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Minutes of the Legislative Council Ordinance Committee

The Legislative Council Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, at 7:15 PM in The Council Chambers of the Municipal Center. Mr. Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:18.

Present: Mr. Chris Gardner, Mr. Long, Mr. Charles Gardner, Mr. Knapp and Mr. DeRosa

Absent: Mr. Capeci

Minutes: Mr. Charles Gardner moved to approve the minutes of April 19th, 2023, Mr. DeRosa seconded.

All in favor. (5-0)

VOTER COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action:

Review and Recommendation of the proposed "Do Not Block The Box" Ordinance

Mr. Knapp presented the updated language (attached) which now includes the intersection of Pole Bridge Road and Rte. 34 which was raised during the prior meeting. The Police Commission discussed this at their regular meeting the evening before and agreed to add it. This does not mean these intersections will be marked, but reserves the future right to do so should it be needed. The next step in the process would be to recommend it to the full Council, and by Charter the Council would need to send it to a Public Hearing before acting. That would be at least two meetings out.

Mr. DeRosa moved to recommend the proposed Do Not Block The Box Ordinance to the full Council, Mr. Chris Gardner seconded. (5-0)

VOTER COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Long moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. Mr. Chris Gardner seconded.

All In Favor (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan W. Knapp
Chairman, Ordinance Committee

Chapter 216. Vehicles and Traffic

Article VI Obstruction of Intersections

GENERAL REFERENCES

Connecticut General Statutes — Section 14-250(b)

§ ###-1. Authority to designate

Pursuant to C.G.S. 14-250b, and at the recommendation of The Town of Newtown Police Commission, the following intersections are designated for special marking that blocking the intersection is prohibited:

Country Club Road and Rte. 25
Elm Drive and Rte. 302
Walnut Tree Hill Road and Church Hill Road
Newtown High School and Rte. 34
Pole Bridge Road and Rte. 34

§ ###-2. Marking

The Town of Newtown shall

- (1) Post signs at each such designated intersection or request such action from the State of Connecticut indicating that blocking the intersection is prohibited and violators are subject to a fine, and
- (2) Mark, in white paint, the boundary of such interaction with a line not less than one foot in width and that are within such boundary line with parallel diagonal lines not less than one foot in width.

§ ###-3. Obstructing Intersections

No operator of a motor vehicle, other than a tractor-trailer unit, as defined in section CGS 14-1, shall proceed into an intersection that has been designated, posted and marked by the Town of Newtown in accordance with Connecticut State Statute, except when making a turn, unless there is sufficient space on the opposite side of the intersection to accommodate such motor vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding the indication of a traffic control signal that would permit such an operator to proceed into the intersection.

§ ###-4. Violations

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Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall have committed an infraction.

§ ###-5. Enforcement

Enforcement of this chapter shall be the purview of state and local law enforcement officers whose jurisdiction contains the intersection's designated per Section ####-1.