

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 24, 2025

City Council Chambers
3rd Floor City Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Council Clerk

7:00p.m. PUBLIC SESSION

*Public Comment Procedures

- There will be a five (5) minutes per person Public speaking allowed until such time as the Chair is satisfied that ample opportunity for all wishing to address the Council has been provided or until continuance of the session would compromise the responsible conduct of the Regular Council Meeting.
- There is a one-time speaking rule.
- Please wait to be recognized, approach the podium, and give your name and address.
- Please address the Council with your concern.
- Speakers, meeting attendees, and members are expected to observe proper decorum at all times.
- The use of profane, abusive, or disparaging language directed at the members of the City Council, City Officials, City employee, or members of the general public will not be tolerated.

7:05p.m. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

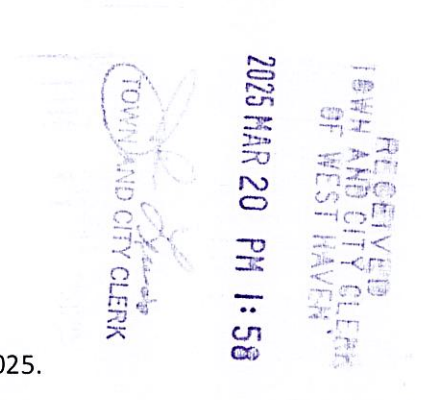
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III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Council-as-a-Whole

1. Rick Fontana, Director of Emergency Management regarding notification of the acceptance from the State of Connecticut of the City of West Haven’s Emergency Operations Plan.
2. Ken Carney-ARPA updates.
3. Washington School update.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Ackbarali, Chairwoman- Committee members; Councilman Vargo, Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Tucker and Councilman Johnstone

FINANCE UPDATES

1. Finance updates from Michael Gormany, Finance Director.
2. MARB Meeting update.

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IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk to read Communication A into record

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VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Nicholas Pascale
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of the Council

Carlotta M. Serrini
City Council Administrator

Minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council in the Council Chambers 3rd floor, West Haven City Hall

The Regular Meeting of the West Haven City Council was held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00p.m. in the City Council Chambers 3rd floor. Chairman Pascale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Nicholas Pascale, Anne Heffernan and Sarah Ackbarali, Edward McMillian, Gary Donovan, Christopher Vargo, Jr., Dawn Callahan, Kathleen Mueller, Brian Laucks, Katherine Tucker, Ruby Melton, Meli Garthwait and Steven Johnstone. Also present: Mayor Dorinda Borer, Deputy Corporation Counsel Mike Ajello, Stephen Fontana, Director of Economic Development, Fernando Pastore partner of the Ideal Group, Joseph Centofanti, Auditor from PKF O'Connor Davies.

6:52 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING -Public Lands Committee-Communication C, from the February 24, 2025 agenda, from Stephen Fontana, Director of Economic Development, regarding approval of the purchase and sale agreement with Ideal Group LLC for the sale of city owned property located at 561 Main Street (Stiles School). Fernando Pastore, from The Ideal Group, spoke about the project and Mayor Borer thanked them for their interest in the city of West Haven. **See City's website for remarks.**

7:05p.m. to 7:12 p.m. Public Session

See City's website for remarks.

Chairman Pascale called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Vargo made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the Regular Meeting minutes from the February 24, 2025, meeting, which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Laucks. Councilwomen Ackbarali, Heffernan, and Chairman Pascale abstained. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication A: from the Tax Collector regarding Overpayment of refunds for March 2025.

III. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee called to order at 7:14 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilwoman Ackbarali, Chairwoman- Committee members; Councilman Vargo, Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Tucker and Councilman Johnstone

FINANCE UPDATES

1. Presentation from Joseph Centofanti, PKF O'Connor Davies regarding Federal Single Audit and State Single Audit of the City of West Haven, Ct for the Year Ended June 30, 2024, FY 23 Annual Financial Statement for the Year Ended June 30, 2024 and Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Centofanti made a



presentation and explained the findings. Mayor Borer added that we have a healthy fund balance, are paying down our liabilities and have made progress on our significant deficiencies.

2. Finance updates from Michael Gormany, Finance Director. Mr. Gormany stated that we are 98% in tax collections. We are awaiting information on our credit rating.
3. MARB Meeting updates-Mayor Borer reported that the MARB subcommittee met. The City has been asking them to define "unsound financial practices" and concluded one issue is the Police pension. The next meeting is on March 21st and will be an Executive Session, which the City will not attend.
4. Neil Cavallaro-Discussion on West Haven Board of Education regarding FY25-26 budget-Discussion on the FY25-26 budget.

See City's website for remarks.

Finance Committee closed at 10:31 p.m.

Public Lands Committee called to order at 10:31 p.m.

PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE, Councilman Donovan, Chairman -Committee members: Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Callahan, Councilman Vargo and Councilman Johnstone

Councilman Vargo presented a **MOTION** to recommend the acceptance to the entire Council regarding **Communication C**, from the February 24, 2025 agenda, from Stephen Fontana, Director of Economic Development, regarding approval of the purchase and sale agreement with Ideal Group LLC for the sale of city owned property located at 561 Main Street (Stiles School) which was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Callahan. Councilmen Laucks and Johnstone abstained. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY viva voce.**

Public Lands Committee closed at 10:33 p.m.

IV: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS-10:34 p.m.

Clerk to read Communication A into record

PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE, Councilman Donovan, Chairman -Committee members: Councilman Laucks, Councilwoman Callahan, Councilman Vargo and Councilman Johnstone

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RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of West Haven hereby approves and authorizes the City of West Haven to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Ideal Group, LLC, for the sale of the City owned real property know as 561 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut, which purchase and sale agreement shall be in

substantial and material compliance with the draft attached hereto as Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: Dorinda K. Borer, as Mayor of The City of West Haven, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents related to this Resolution on behalf of the City of West Haven and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents, and:

FURTHER RESOLVED: That such approval and authorization conferred hereby is contingent upon approval by the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB).

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Pascale thanked Mayor Borer for standing firm with MARB. Councilman Donovan reported the Planning & Zoning meeting scheduled for March 11th is cancelled. The Kelsey will be on the next meeting agenda. Councilman Johnstone reported that 118 Police officers are active after 5 returned to work from injuries. Councilwoman Garthwait thanked Kathy and Rich Hebert for their help cleaning up Peck Avenue. The Bird Sanctuary cleanup is scheduled for March 23rd at 10:000 a.m. and there is a possibility of receiving a grant for Sandy Point for West Haven Police Department from the Audubon Society. She also mentioned that the WHPD K9 officers won a \$3,000.00 grant in the K-9 contest.

See remarks on City's website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Vargo made a **MOTION to ADJOURN** which was **SECONDED** by Councilman Laucks. All in favor. **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Council meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:44 p.m.

Nicholas Pascale
Chairman of the Council

Stacy Riccio
Clerk of the Council

Carlotta M. Serrini
City Council Administrator

****These minutes are subject to City Council approval.**

COMMUNICATION A

Department of Revenue Collection

City of West Haven
355 Main Street
West Haven, Connecticut 06516

Dorinda Borer
Mayor

Eric Murillo
Tax Collector



To: Nicholas Pascale
Chairman, City Council

From: Eric Murillo
Tax Collector

Rachel A-Massih
Tax Manager

Re: Overpayment of Taxes – Tax Refunds

Attached is a list(s) of refunds, for March 2025, which require council approval.
Any additional information can be supplied upon request.

Thank you.

West Haven Tax Office
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CITY OF WEST HAVEN
TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUND REPORT

ACCOUNT: OVERPAYMENTS

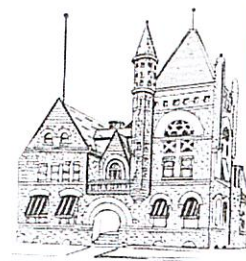
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COMMUNICATION B



**City of West Haven
Police Department and
Department of Finance
355 Main Street
West Haven, CT 06516**



March 4, 2025

Chairman Nicholas Pascale
West Haven City Council
West Haven City Hall
355 Main Street
West Haven, CT 06516

Re: Animal Control Donations

Dear Chairman Pascale,

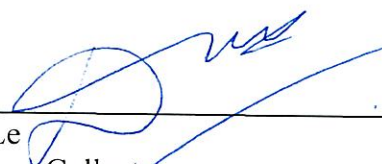
The West Haven Police Department has received the following donations, totaling **\$475.00** for the Animal Shelter. Per Connecticut Statutes 7-148(c) (3) (A&B) and General Order 98-04, we are forwarding these donations for approval.

Should these donations be approved by the Council, they are to be deposited into the Animal Shelter Donation account number 10100000 – 28285.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Richard A Vergoni	6173	\$10.00
2. Michele P Steinlauf	157	\$50.00
3. William L. Gilbert Jr.	5635	\$25.00
4. Alice F Montz	5117	\$15.00
5. Angela Russo	724	\$100.00
6. Lucia Pannella	5062	\$25.00
7. Angela Russo	738	\$100.00
8. Nancy J Waslewski	1090	\$50.00
9. Virginia Lynch	125	\$50.00
10. Maureen Fallon	146	\$50.00

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Carl Flemmig
Chief of Deputy
West Haven Police Department



Dao Le
Revenue Collector
Finance Department



Emergency Operations

From Rick Fontana <RFontana@WestHaven-CT.gov>
Date Mon 3/17/2025 4:17 PM
To Nicholas Pascale <npascale@westhaven-ct.gov>
Cc Dorinda Borer <DBorer@WestHaven-CT.gov>;

GA Chairman Pascale,

in conversation with Mayor regarding these items below. Would you kindly add two separate items to the agenda regarding the following:

1. CT DEMHS authorizing resolution for FY 2024 grant submission.
2. Notification of the Acceptance from the State of CT the City's Emergency Operations Plan. For information only.

Thank you.

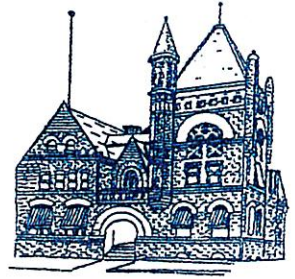
Rick Fontana, MS
Director
Emergency Operations
City of West Haven
Emergency Management
& Homeland Security
City Hall
355 Main Street
West Haven, CT 06516
203-410-0543





Dorinda Borer
Mayor

Office of the Mayor
City of West Haven
355 Main Street
West Haven, Connecticut 06516



City Hall
1896-1968

March 17, 2025

From: Mayor Dorinda Borer

To: Chairman Nick Pascale

I am recommending the appointment of Kathleen Krolak, 176 McKinney Avenue, New Haven, Ct 06510 as Director to the Greater New Haven Transit District Board of Directors. Ms. Krolak's appointment will be effective immediately and expire on April 8, 2026.

Very truly yours,

Dorinda Borer
Mayor

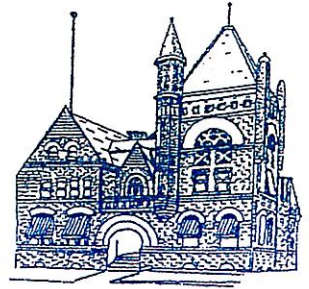


Dorinda K. Borer
Mayor

Abdul Quadir
City Engineer

Bureau of Engineering

City of West Haven
355 Main Street
West Haven, Connecticut 06516



City Hall
1896-1968

March 18, 2025

Chairman City Council
City of West Haven, Connecticut

Re: Bond resolution

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Please have this bond resolution on the City Council agenda for March 24 meeting. Any questions please contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abdul Quadir

City Engineer

CC: Rick Spreyer

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$538,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND REHABILITATION OF SEWER PIPES AND MANHOLES RELATED TO THE HIGH PRIORITY AREA CONTRACT 2 IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$538,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN:

Section 1. The sum of \$538,000 is hereby appropriated for costs associated with the planning, design and rehabilitation of sewer pipe and manholes related to the High Priority Area Contract 2 in the City, and for architectural, design, engineering, hydraulic, site acquisition, development, demolition and disposal, environmental studies, surveying, infrastructure improvements, paving, material, utility charges, data systems, furniture and fixtures, equipment, testing, insurance, training, administrative, advertising, printing, legal, other consultant fees, and any appurtenances related to the project, as well as the cost of the establishment and maintenance of any reserve pursuant to Chapter 109, Chapter 117 and other chapters of the General Statutes of Connecticut (the "Connecticut Statutes"), as amended (the "Project"). Said appropriation shall be inclusive of any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$538,000 bonds or other obligations of the City plus an additional amount for all necessary and appropriate financing costs not in excess of three percent of the cost of the Project, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose (the "Bonds"), may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Mayor, City Treasurer, and the Director of Finance (collectively, the "Bond Committee"), and the amount of Bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Bonds shall be issued in an amount up to the City's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of any State and Federal grants in aid for the Project, or the actual amount thereof if such amount is ascertainable, and the anticipated times of receipt thereof, provided that the total amount of Bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient, with other funds available for such purpose, to pay the principal of and the interest on all outstanding temporary borrowings issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said Bonds, and any administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the Bonds as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of a majority of the Bond Committee, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee and be approved as to their legality by the City's bond counsel. The Bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the City and shall comply with all requirements of law, including any debt limit, relating to the authorization or issuance of such Bonds. The Bonds may also be

secured as to both principal and interest, to the extent permitted by law, by a pledge of certain revenues or benefit assessments or both. The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such Bonds, including any repayment agreements or memoranda of understanding, or whether any of the Bonds will be issued as taxable bonds, shall be determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut Statutes.

Section 3. In connection with the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized herein (collectively, the "Obligations"), the City, as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, may exercise any power delegated to municipalities pursuant to the Connecticut Statutes, including the authority to establish credit facilities and to enter into agreements managing interest rate risk. The City, as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, shall have all appropriate powers under the Connecticut Statutes, including Chapter 748 (Registered Public Obligations Act), Chapter 446k (Water Pollution Control) and Chapter 109 (Municipal Bond Issues), to issue, sell and deliver the Obligations and, further, shall have the full power and authority to do all that is required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and other applicable laws and regulations of the United States, to provide for issuance of the Obligations in tax exempt form and to meet all requirements which are or may become necessary in and subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Obligations in order that the interest on the Obligations be and remain exempt from Federal income taxes, including, without limitation, to covenant and agree to restriction on investment yield of bond proceeds, rebate of arbitrage earnings, and expenditure of proceeds within required time limitations. In order to meet the capital cash flow expenditure needs of the City, a majority of the Bond Committee is authorized to collectively allocate and reallocate expenditures incurred for the Project to any bonds or notes of the City outstanding as of the date of such allocation, and the bonds or notes to which such expenditures have been allocated shall be deemed to have been issued for such purpose, including the bonds and notes herein authorized.

Section 4. Said Bonds shall be sold in a competitive offering or by negotiation as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. If sold at competitive offering, the Bonds shall be sold by a majority of the Bond Committee at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City, by sealed proposals, auction, or other comparative method. If the Bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase contract shall be signed by a majority of the Bond Committee. With respect to the receipt of original issuance premium or bid premium upon the sale of the bonds or notes herein authorized, the City is authorized, but not required, to apply original issuance premium and bid premium, if applicable, to fund future debt service payments on the City's bonds and notes or to fund any purpose for which bonds of the City are authorized to be issued, and such application shall reduce the amount of authorized and unissued bonds for the purpose to which the premium was applied, in the amount so applied.

Section 5. Said Bonds may be secured by the City's property taxes, including interest, penalties and related charges, pursuant to Chapter 117 and other chapters of the Connecticut Statutes, and, if deemed necessary or appropriate and in the City's best interest by a majority of the Bond Committee, the Bond Committee, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized: (i) to establish a property tax intercept procedure and a debt service payment fund pursuant to Chapter 117 of the Connecticut Statutes, §7-560 et seq., and other Chapters of the Connecticut Statutes, on such terms as a majority of the Bond Committee deem necessary or appropriate, and (ii) to take all further actions which a majority of the Bond Committee deem

necessary or appropriate to so secure the Bonds or which are contemplated by law. A majority of the Bond Committee, if they determine it to be advisable, necessary or appropriate, is authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into an indenture of trust and/or a supplemental indenture of trust to any existing indenture of the City (collectively, the "Indenture") with a bank or trust company located within or without the State of Connecticut (the "Trustee"), and to covenant: (i) if the Bonds are issued pursuant to such Indenture that all or a portion of the City's property taxes shall be paid to the Trustee and be held in trust for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds as provided in Chapter 117 and other Chapters of the Connecticut Statutes, and (ii) the terms on which any payments or reserves securing the payment of the Bonds will be paid, and the terms of any reserve or other fund for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds; and, in any event, to amend or supplement the Indenture containing such terms and conditions as a majority of the Bond Committee shall determine to be necessary or advisable and in the best interest of the City, the execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such determination.

Section 6. The issue of the Obligations aforesaid and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law.

Section 7. The City is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said Bonds or any anticipated amounts of State and Federal grants in aid for the Project. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of a majority of the Bond Committee, have the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by a majority of the Bond Committee, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut Statutes, and be approved as to their legality by the City's bond counsel. Notes shall be sold in competitive offering or by negotiation as determined by a majority of the Bond Committee. If sold in a competitive offering, the notes shall be sold by a majority of the Bond Committee at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City, by sealed proposals, auction or other comparative method. If the notes are sold by negotiation, the purchase contract shall be signed by a majority of the Bond Committee. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut Statutes that govern the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and shall comply with all requirements of law, including any debt limit, relating to the authorization or issuance of such notes. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said Bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said Bonds the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose. The City is also authorized to issue notes in anticipation of the receipt of grants, if applicable, and a majority of the Bond Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such issuance.

Section 8. For the Project, \$538,000 of interim funding obligations and project loan obligations or any other obligations of the City evidencing an obligation to repay any portion of the costs of the Project determined by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Public Health or other department as applicable to be eligible for funding under Section 22a-475 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Clean Water Fund Program") plus an additional amount for all

necessary and appropriate financing costs not in excess of three percent of the cost of the Project, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose (the "Clean Water Fund Obligations"), may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. The Clean Water Fund Obligations may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Bond Committee, and the amount of Clean Water Fund Obligations of each series to be issued shall be fixed by a majority of the Bond Committee. The Clean Water Fund Obligations shall be issued in an amount up to the City's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of any State and Federal grants in aid for the Project, or the actual amount thereof if such amount is ascertainable, and the anticipated times of receipt thereof. The issuance of the Clean Water Fund Obligations and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law. The Clean Water Fund Obligations shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of a majority of the Bond Committee, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof. The Clean Water Fund Obligations may be general obligations of the City and shall comply with all requirements of law, including any debt limit, relating to the authorization or issuance of such Clean Water Fund Obligations. The Clean Water Fund Obligations may also be secured as to both principal and interest, to the extent permitted by law, by a pledge of certain revenues or benefit assessments or both. The aggregate principal amount of the Clean Water Fund Obligations, installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such Clean Water Fund Obligations, including the rate or rates of interest, any repayment agreements or memoranda of understanding, shall be determined by a majority of the Bond Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut Statutes; and

(b) any combination of Obligations and Clean Water Fund Obligations for the Project as set forth in the preceding sections may be issued, provided that the total, aggregate principal amount thereof issued, and including the amount of any grant funding obtained, shall not exceed \$538,000 plus an amount needed for necessary and appropriate financing costs related to the Project.

Section 9. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid 60 days prior to and after the date of passage of this Ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Project described above with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the City. Such obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement obligations, and to amend this declaration.

Section 10. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by section 3-20e of the Connecticut Statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 11. The Mayor, the Director of Finance and any other duly authorized City, Board of Education or WPCA official is authorized to seek grants and other contributions for the costs of the Project. Any such grants or contribution received prior to the issuance of any Obligations or Clean Water Fund Obligations authorized herein shall be applied to the costs of the Project or to pay at maturity the principal of any outstanding bond anticipation note, grant anticipation note or other temporary obligation issued pursuant this Ordinance and shall reduce the amount of Obligations or Clean Water Fund Obligations that can be issued pursuant to this Ordinance. If such grants and contributions are received after the issuance of any Bonds or Clean Water Fund Obligations, they shall be applied to pay either non-financed portions of the Project or debt service on the Bonds or Clean Water Fund Obligations provided such application does not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds or Clean Water Fund Obligations.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the Mayor’s signature.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON: _____, 2025

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____ DATE: _____

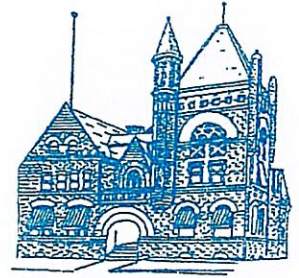


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Mayor

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March 19, 2025

West Haven City Council
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Subject: Submission of Resolution Regarding Modified Depreciation Schedule for Vehicles

Dear Chairman Pascale and Members of the West Haven City Council:

I am writing to formally submit for your consideration the attached resolution concerning the modified depreciation schedule for vehicles MSRP that are subject to property tax, as outlined in House Bill 7067, which amends CGS 12-63.

The current methodology may not accurately reflect the actual market value of the vehicles. By modifying the schedule, we can ensure that property taxes are more aligned with the value of vehicles as they age.

The mayor and I are in favor of the modified depreciation schedule on page 6 of 16 of Bill No. 7067.

Thank you for considering this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Gradoia

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General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Bill No. 7067

LCO No. 5302



Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:

REP. RITTER, 1st Dist.

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

REP. ROJAS, 9th Dist.

SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF HOSPITALS THAT HAVE FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION, A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AND FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive, of the general
3 statutes, any transacting parties involved in any transfer of ownership,
4 as defined in section 19a-630 of the general statutes, of a hospital
5 requiring a certificate of need pursuant to section 19a-638 of the general
6 statutes in which (1) the hospital subject to the transfer of ownership has
7 filed for bankruptcy protection in any court of competent jurisdiction,
8 and (2) a potential purchaser for such hospital has been or is required to
9 be approved by a bankruptcy court, may, at the discretion of the

109 statement of (A) the legal and factual basis for such condition, and (B)
 110 which criterion of health care cost, quality or access in the affected area
 111 that the unit intends such condition to promote. Each condition shall be
 112 reasonably tailored in time and scope. The applicant and any other
 113 transacting parties in the hospital's transfer of ownership may request
 114 an amendment to or relief from any condition, in a form and manner
 115 prescribed by the unit, due to changed circumstances, hardship or for
 116 other good cause. The unit may grant or deny any such request.

117 (d) The unit's final decision on an emergency certificate of need
 118 application, including any conditions imposed on the approval of such
 119 an application, shall not be subject to appeal.

120 Sec. 2. Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63 of the general
 121 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 122 (*Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or*
 123 *after October 1, 2024*):

124 (7) [For] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
 125 subdivision, for assessment years commencing on or after October 1,
 126 2024, the following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with
 127 respect to motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's suggested retail
 128 price of such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle shall be
 129 assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars:

T1	Age of Vehicle	Percentage of Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price
T2		
T3	Age of Vehicle	Percentage of Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price
T4		
T5	Up to year one	Eighty-five per cent
T6	Year two	Eighty per cent
T7	Year three	Seventy-five per cent
T8	Year four	Seventy per cent
T9	Year five	Sixty-five per cent
T10	Year six	Sixty per cent

*Paul
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T11	Year seven	Fifty-five per cent
T12	Year eight	Fifty per cent
T13	Year nine	Forty-five per cent
T14	Year ten	Forty per cent
T15	Year eleven	Thirty-five per cent
T16	Year twelve	Thirty per cent
T17	Year thirteen	Twenty-five per cent
T18	Year fourteen	Twenty per cent
T19	Years fifteen to nineteen	Fifteen per cent
T20	Years twenty and beyond	Not less than
T21		five hundred dollars

*Letter
to City Council
to approve*

130 (B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any
 131 municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, or in a municipality
 132 where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of its board of
 133 selectmen, elect to apply the following modified schedule of
 134 depreciation with respect to motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's
 135 suggested retail price of such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle
 136 shall be assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars:

T22		<u>Percentage of</u>
T23		<u>Manufacturer's Suggested</u>
T24	<u>Age of Vehicle</u>	<u>Retail Price</u>
T25		
T26	<u>Up to year one</u>	<u>Ninety per cent</u>
T27	<u>Year two</u>	<u>Eighty-five per cent</u>
T28	<u>Year three</u>	<u>Eighty per cent</u>
T29	<u>Year four</u>	<u>Seventy-five per cent</u>
T30	<u>Year five</u>	<u>Seventy per cent</u>
T31	<u>Year six</u>	<u>Sixty-five per cent</u>
T32	<u>Year seven</u>	<u>Sixty per cent</u>
T33	<u>Year eight</u>	<u>Fifty-five per cent</u>
T34	<u>Year nine</u>	<u>Fifty per cent</u>

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T35	<u>Year ten</u>	<u>Forty-five per cent</u>
T36	<u>Year eleven</u>	<u>Forty per cent</u>
T37	<u>Year twelve</u>	<u>Thirty-five per cent</u>
T38	<u>Year thirteen</u>	<u>Thirty per cent</u>
T39	<u>Year fourteen</u>	<u>Twenty-five per cent</u>
T40	<u>Years fifteen to nineteen</u>	<u>Twenty per cent</u>
T41	<u>Years twenty and beyond</u>	<u>Not less than</u>
T42		<u>five hundred dollars</u>

137 Any municipality that elects to apply the modified schedule of
 138 depreciation described in this subparagraph shall, not later than
 139 fourteen days after such election, notify the Secretary of the Office of
 140 Policy and Management, in a form and manner prescribed by the
 141 secretary, of such election and the first assessment year for which such
 142 schedule shall be effective.



143 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) In each municipality that elects to apply
 144 the modified schedule of depreciation for motor vehicles described in
 145 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63 of
 146 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for the assessment year
 147 commencing October 1, 2024, in which the grand list for said assessment
 148 year has been published and lodged for public inspection on or before
 149 the effective date of this section:

150 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-55 of the general
 151 statutes, such municipality's assessor or board of assessors may
 152 disregard, adjust and republish said grand list not later than April 15,
 153 2025;

154 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 12-110
 155 of the general statutes, such municipality's board of assessment appeals
 156 shall meet to hear appeals related to the assessment of property during
 157 the period commencing forty-five days after the effective date of this
 158 section and concluding sixty days after the effective date of this section,