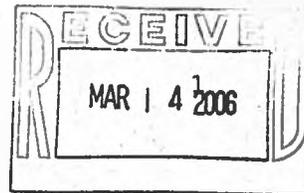


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WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
RE: ORDINANCE CLARIFYING REFUSE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

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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 refuse collection procedures held on
4 February 28, 2006 at 8:45 p.m. at the West Hartford Town
5 Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut...

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9 MAYOR SCOTT SLIFKA: And open the 7:00
10 public hearing. Roll call, Mrs. Cronin.

11 (Whereupon, roll call was taken.)

12 MAYOR SLIFKA: Subject matter, please, Mr.
13 Spada.

14 MR. ART SPADA: Mr. Mayor, ordinance
15 clarifying refuse collection procedures.

16 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mr. Spada. Mr.
17 Feldman.

18 MR. BARRY FELDMAN: Mr. Mayor, this
19 actually puts into ordinance form a long term practice
20 that we've had. What you have before you is an ordinance
21 that requires that town residents have essentially 72
22 hours to put out and take in their garbage cans. While
23 we've practiced that and have worked with individuals who
24 put out their garbage way too early or forget to pick up

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1 their garbage cans way too late, this now actually puts
2 into local ordinance the requirement that town residents
3 put out and take back in their garbage cans all within a
4 period of 72 hours.

5 Now, in fairness to the topic and
6 certainly in fairness to town's people, I could probably
7 count on my both hands the number of residents who either
8 put out their garbage way too early or take it in --
9 their cans in way too late. So it really affects very,
10 very few individuals. But what the ordinance really
11 intends to do is to help give guidance, legislative
12 guidance to the inspectors that are required to enforce
13 this particular provision. So they now have, if you will,
14 guidance from you as far as what actually should be
15 enforced.

16 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mr. Feldman.
17 Anything from the Council? Mrs. Carpenter?

18 MS. BARBARA CARPENTER: I was just
19 wondering, Mr. Feldman, what's the consequence?

20 MR. FELDMAN: The consequence would be
21 what I think we've used the term an ordinance violation
22 and that's basically a local violation. It's not a state
23 violation and it's -- don't ask me how much. I don't
24 recall unless somebody has something in front of them.

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1 It's -- I'm going to guess it's in the 60 to 70 dollar
2 area. 72 dollars.

3 MS. CARPENTER: And does that include
4 removal of the trash receptacles also?

5 MR. FELDMAN: Remove it? You mean bring
6 it back in? No. They have to still bring them back in.

7 MS. CARPENTER: No, that you remove them
8 from the property.

9 MR. FELDMAN: Oh, no, no we leave them
10 there.

11 MS. CARPENTER: It's just a fine.

12 MR. FELDMAN: It's just a fine, right.

13 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Mrs. Carpenter.
14 Anyone else? Is there a sign up sheet, Mr. O'Brien?

15 MR. JOSEPH O'BRIEN: Yes. No one signed
16 up.

17 MAYOR SLIFKA: No one signed up. Oh, Dr.
18 Thornberry, I'm sorry.

19 DR. CAROLYN THORNBERRY: Just a quick
20 question ion this because we want people -- you know, we
21 don't want people to get tickets. How are we going to
22 advertise that we've now in a sense codified this
23 informal regulation that we had?

24 MR. FELDMAN: We -- the practice, Mr.

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1 Mayor and Dr. Thornberry, is to notify people and to
2 encourage them to -- this truly is such a small number of
3 individuals who ignore our orders and they're notified
4 and probably renotified. And until it becomes really a
5 nuisance in the neighborhood would we issue a ticket.

6 MAYOR SLIFKA: Thank you, Dr. Thornberry.
7 Mr. Spada.

8 MR. SPADA: Who would have thought we
9 would be talking on this one? But it -- at the risk of
10 trying to micro manage it, can we put it out on just as a
11 one week, at least on the website that this is happening
12 and --

13 MR. FELDMAN: -- if I'm not mistaken we
14 put all -- we put an annotated agenda out on the website
15 every time, every time you complete your business.

16 MR. SPADA: All right. So there will be
17 something on the website pertaining to this.

18 MR. FELDMAN: It will be out there and I'm
19 going to guess maybe the Hartford Courant would do us a
20 favor if there is a little blurb that can be -- if they
21 care to -- I didn't seen Ken sitting out there or the
22 West Hartford News.

23 MR. SPADA: Excellent. Thank you.

24 MAYOR SLIFKA: There is nobody on the sign

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1 up sheet. I don't know if Ms. Malone or Mr. Harrison want
2 to speak. Okay. And is there anyone else who did not
3 sign up who wishes to speak to the topic of this
4 ordinance?

5 Okay, seeing none, with that we will close
6 the public hearing.

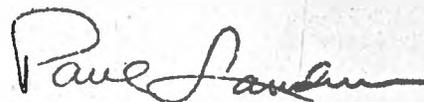
7 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at
8 8:48 p.m.)
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