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WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

RE: ORDINANCE CLARIFYING ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

JANUARY 8, 2008

WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06107

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1 . . .Verbatim Proceedings of a hearing
2 before the West Hartford Town Council in the matter of an
3 Ordinance clarifying enforcement authority pursuant to
4 the Code of Ordinances held on January 8, 2008 at 7:40
5 p.m. at the West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main
6 Street, West Hartford, Connecticut. . .

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10 MAYOR SCOTT SLIFKA: Before we start the
11 Council meeting the Council still has a 7:25 p.m. public
12 hearing to get through, which should be brief. So I'd
13 like to call that to order and ask Mr. Coursey to read
14 the subject matter.

15 MR. CHUCK COURSEY: Yes, Mr. Mayor.
16 Ordinance clarifying enforcement authority pursuant to
17 the Code of Ordinances.

18 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, MR. Coursey.
19 Could we have the roll call, please, Ms. Labrow?

20 (Whereupon, roll call was taken.)

21 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Ms. Labrow. Mr.
22 Francis, do we have a presentation from the
23 administration? We'll go through Mr. Alair.

24 MR. PAT ALAIR: Thank you. Very briefly,

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1 the ordinance before you is a simple, minor, technical
2 amendment almost to Section 168-15 of the Code of
3 Ordinances. Currently, the way the ordinance is written
4 a parked motor vehicle, which is issued a parking ticket,
5 for want of a better term it's obviously broader than
6 that, other motor vehicle violations, the way the
7 ordinance reads the ticket must be issued by a police
8 officer. We do know have meter monitors. We also have
9 some individual employees who are appointed as special
10 constables who have the authority to issue tickets.

11 While there is a separate section in this
12 same chapter of the ordinance that seems to have been
13 impended to expand authority to those individuals
14 already, this ordinance was never changed and currently
15 says that a police officer must issue the ticket. It has
16 never been raised, but our Hearing Officer for parking
17 ticket appeals raised the question with me some time ago
18 and thought that it might merit clarification before
19 somebody did raise it and put him in a tough spot. So we
20 drafted the ordinance accordingly.

21 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mr. Alair. Are
22 there any questions from Council?

23 Seeing none, there is public forum for
24 this. Is there anybody who -- I don't believe anybody

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1 signed up, but -- no. Is there anybody who wished to
2 speak to the subject matter of this public hearing, which
3 is just this small ordinance change?

4 Okay, seeing none, then one more chance
5 for the Council. Okay. Then we will close the public
6 hearing. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at
8 7:43 p.m.)

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