

**NOTICE TO AMEND
THE CITY OF TORRINGTON'S CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Torrington is amending its Citizen Participation Plan to adopt a 5 day public comment period (in writing or electronic submission) and a "virtual" public hearing.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020. Written comments that are sent electronically to city_clerk@torringtonct.org or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT will be forwarded to the City Council for their review and read aloud at the start of the public hearing.

Section 1, paragraph B. *Public Hearings Public Information Meetings* is amended as follows:

To achieve these goals, the City will hold at least one public hearing which may be a virtual public hearing. Notice of public hearing will be posted on the Town's website at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing. If a virtual meeting is being held, the notice will also have a call in number for those individuals who do not have computer access. The hearings will be scheduled during a time when citizens are generally available to attend, that permits participation by special target groups including low/moderate income persons, and which time and location is consistent with normal local practice. Each Notice of a hearing shall include the time, date, place, topics and procedures to be discussed. The Notice will include the opportunity to provide electronic comment for a period of not less than five days. As part of the Notice, the town will provide information on how citizens who have special needs may obtain the draft plan in a form which is accessible to them.

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO DISCUSS THE CITY OF TORRINGTON'S
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
SPECIAL APPLICATION TO THE CT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR
CORONAVIRUS FUNDING (SC CDBG- CV) UNDER THE CARES ACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Councilmen of the City of Torrington will conduct a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 to discuss and solicit citizen input regarding the City's intent to apply for a Special Round of CARES Act CDBG-CV Grant funding to expand an existing public service program funding Diversion Specialists throughout the Northwest Coordinated Network Area for homeless shelter diversion.

The City of Torrington anticipates applying for a grant amount up to \$170,000 under the eligible activity of public services to the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) by July 10th, 2020 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Special Round of CARES Act CDBG-CV Grant funding. These funds are geared to assist eligible communities and households that have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak and enhances the DOH's existing efforts to end homelessness in Connecticut.

Monday, July 6, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, there is no physical location for this meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk's Office before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020. Written comments that are sent electronically to city_clerk@torringtonct.org or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT will be forwarded to the City Council for their review and read aloud at the start of the public hearing.

Public participation is encouraged via phone or online. Instructions are available at: www.torringtonct.org/zoom.

BY PHONE | Call-in phone number: 1 (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID number: 833 8890 5843 | Dial-in Passcode: 06790

ONLINE | <https://zoom.us/join> | Meeting ID number: 833 8890 5843 |
Password: 06790

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a clear explanation of the proposed programs and to give an opportunity for citizens to present their views on the City's needs and development priorities concerning assistance to low and moderate-income persons in the community.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and submit written comments in advance of the public hearing. The City of Torrington promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.

If you need assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability as defined under the ADA, and/or require language assistance, please call the City's ADA Coordinator, Maurette Wall at (860) 489.2228, as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting, to request an accommodation.

Dated at Torrington, Connecticut, this 25th day of June, 2020.

Carol L. Anderson

Carol L. Anderson, MMC
City Clerk