

Southington Ordinance Review Committee
Minutes

Meeting Date: May 24, 2012

Attending: Town Manager, Garry Brumback, Deputy Town Manager/Town Attorney, Mark Sciota, Councilman Chris Palmieri, Councilman Al Natelli, Councilwoman Cheryl Lounsbury,

Meeting convened at 5 p.m.

1. Public Communication:
 - a. A Southington couple who are planning to open a Bistro in downtown Southington this summer requested that we expedite a Public Hearing to eliminate Section 3-1: Hours of sale, consumption restricted in certain places. The committee had already reviewed this section of our Ordinance and decided to eliminate it because State Liquor law supersedes it. Additionally, this section of the Ordinance prevents individuals from bringing their own beverage into a restaurant or café without a liquor permit. Several restaurants and cafes are currently allowing this practice and the owners of the Bistro would also like to allow it.
 - b. The Committee agreed to set the date of June 11th for a Public Hearing regarding this request at the next Council meeting.
2. Review of Chapter 9- Health and Sanitation
 1. The Chapter was reviewed by our Regional Health Director and his suggested changes were incorporated
 2. It was suggested that fees be increased to cover the cost of inspection. Committee agreed
 3. It was suggested that wherever director of health is written it should be changed to director of health or his designee
 4. Under Article III Noise section 9-58 definitions of daytime hours and nighttime hours shall be changed to read
 - Daytime hours shall mean the hours between 7a.m. and 7 pm Monday through Friday
 - Nighttime hours shall mean the hours between 7pm and 7 a.m Monday through Friday
 5. Sec 9-60 Noise Zone Standards
 - a) prima facie proof should be changed to the word eliminate
 6. Sec 9 – 61
 - 3 should be deleted (the unamplified sound made by any wild or domestic animal
 7. Sec 9-64 - increase fine
3. Review of Chapter 10 – Library
 1. It was decided to eliminate this Chapter since State supersedes it
4. Review of Chapter 11 – Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulation – Chapter 11 and 12 have also been reviewed by the Police Department
 1. Section 11-21 remove “Hawker or Huskster” from language and remove “from any animal” from language. Change to Vendor. Add Charitable, philanthropic, ecclesiastical and civic organizations: A corporation or an association that conducts business for the benefit of the general public without shareholders and without a profit motive. Individuals selling from a private profit do not fall under this category

2. Sect 11-24 (b) Change 6:00p.m to 7:00 pm; Add language to include special town events such as Apple Harvest Festival
 3. Sec 11-25
 - (a) Change Licensed Peddler, Town of Southington or Licensed Solicitor, Town of Southington, to Vendor's Permit, Town of Southington; Eliminate "license number"
 - (b) Add the police department will provide a neck lanyard with the issued badge
 4. Sec 11-27
 - (a) Change ' \$25.00 to \$250 for all applicants. Note: our current fee schedule is extremely outdated
 5. Sec 11 – 29 (b) eliminate following language – the registration fee shall be #1.00 for any such organization and may be waived, for a good cause
 6. Sec 11-30 –
 - Change first sentence book to database
 - Eliminate first sentence "giving the number"
 - Change last sentence from monthly to weekly
 7. Add Sec 11 -31 (attorney to draft language) Any business currently under a cease and desist order or in violation of any other order or town ordinance will not be issued a permit until these issues are resolved
 8. Add sec 11 – 32 Any sworn Connecticut law enforcement officer may seize a vendor's permit for violations of this ordinance in conjunction with a complaint. Violations amounts will be consistent with the maximum amount allowed by CT General Statues.
5. Review of Chapter 12 -Motor Vehicles and Traffic
1. Sec 12 -22 (7) change \$10.00 to \$25.00. Note: these violations represent a special risk to pedestrians
 2. Sec 12 -25 - change 91 Main St to Police Department Headquarters - change consistently throughout ordinances
 3. Sec 12-42 (1) change "senior citizen commission" to any facility with a governing commission
 4. Sec 12 – 89 Add: Towing costs will be consistent with current rate schedules noted in police regulations and storage fees shall be \$10.00 per full twenty-four hour day until the tenth day and from the eleventh day forward, a fee of one \$100.00 each day shall apply. Vehicles will be ultimately disposed of as noted in either CT General Statues or after 6 months, whichever is sooner
 5. Sec 12 – 91 (c-3) change "as well as dogs used by the sight impaired" to "and those working dogs for handicapped persons (as noted in CT General Statue) including dogs that are certified therapy animals used in conjunction.