City of New Haven</u>

In the event of a general revaluation by the City of New Haven in the year in which such rehabilitation or construction is completed, resulting in any increase in assessment on a property, only that portion of the increase resulting from such rehabilitation or construction shall be deferred; and in the event of a general revaluation in any year after the year in which such rehabilitation or construction is completed, such deferred assessment shall be increased or decreased in proportion to the increase or decrease in the total assessment on such property as a result of such general revaluation.

## VI. <u>Procedures for Obtaining and Execution of Assessment Fixing and Deferral:</u> Residential Properties with fewer than Five (5) Units (AD SMALL Program)

An eligible property owner seeking the fixing of the assessment and deferral of increases due to rehabilitation of his or her residential property with fewer than five (5) units shall follow the following procedures:

- A. Prior to filing any application for a building permit (other than any exploratory demolition permits), such eligible property owner shall file an Application with the Livable City Initiative for a preliminary determination of eligibility.
- B. The fixing of assessments and deferral of increased assessments shall be made pursuant to an agreement entered into between the title holder to such real property and the City of New Haven (the "Section VI Agreement") upon a determination of eligibility. Such Section VI Agreement shall provide that the assessment of a property shall be fixed pursuant to Section 12-65e of the General Statutes during the period of rehabilitation or construction as of the date of the Section VI Agreement until occupancy as determined by the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy or one (1) year from the date of the Section VI Agreement; or the date on which the work is sufficiently complete so the property owner can use it for which it is intended as determined by the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement, whichever event is earliest. Upon termination of the period of such rehabilitation or construction, any increase in assessment attributable to such rehabilitation or construction shall be phased in as hereafter described, contingent upon the continued use of the property for the purposes specified in the Section VI Agreement providing such property continues to meet the eligibility criteria of this Resolution and provided further such deferral shall be determined as follows: For the first year following completion of such rehabilitation or construction, the entire increase shall be deferred; thereafter twenty percent (20%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property each year until one hundred percent (100%) of such increase has been so assessed.
- C. Upon the execution of the Section VI Agreement, the owner shall commence such rehabilitation or construction work not more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the effective date of the Section VI Agreement. Failure to commence the work within this time period shall constitute a breach of the Section VI Agreement.
- D. The Section VI Agreement to fix and defer assessment shall expressly provide that the Section VI Agreement shall run with the land for the effective period of the Section VI Agreement and shall remain in effect upon the sale or transfer of the property, and shall inure to the benefit of the purchaser or transferee, provided the use of the property is continued for those purposes for which the deferral was granted.
- VII. Procedures for Obtaining and Execution of Assessment Fixing and Deferral:
  Residential and Mixed-Use Properties with Five (5) or more Market Rate Residential
  Units, Commercial Properties, and Industrial Properties (AD STANDARD
  Program)

An eligible property owner seeking the fixing of the assessment and deferral of increases due to rehabilitation of his or her residential property with five (5) or more units, or mixed-use, commercial, or industrial property, shall follow the following procedures:

- A. Prior to filing any application for a building permit (other than any exploratory demolition permits), such eligible property owner shall file an Application with the Office of Economic Development for a preliminary determination of eligibility.
- B. The fixing of assessments and deferral of increased assessments shall be made pursuant to an agreement (the "Section VII Agreement") entered into between the title holder to such real property and the City of New Haven, upon a determination of eligibility. Such Section VII Agreement shall provide that the assessment of a property shall be fixed pursuant to Section 12-65e of the General Statutes during the period of rehabilitation or construction as of the date of the Section VII Agreement until occupancy as determined by the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy, or one (1) year from the date of the Section VII Agreement, or the date on which the work is sufficiently complete so the property owner can use it for which it is intended as determined by the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement, whichever event is earliest. Upon termination of the period of such rehabilitation or construction, any increase in assessment attributable to such rehabilitation or construction shall be phased in as hereafter described, which phase-in period together with the period of rehabilitation and construction shall be known as the "Deferment Period," provided (i)that the property remains in continued use for the purposes specified in the Section VII Agreement, (ii) that such property continues to meet the eligibility criteria of this Resolution, (iii) that subject to the provisions of VII.E below, the property owner does not sell, convey, or otherwise transfer any form of equitable interest in the property during the Deferment Period in excess of fifty (50%) percent (except as described below, (a "Non-Affiliate Transfer") in which case the deferral shall terminate immediately and the full value of the increase shall be assessed immediately against the property, and (iv) that such deferral shall be phased in as follows: For the first year following completion of such rehabilitation or construction, the entire increase shall be deferred; the following year thirty-five percent (35%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year sixty-five percent (65%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year sixty-five percent (65%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property, and the following year, and each year thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property.
- C. Upon the execution of the Section VII Agreement, the owner shall commence such rehabilitation or construction work not more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the effective date of the Section VII Agreement. Failure to commence the work within this time period shall constitute a breach of the Section VII Agreement.
- D. The Section VII Agreement to fix and defer assessment shall expressly provide that the Section VII Agreement shall run with the land for the effective period of the Section VII Agreement, provided the use of the property is continued for those purposes for which the deferral was granted, unless the property owner sells, conveys, or otherwise transfers any form of equitable interest in the subject

- property in excess of fifty percent (50%) except as described in Section VII.E below, in which case the deferral shall terminate immediately and the full value of the increase shall be assessed immediately against the property.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section VII.B(ii) and Section VII.D above, the financing of a rehabilitation or construction project secured by the owner through a mortgage or mortgages on the property and/or any subsequent financing of the completed project secured by an owner through a mortgage or mortgages on the property, shall not be deemed a Non-Affiliate Transfer or a breach of the owner's obligations during the Deferment Period. Further, neither the acquisition of the property by a mortgagee (or successor mortgagee), whether by way of foreclosure or by way of a bona fide deed in lieu of foreclosure arising out of a mortgage default by the owner, nor the disposition or sale of the property by any such mortgagee (or successor mortgagee) to a new owner (or new owners) shall be deemed to be a Non-Affiliate Transfer or otherwise a breach of the owner's obligations, provided that any new owner (or new owners) obtaining title to all or any portion of the property from such mortgagee or successor mortgagee shall be subject to all of the restrictions against a Non-Affiliate Transfer for the then-remaining portion of the Deferment Period.
- VIII. Alternate Procedures for Obtaining and Execution of Assessment Fixing and Deferral: Residential and Mixed-Use Properties Units Subject to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance of the City of New Haven Located in the "Strong" and "Remainder" Areas of the City and All Projects that Receive a Tax Abatement under the City of New Haven's Low Income Supportive Housing Tax Abatement (LISHTA) Program (AD-IZ Program)

Notwithstanding Section VII above, an eligible property owner seeking the fixing of the assessment and deferral of increases due to rehabilitation of his or her residential or mixed-use property subject to the City of New Haven's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and located in the "Strong" or "Remainder areas of the City (as defined by the Ordinance) and all projects that receive a tax abatement under the Low Income Supportive Housing Tax Abatement (LISHTA) Program may elect to follow the following procedures:

- A. Prior to filing any application for a building permit (other than any exploratory demolition permits), such eligible property owner shall file an Application with the Office of Economic Development for a preliminary determination of eligibility.
- B. The fixing of assessments and deferral of increased assessments shall be made pursuant to an agreement (the "Section VIII Agreement") entered into between the title holder to such real property and the City of New Haven, upon a determination of eligibility. Such Section VIII Agreement shall provide that the assessment of a property shall be fixed pursuant to Section 12-65e of the General Statutes during the period of rehabilitation or construction as of the date of the Section VIII Agreement until occupancy as determined by the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy, or one (1) year from the date of the Section VIII

Agreement, or the date on which the work is sufficiently complete so the property owner can use it for which it is intended as determined by the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement, whichever event is earliest. Upon termination of the period of such rehabilitation or construction, any increase in assessment attributable to such rehabilitation or construction shall be phased in as hereafter described, which phase-in period together with the period of rehabilitation and construction shall together be known as the "Deferment Period," provided (1) that the property remains in continued for the purposes specified in the Section VIII Agreement, (ii) that such property continues to meet the eligibility criteria of this Resolution, (iii) that, subject to and except as provided in Section VIII.E below, the property owner does not make a Non-Affiliate Transfer, in which case the deferral shall terminate immediately and the full value of the increase shall be assessed immediately against the property, and (iv) that such deferral shall be phased in as follows: For the first year following completion of such rehabilitation or construction, the entire increase shall be deferred; the following year twenty percent (20%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year forty percent (40%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year sixty percent (60%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year eighty percent (80%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; and the following year, and each year thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property.

- C. Upon the execution of the Section VIII Agreement, the owner shall commence such rehabilitation or construction work not more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the effective date of the Section VIII Agreement. Failure to commence the work within this time period shall constitute a breach of the Section VIII Agreement.
- D. The Section VIII Agreement to fix and defer assessment shall expressly provide that the Section VIII Agreement shall run with the land for the effective period of the Section VIII Agreement,, provided the use of the property is continued for those purposes for which the deferral was granted, unless the property owner sells, conveys, or otherwise transfers any form of equitable interest in the subject property in excess of fifty (50%) percent (except as described in Section VIII.E below) in which case the deferral shall terminate immediately and the full value of the increase shall be assessed immediately against the property.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section VIII.B(ii) and Section VIII.D above, the financing of a rehabilitation or construction project secured by the owner through a mortgage or mortgages on the property and/or any subsequent financing of the completed project secured by an owner through a mortgage or mortgages on the property, shall not be deemed a Non-Affiliate Transfer or a breach of the owner's obligations during the Deferment Period. Further, neither the acquisition of the property by a mortgagee (or successor mortgagee), whether by way of foreclosure or by way of a bona fide deed in lieu of foreclosure arising out of a mortgage default by the owner, nor the disposition or sale of the property by any such mortgagee (or successor mortgagee) to a new owner (or

new owners) shall be deemed to be a Non-Affiliate Transfer or otherwise a breach of the owner's obligations, provided that any new owner (or new owners) obtaining title to all or any portion of the property from such mortgagee or successor mortgagee shall be subject to all of the restrictions against a Non-Affiliate Transfer for the then-remaining portion of the Deferment Period.

IX. Alternate Procedures for Obtaining and Execution of Assessment Fixing and Deferral: Residential and Mixed-Use Properties Units Subject to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance of the City of New Haven Located in the "Core" Area of the City and Those Projects Located in the "Strong" and "Remainder" Areas of the City That Provide 200% or More of the Required Affordable Housing Units Required by the Ordinance (AD-IZ PLUS Program)

Notwithstanding Section VII above, an eligible property owner seeking the fixing of the assessment and deferral of increases due to rehabilitation of his or her residential or mixed-use property subject to the City of New Haven's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and located in the "Core" area of the City or located in the "Strong" or "Remainder areas of the City (as defined by the Ordinance) that provide 200% or more of the required affordable housing units required by the Ordinance may elect to follow the following procedures:

- A. Prior to filing any application for a building permit (other than any exploratory demolition permits), such eligible property owner shall file an Application with the Office of Economic Development for a preliminary determination of eligibility.
- B. The fixing of assessments and deferral of increased assessments shall be made pursuant to an agreement (the "Section XI Agreement") entered into between the title holder to such real property and the City of New Haven, upon a determination of eligibility. Such Section XI Agreement shall provide that the assessment of a property shall be fixed pursuant to Section 12-65e of the General Statutes during the period of rehabilitation or construction as of the date of the Section XI Agreement until occupancy as determined by the issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy, or one (1) year from the date of the Section XI Agreement, or the date on which the work is sufficiently complete so the property owner can use it for which it is intended as determined by the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement, whichever event is earliest. Upon termination of the period of such rehabilitation or construction, any increase in assessment attributable to such rehabilitation or construction shall be phased in as hereafter described, which phase-in period together with the period of rehabilitation and construction shall together be known as the "Deferment Period," provided (1) that the property remains in continued for the purposes specified in the Section XI Agreement, (ii) that such property continues to meet the eligibility criteria of this Resolution, (iii) that, subject to and except as provided in Section IX.E below, the property owner does not make a Non-Affiliate Transfer, in which case the deferral shall terminate immediately and the full value of the increase shall be assessed immediately against the property, and (iv) that such deferral shall be phased in as follows: For the first year following

completion of such rehabilitation or construction, the entire increase shall be deferred; the following year twenty percent (20%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year forty percent (40%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year fifty percent (50%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year sixty percent (60%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year seventy percent (70%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year eighty percent (80%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property; the following year ninety percent (90%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property and the following year, and each year thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) of the increase shall be assessed against the property.

- C. Upon the execution of the Section XI Agreement, the owner shall commence such rehabilitation or construction work not more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the effective date of the Section XI Agreement. Failure to commence the work within this time period shall constitute a breach of the Section XI Agreement.
- D. The Section XI Agreement to fix and defer assessment shall expressly provide that the Section XI Agreement shall run with the land for the effective period of the Section XI Agreement, provided the use of the property is continued for those purposes for which the deferral was granted, unless the property owner sells, conveys, or otherwise transfers any form of equitable interest in the subject property in excess of fifty (50%) percent (except as described in Section IX.E below) in which case the deferral shall terminate immediately and the full value of the increase shall be assessed immediately against the property.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section IX.B(ii) and Section IX.D above, the financing of a rehabilitation or construction project secured by the owner through a mortgage or mortgages on the property and/or any subsequent financing of the completed project secured by an owner through a mortgage or mortgages on the property, shall not be deemed a Non-Affiliate Transfer or a breach of the owner's obligations during the Deferment Period. Further, neither the acquisition of the property by a mortgagee (or successor mortgagee), whether by way of foreclosure or by way of a bona fide deed in lieu of foreclosure arising out of a mortgage default by the owner, nor the disposition or sale of the property by any such mortgagee (or successor mortgagee) to a new owner (or new owners) shall be deemed to be a Non-Affiliate Transfer or otherwise a breach of the owner's obligations, provided that any new owner (or new owners) obtaining title to all or any portion of the property from such mortgagee or successor mortgagee shall be subject to all of the restrictions against a Non-Affiliate Transfer for the then-remaining portion of the Deferment Period.

#### X. Effective Date of This Resolution and Procedure for Pending Applications

This Resolution, passed in accordance with Sections 12-65c through 12-65f of the Connecticut General Statutes (1958 Rev.), as amended, shall take effect January 1, 2025.

#### XI. Sunset Provision

This Resolution shall terminate and have no further effect as of January 1, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 12-65c THROUGH 12-65f OF THE GENERAL STATUTES (1958 Rev.), AS AMENDED, AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AS A REHABILITATION AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE STATUTE, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL

#### Section 1. Definitions.

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Agreement" means an agreement entered into by and among the City of New Haven, acting by and through the Mayor and the Property Owner for fixing the assessment and deferring increases in assessments for properties meeting the requirements of this Ordinance.
- B. "Application" means\_an application submitted by a Property Owner for a fixing of assessment and deferral of increase in assessments, and containing all information required by Section 3.C. of these procedures.
- C. "Property" means\_such real property which is subject of an application.
- D. "Property Owner" means the person having a legal title to real property, which is the subject of an Application.
- E. "Rehabilitation" means the improvement or repair of a structure or facilities appurtenant thereto, exclusive of general maintenance or minor repairs.
- F. "Rehabilitation Statute" means Sections 12-65c through 12-65f of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may hereinafter be amended.
- G. "Resolution" means the Resolution designating the City of New Haven as a Rehabilitation Area, pursuant to Section 12-65 through Section 12-65f of the Connecticut General Statutes and establishing criteria for the eligibility of real property for assessment deferral.
- H. "Substantial Completion of Rehabilitation or Construction" means the date on which the work is sufficiently complete such that the Property Owner can occupy or utilize the Property or portion thereof for the use for which it is intended, as determined by the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement.

#### Section 2. Procedure for Filing, Review and Approval of Applications.

A. Applications shall be filed prior to application for a building permit (the "Building Permit"). Thereafter, the Agreement with respect to any approved Application shall be dated and shall commence as of the date of issuance of the Building Permit, and the

- Base Assessment attributable to the Property shall be determined in accordance with the then current Grand List year.
- B. Application forms, filing procedures, and general information shall be available from the Office of Economic Development, the Livable City Initiative, and other offices as may, from time to time, be designated. The Application forms shall require at least the following information:
  - (1) The nature of the Property Owner's legal or beneficial interest in the property which is the subject of the Application;
  - (2) The condition of the structure (if any) as required by the Resolution;
  - (3) One set of preliminary drawings; one set of outline specifications; one copy of an itemized rehabilitation cost estimate;
  - (4) Sworn statement by the Property Owner that: (a) all property taxes assessed against the Property which are due and payable have been paid and that the Property Owner has no legal or equitable interest in any property in the city on which property taxes are delinquent; or (b) all property taxes assessed against the property which are delinquent will be paid prior to the commencement of construction or according to a schedule agreed to by the Tax Collector and approved by the Board of Alders, and any delinquent taxes on New Haven properties in which the Property Owner has a legal or equitable interest will be paid prior to the commencement of construction.
- C. Applications shall be reviewed by the City commencing on the first business day of the month following the date of receipt of a complete application. The review shall be completed with forty-five (45) days. Such review shall evaluate eligibility on the basis of submission date and criteria of eligibility under the Resolution. This review shall be conducted sequentially in the following three stages: first, by the Livable City Initiative (for residential properties) or the Office of Economic Development (for commercial properties); second, by the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement; and third, by the City Assessor. Approval is needed in all three of these stages for a Property owner to receive an assessment deferral.
- D. Property Owners whose application is rejected shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of the Property Owner's receipt of written notice from the City of such rejection to appeal the decision to the Tax Abatement Committee. The decision of the Tax Abatement Committee shall be based on an error in fact relating to the eligibility of the applicant, and shall be subject to appeal pursuant to Section 12-65f of the General Statutes.
- E. Property Owners whose application is found to be eligible shall enter into an Agreement with the City of New Haven in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution and the Rehabilitation Statute.

#### Section 3. Completion of Work, Certification, Recording, and Notice.

Upon completion of the rehabilitation or construction work described in this Agreement, the Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement shall verify the performance of the Agreement by the Property Owner and the Land Records of the City of New Haven, and shall notify the Assessor to re-assess the Property. The Assessor shall give written notice to the Property Owner of the re-assessment and a schedule of the phased-in increases in accordance with the provisions of Section V of the Resolution and Agreement.

#### Section 4. Reports, Data Collection, and Program Evaluation.

The Mayor of the City shall include in the annual budget submission to the Board of Alders a report containing a list of all Applications under the Program, the status of each such application, the base assessment the forecasted assessment upon completion and the date and duration of each Agreement.

The City shall also maintain a central file of all assessment deferral applications and agreements, which shall include the reason for any rejected Application.

#### Section 5. Effective Date.

These Administrative Procedures shall be effective as of January 1, 2025.

## **PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM**

# NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS

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DA	TE:	September 9, 202	24						
FRO	OM:	Department/Office Person	Office of E	Economic Develop scitelli	ment Telephone	203-946-2367			
	This is to inform you that the following matter affecting your ward(s) will be submitted to the Board of Alders in the near future:								
HA CR	RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AS A REHABILITATION AREA AND RENEWING AND AMENDING CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES								
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1.	Departme	nts are responsible for ser	nding this form	n to the alder(s) affect	ed by the item.				
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3.	The date of	entry must be completed v	with the date the	his form was sent the	alder(s).				
4.	Copies to	alder(s); sponsoring dep	artment; attacl	hed to submission to E	Board of Alders.				

#### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DATE:** September 10, 2024

FROM (Dept.): Economic Development Administratiom

CONTACT: Michael Piscitelli, EDA Administrator PHONE (203) 946-2867

#### SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AS A REHABILITATION AREA AND RENEWING AND AMENDING CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

**List Cost:** 

Describe in as much detail as possible both personnel and non-personnel costs; general, capital or special funds; and source of funds currently budgeted for this purpose.

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	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPECIAL</b>	BOND	CAPITAL/LINE
	FUND	<b>FUNDS</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>	ITEM/DEPT/ACT/OBJ
				CODE
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	
3. Annual	\$0	\$0	\$0	
B. Non-personnel	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
1. Initial start up	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2. One-time	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	
3. Annual	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

List Revenues: Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.



- 1. One-time
- 2. Annual

Other Comments: The City-Wide Assessment Deferral Program will inevitably have a fiscal impact when the program is utilized, but it is impossible to quantify in the absence of information regarding any specific project(s).

Please note, however, that the Program <u>never</u> reduces existing taxes or the value of the Grand List. Rather, it defers and phases in additional taxes attributable to the value of improvements made to properties through development or rehabilitation and has the overall effect of encouraging development that creates net new revenue.

# Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs Corner





Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs

TO: Alder Tyisha Walker Myers, President of the Board of Alders

RE: Proposed "Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs Corner" for The Hill

Neighbors and supporters of Christian Community Action, Inc. petition the Board of Alders to rename the SE corner of Davenport Avenue and Asylum Street to honor Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs, recognizing her 35 year legacy of leading CCA and "providing Help, Housing, and Hope to those in need in New Haven."

As Executive Director of CCA from 1988 through 2023, Rev. Grubbs has overseen the expansion of CCA's programs to bring dignified, person-centered assistance and care to families, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities. In that time, countless hundreds of families and individuals have had their lives improved and their burdens lightened, by the work of Rev. Bonita Grubbs and the generations of staff and volunteers she has inspired.

The undersigned, neighbors of CCA and residents of the City of New Haven, respectfully request your consideration and approval of this request to honor a most worthy servant leader of New Haven.

**PARA**: Concejal Tyisha Walker Myers, Presidenta de la Junta de Concejales

RE: Propuesta Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs Esquina para La Colina

Petición de vecinos y partidarios de Christian Community Action, Inc. la Junta de Alders para cambiar el nombre de la esquina SE de Davenport Avenue y Asylum Street en honor a la Rev. Bonita D. Grubbs, reconociendo sus 35 años legado de liderar CCA y "brindar Ayuda, Vivienda y Esperanza a los necesitados en New Haven".

Como Director Ejecutivo de CCA desde 1988 hasta 2023, Rev. Grubbs ha supervisado la expansión de los programas de CCA para brindar educación digna, atención y atención centrada en la persona a familias, personas mayors, Personas con discapacidad. En ese tiempo, cientos de familias incontables y las personas han visto sus vidas mejoradas y sus cargas aligerado, por el trabajo de la Rev. Bonita Grubbs y las generaciones de personal y voluntarios que ella ha inspirado.

Los abajo firmantes, vecinos de CCA y residentes de la Ciudad de Nueva Haven, solicita respetuosamente su consideración y aprobación de este Solicitud de honrar al líder servidor más digno de New Haven. For Pev. Bonita Grubbs Christian Community Action

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September 10, 2024

Board of Alders City Hall, 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Board of Alders:

In accordance with our customary procedure, the attached reports referenced below were considered by the City Plan Commission at its meeting of July 31, 2024, and are forwarded to you for your consideration:

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** designating the corner of Argyle Street and Dixwell Avenue as "James Walker Way" in perpetuity, for his love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Dixwell neighborhood.

**Submitted by:** Troy Streater, Ward 21

Advice: Approval

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the northwest corner of Congress Street and West Street as "Annie Louis Boyd Way" in perpetuity for her love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Hill neighborhood.

Submitted by: Evelyn Rodriguez, Ward 4

Advice: Approval

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street "Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way" in perpetuity for his selfless acts of kindness and contributions to residents in the Fair Haven/Mill River neighborhood.

Submitted by: Ellen Cupo, Ward 8

Advice: Approval

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving an amended and restated Development and Land Disposition Agreement between the City of New Haven and District NHV, LLC.

Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator

Advice: Item tabled to 9/18 meeting

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the city of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to the Urban Action Grant program in the amount of \$250,000 to promote the redevelopment and transformation of the Goffe Street Armory.

**Submitted by:** Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator

Advice: Approval

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**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the City of New Haven to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven and Glendower Group, inc. and Glendower Level Heights Limited Partnership with respect to the Heights at West Rock redevelopment of 34 Level Street (including a tax abatement pursuant to section §28-4 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances).

Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator

Advice: Approval

1654-08

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN** to enter into a multiyear agreement with New England Smart Energy Group, LLC in order to provide energy efficiency and home electrification services to New Haven residents.

<u>Submitted by:</u> Steven Winter, Executive Director Office of Climate & Sustainability

Advice: *Approval* 

1654-09

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving the execution of a five-year agreement between the City of New Haven and Lock Management, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Alling Memorial Golf Course for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2029.

Submitted by: Rebecca Bombero, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Advice: *Approval* 

Respectfully submitted,

Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department

**RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** designating the corner of Argyle Street and Dixwell Avenue as "James Walker Way" in perpetuity, for his love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Dixwell Neighborhood.

Submitted by: Troy Streater, Ward 21

**REPORT:** 1654-02

**ADVICE:** Approve with conditions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the northwest corner of Congress Street and West Street as "Annie Louis Boyd Way". According to Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City's Code requires, "Each submission shall contain:

- (i) Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.
- (ii) Proposed wording of the signage.
- (iii) A petition of at least two hundred fifty (250) city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming, of which at least two-thirds (2/3 (one hundred sixty-six ((166)) shall be residents of the neighborhood of the proposed sign location."

James Walkers impact on the Dixwell community is demonstrated by his myriad contributions towards the betterment of the Dixwell and Newhallville Neighborhoods. He established the *I Believe in Me Corporation* (BIMEC) on the corner of Dixwell Avenue and Argyle Street to provide services to those impacted by the residual adverse effects of incarceration. His other contributions include holding annual community beautification projects, operating a food pantry, and overseeing neighborhood surveillance to ensure community safety. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he provided housing and supportive programs for those in need. By these contributions, James Walker is deserving of this honor and recognition.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal in accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, "Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed." Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

• Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

• Whether the proposal is "complete" and meets the criteria set forth in Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City Code.

# **ADVICE**

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Fosters a greater "sense of place" and neighborhood pride.
- Honors a community leader who made great contributions to her neighborhood and supported and inspired young people in New Haven.

However, prior to the Board of Alders rendering any decisions, the Planning Commission suggests having the applicant meet Section 18-2(a)(3) of the City Code by providing the following as required:

(i) Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.

(ii) Proposed wording of the signage.

**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

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**RE:** ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the northwest corner of Congress Street and West Street as "Annie Louis Boyd Way" in perpetuity for her love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Hill neighborhood.

Submitted by: Evelyn Rodriguez, Ward 4

**REPORT:** 1654-03

**ADVICE:** Approve with conditions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the northwest corner of Congress Street and West Street as "Annie Louis Boyd Way". According to Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City's Code requires, "Each submission shall contain:

- (i) Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.
- (ii) Proposed wording of the signage.
- (iii) A petition of at least two hundred fifty (250) city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming, of which at least two-thirds (2/3 (one hundred sixty-six ((166)) shall be residents of the neighborhood of the proposed sign location."

Annie Louis Boyd is a highly regarded member of the Hill neighborhood, having engaged herself in both community service and civic pursuits. She served as the chair Project MORE, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reintegrating previously incarcerated individuals. In 2015, she was appointed to the Community and Police Relations Task Force by Mayor Toni Harp and has served on various committees over the past four decades, including the New Haven Democratic Town Committee, the Board of the Community Action Agency, the Hill Development Corporation, and the Hill North Management Team. Annie Louis Boyd's service to her community and the City of New Haven demonstrates her compassionate nature and love for the City.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal in accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, "Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed." Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

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# **ADVICE**

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**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

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Laura E Brown

**RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** designating the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street "Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way" in perpetuity for his selfless acts of kindness and contributions to residents in the Fair Haven/Mill River neighborhood.

Submitted by: Ellen Cupo, Ward 8

**REPORT:** 1654-04

**ADVICE:** Approve with conditions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street "Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way". According to Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City's Code requires, "Each submission shall contain:

- (i) Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.
- (ii) Proposed wording of the signage.
- (iii) A petition of at least two hundred fifty (250) city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming, of which at least two-thirds (2/3 (one hundred sixty-six ((166)) shall be residents of the neighborhood of the proposed sign location."

A New Haven native of over fifty years, Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. was a beloved member of the New Haven community. In 2004 he and his mother founded the nonprofit organization "Guns Down Books Up". Distributing books, school supplies, and clothing to children in need at Jocelyn Square Park. Working with the elderly, homeless, and less fortunate populations were among his selfless contributions that included street cleanups, basketball tournaments, and mentoring countless youth. Mr. Wallace led by example, demonstrating to young people that they too could turn away from violence to a life of self-respect, responsibility, and love for their community.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal in accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, "Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed." Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

• Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

• Whether the proposal is "complete" and meets the criteria set forth in Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City Code.

# **ADVICE**

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Fosters a greater "sense of place" and neighborhood pride.
- Honors a community leader who made great contributions to her neighborhood and supported and inspired young people in New Haven.

However, prior to the Board of Alders rendering any decisions, the Planning Commission suggests having the applicant meet Section 18-2(a)(3) of the City Code by providing the following as required:

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(ii) Proposed wording of the signage.

**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

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Laura E Brown

**RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the city of New Haven to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to the Urban Action Grant program in the amount of \$250,000 to promote the redevelopment and transformation of the Goffe Street Armory.

Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator

**REPORT:** 1654-06

**ADVICE:** Approve.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City of New Haven has engaged with the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development via the Urban Action Grant program and is seeking \$250,000 in funding to support detailed planning for the revitalization of the vacant Goffe Street Armory. The 155,000 square foot building was constructed in 1930 by the National Guard and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2021. The building has been used to host a variety of events, including the New Haven Black Expo, concerts, mayoral galas, art shows, and other public events. Funding would be used in partnership with locally identified partners and the Armory Community Advisory Committee conduct a Phase 1 and Phase 2 Feasibility Study for the project and to support the promotion of a financing plan for the next phase of the redevelopment of the Armory.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, "Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, [grant funding], the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed." Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

# *The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:*

- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- The City's Comprehensive Plan states, as a goal, to grow "community interaction through effective programming" and "by encouraging dramatically new neighborhood forms at select locations." Further, the plan states the need to preserve the "Historic character of neighborhoods"

#### **ADVICE**

The proposal is aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan and should be approved.

**ATTEST:** 

**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024

Leslie Radcliffe

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Laura E Brown

**RE:** ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the City of New Haven to

enter into a cooperation agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven and Glendower Group, inc. and Glendower Level Heights Limited Partnership with respect to the Heights at West Rock redevelopment of 34 Level Street (including a tax abatement pursuant to section §28-4 of the New Haven

Code of Ordinances).

Submitted by: Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator

REPORT: 1654-07 ADVICE: Approve

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Housing Authority of the City of New Haven and Glendower Group, Inc. have begun to implement plans to redevelop The Heights at West Rock located at 34 Level Street in the City of New Haven, Connecticut. Glendower Group Inc. ("Developer"), and Glendower Level Heights Limited Partnership, respectively have been selected to carry out the developments which involve the ownership, operation, management, construction, and maintenance thereof, using funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, together with other funding sources.

Section 28-4 of the City of New Haven Code of Ordinances provides that the Mayor may, with the approval of the board of aldermen, enter into contracts for the city with owners of low and moderate income housing, granting abatement, in whole or in part, of the taxes on the real estate used for such low and moderate income housing, or which provides for a payment or payments in lieu of taxes, or both, provided that any such agreement does not remain in effect for a period greater than thirty nine (39) years. The Developer has submitted a proposed Cooperation Agreement between the City of New Haven, HANH, Owners and the Developer pursuant to which the Developer agrees to undertake and complete the Project and the City of New Haven agrees to perform certain functions to facilitate the Project and the proposed Cooperation Agreement includes provisions for a Tax Agreement pursuant to New Haven Code Ord. §28-4.

An application for the development of the subject property is under review by the City Plan Department, and includes the construction of a three-story 50-unit independent living elderly housing facility.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This cooperation agreement provides vital support for a project that would improve the quality of life and affordability of housing for New Havens Elderly population. The West Rock Neighborhood would benefit directly from this agreement.

# **ADVICE**

Authorization of the execution of this cooperation agreement aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024 Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

Laura E. Brown September 9, 2024 | 11:07 AM E **ATTEST:** E71FA1E41A27483... Laura Brown

# RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

to enter into a multiyear agreement with New England Smart Energy Group, LLC in order to provide energy efficiency and home electrification services to New Haven residents.

Submitted by: Steven Winter, Executive Director Office of Climate & Sustainability

REPORT: 1654-08 ADVICE: Approve

#### BACKGROUND

A key strategy of the Carbon Free Future Program in the City's American Rescue Plan Local Recovery Fund (ARPA) is the implementation of energy efficiency and home electrification improvements for impacted or disproportionately impacted households residing in one to four family buildings. These buildings predominate the City's federally designated disadvantaged communities and are generally older housing units in need of investment. Removing barriers to energy efficiency such as mold, asbestos, and knob and tube wiring and making energy efficiency and electrification improvements not only lower residents' energy bills but also improve public health and enhance resiliency.

The City has selected New England Smart Energy Group, LLC (NESEG) an Energize CT vendor with expertise in energy assessments and completing installations of heat pumps to shift homes to high efficiency, all-electric heating and cooling systems.

The \$1.6M agreement through December 31, 2026 between NESEG and the City of New Haven would aim to leverage Energize CT funding and ARPA funding to complete over 1,500 energy assessments and install more than 150 heat pumps and 70 heat pump water heaters in New Haven. Special focus for marketing would be placed on reaching residents in DEEP-designated environmental justice census tracts in West Rock/West Hills, Newhallville, Dixwell, the Hill, Fair Haven, and the Annex neighborhoods.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The New Haven vision 2025 plan stresses the importance of preserving existing high-quality housing stock, and enhancing the quality of distressed, privately-owned property. The Housing and Neighborhood Planning topic in particular refers to the need to rehabilitate existing housing stock to promote home ownership especially among residents with low and moderate incomes. Authorizing this agreement would do much to improve the quality of New Haven's older housing stock, while creating tangible sustainability impacts. The social benefit of healthier, comfortable, and affordable homes is evident. This partnership with New England Smart Energy Group, LLC is an opportunity to further each of these action areas.

# **ADVICE**

Authorization of this multiyear agreement aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024 Leslie Radcliffe

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DocuSigned by: laura E. Brown September 9, 2024 | 11:07 AM ED **ATTEST:** 

Laura Brown

**RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving the execution of a five-year agreement between the City of New Haven and Lock Management, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the Alling Memorial Golf Course for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2029.

Submitted by: Rebecca Bombero, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**REPORT:** 1654-09 **ADVICE:** Approval

# **BACKGROUND**

After 28 years with the City, Alling Memorial Golf Club, Inc. has opted not to renew its option to operate and maintain the Alling Memorial Golf Course. A new venture has been established by other key staff at the course. Lock Management, LLC were the sole respondent to an RFP to manage the course. The proposal was recommended by the Golf Course Advisory Board and the Parks Commission.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Each year the course has a positive result of operations that allows the City to cover all debt service payments and make additional upgrades to the facility.

The contract will be very similar to the existing terms with the following exceptions:

- Will include a new menu and a 12-month operation for the new restaurant at the course.
- Reduces the operators share for the first portion of revenue from 80% to 75% but moves the threshold for split to \$1M. The renewal option will keep the 75% but move to \$1.1M to keep pace with cost escalators. Revenue above the threshold is split 30% operator. The City's portion remains in the enterprise fund and is used for debt service and course improvements.
- Will include a new golf simulator revenue from which will be included in the revenue calculations.
- Will update the five-year fee schedule to reflect current market conditions.

The vast majority of the course is in East Haven, but the a small portion is within New Haven and designated for Park use.

# ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approximate.

**ADOPTED:** September 5, 2024

Leslie Radcliffe

Chair

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Laura E Brown

September 10, 2024

To: Board of Alders

From: Donald Hayden, Tax Abatement Committee Staff

Matthew Beattie-Callahan has submitted a petition to the Board of Alders for assistance concerning his motor vehicle tax accounts 54168 and 54188.

# ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF MATTHEW BEATIE-CALLAHAN ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS 54168 AND 54188.

WHEREAS: Mr. Beattie-Callahan has two old motor vehicle tax accounts; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Beattie-Callahan was in the military in 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS: Under State of Connecticut law Mr. Beattie-Callahan is authorized one car to be tax exempt; and

WHEREAS: These tax bills are too old for the Assessor's office to make the correction; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Beattie-Callahan is asking for assistance from the Board of Alders with these accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the that the taxes, fees and interest on accounts 54168 and 54188 be forgiven.

# September 12, 2024

To: Board of Alders

From: Donald Hayden, Tax Abatement Committee Staff

Faina Kotler, of European Skin Care has submitted a petition to the Board of Alders for assistance concerning their personal property taxes for account number 308125.

# ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF FAINA KOTLER, OF EUROPEAN SKIN CARE, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 308125.

WHEREAS: Mr. Kotler owned a store located at 1312 Whalley Avenue, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Kotler closed his store in 2016, and

WHEREAS: The personal property taxes were sent to his home address, which he never received, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Kotler has outstanding taxes from GL 2015 through GL 2022

WHEREAS Mr. Kotler is asking for assistance with this account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that