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TO: Honorable Members of the Ordinance Committee

FROM: Chief William R. Baldwin Jr.

DATE: February 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance Review and Revision

With the assistance of my traffic officer, Sgt. Dustin Baldis, we have discussed proposing to the ordinance committee and City Council some changes that we feel would be beneficial to our community and to the officers that enforce the city ordinances that have been enacted over the years. Initially we began reviewing the 1968 snow removal from sidewalks ordinance that are the responsibility of the property owner. The last time that this was updated was in March of 2003. C.O. 180-2 discusses the Removal of Snow and Ice from sidewalks within 12 hours after any snow storm as defined in section "D". As we have observed during this past winter, it has become increasingly difficult to remove snow in such a short period of time. It's been difficult to keep up with the almost back to back snow storms that we have been experiencing. We are proposing that the committee consider increasing the time frame to remove snow from 12 hours to 36 hours, giving homeowners enough time to clear the sidewalks of their responsibility.

Additionally, the fine system currently does not appear to allow officers to issue a city fine as a means of enforcement. Currently, officers enforce these ordinances via a state issued infraction in which parties have the ability to pay the fine or appeal it through the court system. Commonly we issue an infraction which goes to CIB (Central Infractions Bureau) at which time they either pay or plea. If they pay, the city gets a very small amount returned to them. If the person decides to plead not guilty, they would generally get a court date several weeks later in which the courts usually reduces the fine or dismisses the violation altogether.

The revenue collected from any paid fines goes directly to the state's general fund, with only a small portion of the fine being given back to the municipality. Our proposal for the committee to consider, would be the issuance of a city fine of \$50.00 to those who would violate the ordinance by refusing to clear their sidewalks after being warned to do so. Any fine collected would all go directly to the city as revenue. We also discovered that there was no language concerning the properties that were considered to be blighted properties. We propose adding the following language under a new subsection "G" of the ordinance:

For properties that have been vacant/foreclosed or blighted by the city and all attempts to contact a contractor or owner have failed, the city or its designee may have the Department of Public Works or hired contractor by the city, remove the snow or ice from the sidewalks. The expense of not more than \$200 per snow/ice event will be billed to the contractor or lienied upon the property until which time the bill/lien is reconciled with the city the costs incurred with the snow removal and cleanup of the sidewalks.



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Other changes to the proposal is highlighted in the attached document concerning the removal of snow and ice as required under city ordinance Sec. 180-2.

Upon further discussion regarding enforcement of city ordinance violations, we discovered that other ordinances should be updated concerning a system for administering fines by our police department. Some of the city ordinances that police enforce have been unchanged for over 10 years. The following is a breakdown of those ordinances and our request to the committee to consider the recommendations of the police department.

- In a running history of enforcement for ordinance violations including sidewalks, Coe park regulations, drinking in public, and illegal burning, there have been 276 infractions issued since 2012 through 2020. Of those infractions which vary in fine from \$10-100 dollars. 76 of those paid the ticket which is 26% of the total.
- Creating a city ordinance ticket (similar in style to the parking ticket currently in use) would have three fines outlining the three common most fines for ordinance violations. The options used for parking tickets for payments is still the same. Mail in a check, come to the PD with cash or credit card, money order, etc.
- The right to appeal is also the same as parking tickets and a hearing officer would handle these appeals in the same way. Using the above statistic, if 26% of the people paid the fines, all of the monies would be put back into the city general fund. With the current system of issuing an infraction, a small percentage of any reimbursement from the state is not obtained for a significant period of time as the infraction works its way through CIB or the judicial process.
- We believe that in looking at the fines that people paid for the infractions and our current ordinances, a fine of \$50 a day would be fair considering that this would be issued to a property owner who refuses to follow an officers request or warning in violation of the ordinance. For each day that a property owner is in violation, a new ticket can be issued until the snow is removed at the discretion of the issuing authority. Failure to pay these tickets will follow the same guidelines as parking tickets in which the fines double after 10 days and triples after 30 days.
- Appeals are covered under state Statute which is under 7-152c and there are handouts showing the requested changes to the ordinance to cover this.

If this change is approved by the committee and City Council, a new City Ordinance Violation ticket book would be made which would consist of defining the specific ordinance violation and appropriate fines. The following ordinances would need to be updated to reflect this change. Those ordinances consist of the following:

City Ordinance 180	Snow/Ice removal from sidewalks
City Ordinance 128	Litter/Debris
City Ordinance 155	Park hours/rules and regulation violations



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City Ordinance 75 Public Drinking/Open Container
City Ordinance 120 Illegal Burning
Noise Ordinance **new unknown Ordinance chapter**

Attached to this document is a description and sample of the proposed ticket book that consists of applicable fines for the various ordinance violations. Connecticut General Statute 7-148 providing legal precedent for municipality of powers and ordinance enforcement and C.G.S. 7-152c which allows for appeals and procedures which are already established and are provided.

I want to thank the ordinance committee chairman, Councilman Frank Rabino, Mayor Elinor Carbone and the rest of the committee for considering this proposal and being receptive to our observations and needs to be effective in enforcing these ordinances. I further want to thank Sgt. Dustin Baldis for his hard work in helping me prepare for this presentation. As always, I look forward to continuing to work with the committee and council as it relates to ordinances both now and in the future which can assist the police department in providing the necessary assistance in enforcing these ordinances which ultimately provides for a better quality of life for our city residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

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§ 180-2. - Removal of snow and ice required.

- A. *Duty to remove.* Any fall of snow or sleet upon any sidewalk in the City or any ice upon such sidewalks shall be removed by the owner, occupant or person having the care, maintenance or rental of the land, building or premises adjoining or fronting upon such sidewalk or connected therewith.
- B. *Unremovable snow to be made safe.* If snow, sleet or ice cannot be wholly removed as provided in Subsection A above, the owner, occupant or person having the care of such premises shall remove so much thereof as is reasonably possible and sprinkle sufficient sand, ashes, sawdust, salt or other proper substance in such quantity over the entire surface of the unremovable snow, sleet or ice remaining upon such sidewalk as may be required to keep the same in safe condition for public travel at all times.
- C. *Fire hydrants; duty to remove.* Any fall of snow or sleet upon any fire hydrant in the City shall be removed by the owner, occupant, or person having the care, maintenance, or rental of the land, building, or premises joining or fronting upon such fire hydrant on top of and within a radius of three feet from any part of such hydrant and shall thereafter ensure that such hydrant remains clear of snow and sleet and is visible from the street.
- D. *The time within which snow is to be removed.* Such removal of snow or sleet, as provided in subsection A and C above, shall be made within 12 hours **36 hours** following the cessation of fall of snow or sleet.
- E. *Penalty for failure to remove.* Any person who violates or refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of the proceeding subsections, shall be punished by a **city** fine of ~~not less than \$40.00 nor more than \$50.00~~ **\$50** and each day of failure to comply with the provisions shall constitute a separate offense.
- F. *City to clear sidewalks at owner's expense in addition to any other penalty provided by law.* If the owner or occupant fails to comply with the provisions of subsections A, C, and D above, the Department of Public Works and its employees, **or contractor hired by the city**, may clean and remove all snow and ice from said sidewalks and the Fire Department may clear and remove all snow and ice from said fire hydrants. The expense of such removal shall be liened upon the premises adjoining and abutting on such sidewalks and the Board of Councilmen may cause a certificate of lien therefor to be recorded in the Town Clerk's office within 60 days after such removal.
- G. **For properties that have been vacant/foreclosed or blighted by the city and all attempts to contact a contractor or owner have failed, the city or its designee may have the Department of Public Works or hired contractor by the city, remove the snow or ice from the sidewalks. The expense of not more than \$200 per snow/ice event will be billed to the contractor or liened upon the property until which time the bill/lien is reconciled with the city the costs incurred with the snow removal and cleanup of the sidewalks.**
- GH. *Foreclosure of lien.* The expense of cleaning and removal of snow and ice by the Department of Public Works or the Fire Department as provided in subsection F **and G** above and the cost of the lien therefor may be entered in the next succeeding rate bill for taxes against the owner of the premises with the tax assessed upon such premises, and if such expense and such cost of lien is paid with such taxes, the lien shall be discharged; if not so paid, the lien may be foreclosed in the manner provided by law for the foreclosure of other liens for local improvements.

Appeals. See other attached sheet outlining.

(Amended 10-21-1968; 1-30-1989; 3-3-2003)

**TORRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF TORRINGTON
TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

**YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE CITY ORDINANCE
VIOLATION(S) AS SHOWN BELOW**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE
DL #		PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS		STATE	ZIP
BADGE ISSUING	VIOLATIONS	TOTAL DUE \$	

FINE		VIOLATION	CODE
\$25.00	()	PARK HOURS VIOLATION	155-6
	()	SLEEPING IN PARK	155-9
	()	DAMAGE TO PLANTS/TREES IN PARKS	155-8
	()	LOITERING	143-1
	()	COE PARK TRICK BIKING/SKATEBOARD	155-11
	()		
\$50.00	()	SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS	180-2
	()	BURNING W/O PERMIT PUBLIC	120-1
	()	BURNING W/O PERMIT PRIVATE	120-2
	()		
\$75.00	()	LITTERING IN PUBLIC PLACE	128-2
	()	NOISE ORDINANCE	***
	()	PUBLIC DRINKING	75-2
	()		

INSTRUCTIONS TO VIOLATOR

**FINES DOUBLE AFTER 10 DAYS AND TRIPLE AFTER 30 DAYS
PAY AT OR MAIL TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

PURSUANT TO C.G.S. 7-152C, YOU MUST RESPOND WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THIS NOTICE BY EITHER PAYING THE FINES NOTED OR BY REQUESTING, IN WRITING, A HEARING BY HEARING OFFICERS. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO RESPOND WITHIN 10 DAYS, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING AND THE DETERMINATION THAT THE VIOLATION WAS COMMITTED SHALL BE CONSIDERED FINAL. FAILURE TO PAY OR RESPOND IN ALLOTTED TIME WILL RESULT IN ASSESSMENT AND LEGAL JUDGMENT BY THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR

Sec. 7-152c. Hearing procedure for citations. (a) Any municipality as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-148 may establish by ordinance a citation hearing procedure in accordance with this section. The Superior Court shall be authorized to enforce the assessments and judgments provided for under this section.

(b) The chief executive officer of any such municipality shall appoint one or more citation hearing officers, other than police officers or employees or persons who issue citations, to conduct the hearings authorized by this section.

(c) Any such municipality, at any time within twelve months from the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines, penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued under any ordinance adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or section 22a-226d, for an alleged violation thereof, shall send notice to the person cited. Such notice shall inform the person cited: (1) Of the allegations against him and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees due; (2) that he may contest his liability before a citation hearing officer by delivering in person or by mail written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if he does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be entered against him; and (4) that such judgment may issue without further notice. For purposes of this section, notice shall be presumed to have been properly sent if such notice was mailed to such person's last-known address on file with the tax collector. If the person to whom such notice is issued is a registrant, the municipality may deliver such notice in accordance with section 7-148ii, provided nothing in this section shall preclude a municipality from providing notice in another manner permitted by applicable law.

(d) If the person who is sent notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this section wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, he may, without requesting a hearing, pay the full amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to an official designated by such municipality. Such payment shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who does not deliver or mail written demand for a hearing within ten days of the date of the first notice provided for in subsection (c) of this section shall be deemed to have admitted liability, and the designated municipal official shall certify such person's failure to respond to the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall thereupon enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees provided for by the applicable ordinances and shall follow the procedures set forth in subsection (f) of this section.

(e) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the mailing of notice, provided the hearing officer shall grant upon good cause shown any reasonable request by any interested party for postponement or continuance. An original or certified copy of the initial notice of violation issued by the issuing official or policeman shall be filed and retained by the municipality, and shall be deemed to be a business record within the scope of section 52-180 and evidence of the facts contained therein. The presence of the issuing official or policeman shall be required at the hearing if such person so requests. A person wishing to contest his liability shall appear at the hearing and may present evidence in his behalf. A designated municipal official, other than the hearing officer, may present evidence on behalf of the municipality. If such person fails to appear, the hearing officer may enter an assessment by default against him upon a finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable statutes or ordinances. The hearing officer may accept from such person

copies of police reports, investigatory and citation reports, and other official documents by mail and may determine thereby that the appearance of such person is unnecessary. The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of proof as he deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation. The hearing officer shall announce his decision at the end of the hearing. If he determines that the person is not liable, he shall dismiss the matter and enter his determination in writing accordingly. If he determines that the person is liable for the violation, he shall forthwith enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees against such person as provided by the applicable ordinances of the municipality.

(f) If such assessment is not paid on the date of its entry, the hearing officer shall send by first class mail a notice of the assessment to the person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty days or more than twelve months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of assessment with the clerk of a superior court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator together with an entry fee of eight dollars. The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment. The clerk shall enter judgment, in the amount of such record of assessment and court costs of eight dollars, against such person in favor of the municipality. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the hearing officer's assessment, when so entered as a judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and a levy of execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such person.

(g) A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant to this section is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal shall be instituted within thirty days of the mailing of notice of such assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case pursuant to section 52-259, at a superior court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator, which shall entitle such person to a hearing in accordance with the rules of the judges of the Superior Court.

Sec. 7-148. Scope of municipal powers. (a) **Definitions.** Whenever used in this section, "municipality" means any town, city or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough.

(b) **Ordinances.** Powers granted to any municipality under the general statutes or by any charter or special act, unless the charter or special act provides to the contrary, shall be exercised by ordinance when the exercise of such powers has the effect of:

(1) Establishing rules or regulations of general municipal application, the violation of which may result in the imposition of a fine or other penalty including community service for not more than twenty hours; or

(2) Creating a permanent local law of general applicability.

(c) **Powers.** Any municipality shall have the power to do any of the following, in addition to all powers granted to municipalities under the Constitution and general statutes:

(1) **Corporate powers.** (A) Contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, and institute, prosecute, maintain and defend any action or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(B) Provide for the authentication, execution and delivery of deeds, contracts, grants, and releases of municipal property and for the issuance of evidences of indebtedness of the municipality;

(2) **Finances and appropriations.** (A) Establish and maintain a budget system;

(B) Assess, levy and collect taxes for general or special purposes on all property, subjects or objects which may be lawfully taxed, and regulate the mode of assessment and collection of taxes and assessments not otherwise provided for, including establishment of a procedure for the withholding of approval of building application when taxes or water or sewer rates, charges or assessments imposed by the municipality are delinquent for the property for which an application was made;

(C) Make appropriations for the support of the municipality and pay its debts;

(D) Make appropriations for the purpose of meeting a public emergency threatening the lives, health or property of citizens, provided such appropriations shall require a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the entire membership of the legislative body or, when the legislative body is the town meeting, at least two-thirds of those present and voting;

(E) Make appropriations to military organizations, hospitals, health care facilities, public health nursing organizations, nonprofit museums and libraries, organizations providing drug abuse and dependency programs and any other private organization performing a public function;

(F) Provide for the manner in which contracts involving unusual expenditures shall be made;

(G) When not specifically prescribed by general statute or by charter, prescribe the form of proceedings and mode of assessing benefits and appraising damages in taking land for public use, or in making public improvements to be paid for, in whole or in part, by special assessments, and prescribe the manner in which all benefits assessed shall be collected;

(H) Provide for the bonding of municipal officials or employees by requiring the furnishing of such bond, conditioned upon honesty or faithful performance of duty and determine the amount, form, and sufficiency of the sureties thereof;

(I) Regulate the method of borrowing money for any purpose for which taxes may be levied and borrow on the faith and credit of the municipality for such general or special purposes and to such extent as is authorized by general statute;

(J) Provide for the temporary borrowing of money;

(K) Create a sinking fund or funds or a trust fund or funds or other special funds, including funds which do not lapse at the end of the municipal fiscal year;

(L) Provide for the assignment of municipal tax liens on real property to the extent authorized by general statute;

(3) **Property.** (A) Take or acquire by gift, purchase, grant, including any grant from the United States or the state, bequest or devise and hold, condemn, lease, sell, manage, transfer, release and convey such real and personal property or interest therein absolutely or in trust as the purposes of the municipality or any public use or purpose, including that of education, art, ornament, health, charity or amusement, cemeteries, parks or gardens, or the erection or maintenance of statues, monuments, buildings or other structures, require. Any lease of real or personal property or any interest therein, either as lessee or lessor, may be for such term or any extensions thereof and upon such other terms and conditions as have been approved by the municipality, including without limitation the power to bind itself to appropriate funds as necessary to meet rent and other obligations as provided in any such lease;

(B) Provide for the proper administration of gifts, grants, bequests and devises and meet such terms or conditions as are prescribed by the grantor or donor and accepted by the municipality;

(4) **Public services.** (A) Provide for police protection, regulate and prescribe the duties of the persons providing police protection with respect to criminal matters within the limits of the municipality and maintain and regulate a suitable place of detention within the limits of the municipality for the safekeeping of all persons arrested and awaiting trial and do all other things necessary or desirable for the policing of the municipality;

(B) Provide for fire protection, organize, maintain and regulate the persons providing fire protection, provide the necessary apparatus for extinguishing fires and do all other things necessary or desirable for the protection of the municipality from fire;

(C) Provide for entertainment, amusements, concerts, celebrations and cultural activities, including the direct or indirect purchase, ownership and operation of the assets of one or more sports franchises;

(D) Provide for ambulance service by the municipality or any person, firm or corporation;

(E) Provide for the employment of nurses;

(F) Provide for lighting the streets, highways and other public places of the municipality and for the care and preservation of public lamps, lamp posts and fixtures;

(G) Provide for the furnishing of water, by contract or otherwise;

(H) Provide for or regulate the collection and disposal of garbage, trash, rubbish, waste material and ashes by contract or otherwise, including prohibiting the throwing or placing of such materials on the highways;

(I) Provide for the financing, construction, rehabilitation, repair, improvement or subsidization of housing for low and moderate income persons and families;

(5) **Personnel.** (A) Provide for and establish pension systems for the officers and employees of the municipality and for the active members of any volunteer fire department or any volunteer ambulance association of the municipality, and establish a system of qualification for the tenure in office of such officers and employees, provided the rights or benefits granted to any individual under any municipal retirement or pension system shall not be diminished or eliminated;

(B) Establish a merit system or civil service system for the selection and promotion of public officials and employees. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to validate any merit system or civil service system established prior to May 24, 1972;

(C) Provide for the employment of and prescribe the salaries, compensation and hours of employment of all officers and employees of the municipality and the duties of such officers and employees not expressly defined by the Constitution of the state, the general statutes, charter or special act;

(D) Provide for the appointment of a municipal historian;

(6) **Public works, sewers, highways.** (A) **Public facilities.** (i) Establish, lay out, construct, reconstruct, alter, maintain, repair, control and operate cemeteries, public burial grounds, hospitals, clinics, institutions for children and aged, infirm and chronically ill persons, bus terminals and airports and their accessories, docks, wharves, school houses, libraries, parks, playgrounds, playfields, fieldhouses, baths, bathhouses, swimming pools, gymnasiums, comfort stations, recreation places, public beaches, beach facilities, public gardens, markets, garbage and refuse disposal facilities, parking lots and other off-street parking facilities, and any and all buildings or facilities necessary or convenient for carrying on the government of the municipality;

(ii) Create, provide for, construct, regulate and maintain all things in the nature of public works and improvements;

(iii) Enter into or upon any land for the purpose of making necessary surveys or mapping in connection with any public improvement, and take by eminent domain any lands, rights, easements, privileges, franchises or structures which are necessary for the purpose of establishing, constructing or maintaining any public work, or for any municipal purpose, in the manner prescribed by the general statutes;

(iv) Regulate and protect from injury or defacement all public buildings, public monuments, trees and ornaments in public places and other public property in the municipality;

(v) Provide for the planting, rearing and preserving of shade and ornamental trees on the streets and public grounds;

(vi) Provide for improvement of waterfronts by a board, commission or otherwise;

(B) **Sewers, drainage and public utilities.** (i) Lay out, construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain, operate, alter, extend and discontinue sewer and drainage systems and sewage disposal plants;

(ii) Enter into or upon any land for the purpose of correcting the flow of surface water through watercourses which prevent, or may tend to prevent, the free discharge of municipal highway surface water through said courses;

(iii) Regulate the laying, location and maintenance of gas pipes, water pipes, drains, sewers, poles, wires, conduits and other structures in the streets and public places of the municipality;

(iv) Prohibit and regulate the discharge of drains from roofs of buildings over or upon the sidewalks, streets or other public places of the municipality or into sanitary sewers;

(v) Enter into energy-savings performance contracts;

(C) Highways and sidewalks. (i) Lay out, construct, reconstruct, alter, maintain, repair, control, operate, and assign numbers to streets, alleys, highways, boulevards, bridges, underpasses, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, public walks and parkways;

(ii) Keep open and safe for public use and travel and free from encroachment or obstruction the streets, sidewalks and public places in the municipality;

(iii) Control the excavation of highways and streets;

(iv) Regulate and prohibit the excavation, altering or opening of sidewalks, public places and grounds for public and private purposes and the location of any work or things thereon, whether temporary or permanent, upon or under the surface thereof;

(v) Require owners or occupants of land adjacent to any sidewalk or public work to remove snow, ice, sleet, debris or any other obstruction therefrom, provide penalties upon their failure to do so, and cause such snow, ice, sleet, debris or other obstruction to be removed and make the cost of such removal a lien on such property;

(vi) Grant to abutting property owners a limited property or leasehold interest in abutting streets and sidewalks for the purpose of encouraging and supporting private commercial development;

(7) Regulatory and police powers. (A) Buildings. (i) Make rules relating to the maintenance of safe and sanitary housing;

(ii) Regulate the mode of using any buildings when such regulations seem expedient for the purpose of promoting the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality;

(iii) Regulate and prohibit the moving of buildings upon or through the streets or other public places of the municipality, and cause the removal and demolition of unsafe buildings and structures;

(iv) Regulate and provide for the licensing of parked trailers when located off the public highways, and trailer parks or mobile manufactured home parks, except as otherwise provided by special act and except where there exists a local zoning commission so empowered;

(v) Establish lines beyond which no buildings, steps, stoop, veranda, billboard, advertising sign or device or other structure or obstruction may be erected;

(vi) Regulate and prohibit the placing, erecting or keeping of signs, awnings or other things upon or over the sidewalks, streets and other public places of the municipality;

(vii) Regulate plumbing and house drainage;

(viii) Prohibit or regulate the construction of dwellings, apartments, boarding houses, hotels, commercial buildings, youth camps or commercial camps and commercial camping facilities in such municipality unless the sewerage facilities have been approved by the authorized officials of the municipality;

(B) **Traffic.** (i) Regulate and prohibit, in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes, traffic, the operation of vehicles on streets and highways, off-street parking and on-street residential neighborhood parking areas in which on-street parking is limited to residents of a given neighborhood, as determined by the municipality;

(ii) Regulate the speed of vehicles, subject to the provisions of the general statutes relating to the regulation of the speed of motor vehicles and of animals, and the driving or leading of animals through the streets;

(iii) Require that conspicuous signage be posted in any area where a motor vehicle may be subject to towing or to the use of a wheel-locking device that renders such motor vehicle immovable, and that such signage indicate where the motor vehicle will be stored, how the vehicle may be redeemed and any costs or fees that may be charged;

(C) **Building adjuncts.** Regulate and prohibit the construction or use, and require the removal of sinks, cesspools, drains, sewers, privies, barns, outhouses and poultry pens and houses;

(D) **Animals.** (i) Regulate and prohibit the going at large of dogs and other animals in the streets and public places of the municipality and prevent cruelty to animals and all inhuman sports, except that no municipality shall adopt breed-specific dog ordinances;

(ii) Regulate and prohibit the keeping of wild or domestic animals, including reptiles, within the municipal limits or portions thereof;

(E) **Nuisance.** Define, prohibit and abate within the municipality all nuisances and causes thereof, and all things detrimental to the health, morals, safety, convenience and welfare of its inhabitants and cause the abatement of any nuisance at the expense of the owner or owners of the premises on which such nuisance exists;

(F) **Loitering and trespassing.** (i) Keep streets, sidewalks and public places free from undue noise and nuisances, and prohibit loitering thereon;

(ii) Regulate loitering on private property with the permission of the owner thereof;

(iii) Prohibit the loitering in the nighttime of minors on the streets, alleys or public places within its limits;

(iv) Prevent trespassing on public and private lands and in buildings in the municipality;

(G) **Vice.** Prevent vice and suppress gambling houses, houses of ill-fame and disorderly houses;

(H) **Public health and safety.** (i) Secure the safety of persons in or passing through the municipality by regulation of shows, processions, parades and music;

(ii) Regulate and prohibit the carrying on within the municipality of any trade, manufacture, business or profession which is, or may be, so carried on as to become prejudicial to public health, conducive to

fraud and cheating, or dangerous to, or constituting an unreasonable annoyance to, those living or owning property in the vicinity;

(iii) Regulate auctions and garage and tag sales;

(iv) Prohibit, restrain, license and regulate the business of peddlers, auctioneers and junk dealers in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes;

(v) Regulate and prohibit swimming or bathing in the public or exposed places within the municipality;

(vi) Regulate and license the operation of amusement parks and amusement arcades including, but not limited to, the regulation of mechanical rides and the establishment of the hours of operation;

(vii) Prohibit, restrain, license and regulate all sports, exhibitions, public amusements and performances and all places where games may be played;

(viii) Preserve the public peace and good order, prevent and quell riots and disorderly assemblages and prevent disturbing noises;

(ix) Establish a system to obtain a more accurate registration of births, marriages and deaths than the system provided by the general statutes in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes;

(x) Control insect pests or plant diseases in any manner deemed appropriate;

(xi) Provide for the health of the inhabitants of the municipality and do all things necessary or desirable to secure and promote the public health;

(xii) Regulate the use of streets, sidewalks, highways, public places and grounds for public and private purposes;

(xiii) Make and enforce police, sanitary or other similar regulations and protect or promote the peace, safety, good government and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants;

(xiv) Regulate, in addition to the requirements under section 7-282b, the installation, maintenance and operation of any device or equipment in a residence or place of business which is capable of automatically calling and relaying recorded emergency messages to any state police or municipal police or fire department telephone number or which is capable of automatically calling and relaying recorded emergency messages or other forms of emergency signals to an intermediate third party which shall thereafter call and relay such emergency messages to a state police or municipal police or fire department telephone number. Such regulations may provide for penalties for the transmittal of false alarms by such devices or equipment;

(xv) Make and enforce regulations for the prevention and remediation of housing blight, including regulations reducing assessments and authorizing designated agents of the municipality to enter property during reasonable hours for the purpose of remediating blighted conditions, provided such regulations define housing blight and require such municipality to give written notice of any violation to the owner and occupant of the property and provide a reasonable opportunity for the owner and occupant to remediate the blighted conditions prior to any enforcement action being taken, and further provided such regulations shall not authorize such municipality or its designated agents to enter any dwelling house or structure on such property, and including regulations establishing a duty to maintain

property and specifying standards to determine if there is neglect; prescribe civil penalties for the violation of such regulations of not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars for each day that a violation continues and, if such civil penalties are prescribed, such municipality shall adopt a citation hearing procedure in accordance with section 7-152c;

(xvi) Regulate, on any property owned by the municipality, any activity deemed to be deleterious to public health, including the lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device;

(8) **The environment.** (A) Provide for the protection and improvement of the environment including, but not limited to, coastal areas, wetlands and areas adjacent to waterways in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes;

(B) Regulate the location and removal of any offensive manure or other substance or dead animals through the streets of the municipality and provide for the disposal of same;

(C) Except where there exists a local zoning commission, regulate the filling of, or removal of, soil, loam, sand or gravel from land not in public use in the whole, or in specified districts of, the municipality, and provide for the reestablishment of ground level and protection of the area by suitable cover;

(D) Regulate the emission of smoke from any chimney, smokestack or other source within the limits of the municipality, and provide for proper heating of buildings within the municipality;

(9) **Human rights.** (A) Provide for fair housing;

(B) Adopt a code of prohibited discriminatory practices;

(10) **Miscellaneous.** (A) Make all lawful regulations and ordinances in furtherance of any general powers as enumerated in this section, and prescribe penalties for the violation of the same not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless otherwise specifically provided by the general statutes. Such regulations and ordinances may be enforced by citations issued by designated municipal officers or employees, provided the regulations and ordinances have been designated specifically by the municipality for enforcement by citation in the same manner in which they were adopted and the designated municipal officers or employees issue a written warning providing notice of the specific violation before issuing the citation, except that no such written warning shall be required for violations of a municipal ordinance regulating the operation or use of a dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle or mini-motorcycle;

(B) Adopt a code of ethical conduct;

(C) Establish and maintain free legal aid bureaus;

(D) Perform data processing and related administrative computer services for a fee for another municipality;

(E) Adopt the model ordinance concerning a municipal freedom of information advisory board created under subsection (f) of section 1-205 and establish a municipal freedom of information advisory board as provided by said ordinance and said section;

(F) Protect the historic or architectural character of properties or districts that are listed on, or under consideration for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places, 16a USC 470, or the state register of historic places, as defined in section 10-410.