

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO APPOINT FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

WHEREAS, the year 2017 was a revaluation year in the Town of Newtown; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 9-199(c) the Connecticut State Legislature has authorized municipalities to appoint additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals for any assessment year in which a revaluation becomes effective and for the assessment year following such year; and

WHEREAS, the Newtown Town Charter Section 5-15 Emergency Ordinances authorizes the Legislative Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to become effective immediately upon stating facts which support a finding that a public emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, every emergency ordinance, including any amendment thereto, shall be automatically repealed at the termination of the sixty-first day following said signing of such ordinance; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent Town wide revaluation, the Board of Assessment Appeals currently has approximately two hundred appeals waiting to be processed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Assessment Appeals as presently constituted will be unable to process the pending matters and complete its work on schedule; and

WHEREAS, if the Board of Assessment Appeals does not complete its work on schedule, the Town will be unable to appropriately set a mill rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen have determined that the Board of Assessment Appeals' inability to process the pending appeals from the revaluation in a manner which will permit the mill rate to be set in a timely manner constitutes a public emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to address the emergency that exists, the Legislative Council, invoking its authority according to C.G.S. §9-199(c) and its emergency power pursuant to Newtown Town Charter § 5-15, expands the Board of Assessment Appeals by increasing the Board of Assessment Appeals membership by four members from three members to seven members.

This ordinance is effective immediately upon signing and publication thereof, per Section 1-25(b) of the Town Charter. It will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Newtown and will automatically expire at the termination of the sixty-first day following said publication.

Signed and approved by the Legislative Council at a meeting held on the 8th day of March, 2018.

Legislative Council

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