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Resolution Advocating the Establishment of an Air Quality Monitoring Program in
the City of Stamford

WHEREAS clean air is essential for public health, and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut has established a State air quality monitoring
program, and

WHEREAS the State program does not have air monitors located in the City of
Stamford, and

WHEREAS State laws provide that a municipality may implement its own air quality
monitoring program, upon State approval of said program, and

WHEREAS based on the State Department of Health data, various sections of the City
exhibit high asthma rates, and

WHEREAS construction, vehicular emissions, and other industrial activities within the
City can contribute to air pollution,

THEREFORE it is resolved by the 30th Board of Representatives that the City of
Stamford should develop ~~and submit for State approval~~ an air quality monitoring
program ~~and implement same upon State approval~~ for review and approval by the
Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives in preparation for submission to
the State of Connecticut for approval and subsequent implementation.

The plan should include:

1. A summary of the Pros and Cons of implementing an air quality monitoring systems. How effective have these programs been in other municipalities?
2. Establish criteria for monitoring specific areas of Stamford.
3. Identify the costs of acquiring the necessary equipment and the ongoing cost of maintenance.
4. The cost of moving the equipment from site to site within the city.
5. Identify the necessary personnel, their training, and the associated labor expense.
6. Legal opinion addressing Stamford's ability to enforce air quality standards that are different from those published by State and Federal authorities.
- 4-7. Identify Stamford's potential liability for remediation using examples of other municipalities that have implemented similar programs.