

**ORDINANCE NUMBER _____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING SECTION 21-1 OF THE STAMFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW THE
BARTLETT ARBORETUM ASSOCIATION, INC. TO NAME AREAS, FACILITIES AND
STRUCTURES OF THE BARTLETT ARBORETUM AND GARDENS**

WHEREAS, in 2002, the City of Stamford has entered into a lease with the Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc., a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization, for premises located at 151 Brookdale Road in Stamford, Connecticut for a period of twenty-five years, with an option to renew for an additional twenty-five years, for use as a not-for-profit open space nature preserve and gardens; and for the purpose of providing educational and passive and active recreational services and programs; and for such other uses as the Lessee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine, provided such uses shall be in accordance with the terms of the Lease; and for the administrative offices of the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the lease, the Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. has substantial responsibility for the operation, oversight and management of the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens, and

WHEREAS, Section 21-1 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances provides that “proposals to change the name of existing city-owned streets, parks and facilities or portions thereof and newly-acquired city-owned parks and facilities or portions thereof shall be submitted for final approval to the Board of Representatives by the board, commission or department or other entity occupying or having jurisdiction over such street, park or facility or portion thereof”; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. has determined that the ability to name areas, facilities and structures of the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens is critical to attracting and securing financial commitments and donations from donors and supporters in order to defray the costs of its undertakings with respect to the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. is seeking to be exempted from compliance with said section to enable it to raise said commitments and donations for the purposes set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 21-1 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 21-1. - Submission of proposals.

- (a) Proposals to change the name of existing city-owned streets, parks and facilities or portions thereof and newly-acquired city-owned streets, parks and facilities or portions thereof shall be submitted for final approval to the Board of Representatives by the board, commission or department or other entity occupying or having jurisdiction over such street, park or facility or portion thereof.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Mill River Collaborative, in relation to its assumption of substantial responsibility for the operation of Mill River Park pursuant to an agreement between it and the city, shall be exempted from compliance with this section effective as of the effective date of such Agreement, until the termination date of said Agreement or the date of termination of any extension thereof, or the date of termination thereof for any other

reason. The Mill River Collaborative shall give the Board of Representatives at least sixty (60) days written notice of their intention to name a facility with appropriate information and detail. The Board of Representatives shall have the right to reject a proposed name for good cause within such sixty-day period.

- (c) Notwithstanding section (a) above, proposals to name the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, or any portion thereof, shall be exempt from compliance with this section, and shall also be exempt from compliance with Section 21-2 and Section 21-3(A) and (B). Stamford Helping Paws, a 501(c)(3) organization which exists to raise money for the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, shall be authorized to propose naming the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, or any portion thereof, unless and until its organizational purpose changes. Stamford Helping Paws shall give the Board of Representatives at least sixty (60) days written notice of its intent to name the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, or any portion thereof, with appropriate information and detail. The Board of Representatives shall have the right to reject a proposed name for good cause within such sixty-day period.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization, in relation to its assumption of substantial responsibility for the operation of Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens pursuant to an agreement between it and the city, shall be exempted from compliance with this section as of the effective date of such Agreement, until the termination date of said Agreement or the date of termination of any extension thereof, or the date of termination thereof for any other reason. Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc. shall give the Board of Representatives at least sixty (60) days written notice of their intention to name a facility with appropriate information and detail. The Board of Representatives shall have the right to reject a proposed name for good cause within such sixty-day period.