

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Notice is hereby given that the Public Safety & Health Committee of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following proposed ordinance approved for publication at the October 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Representatives. The meeting can be accessed by computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81087568850>; or at <http://www.zoom.com> - Webinar ID: 810 8756 8850; or by telephone at 1 646 558 8656 - Webinar ID: 810 8756 8850. Printed copies are available for inspection in the office of the Board of Representatives, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT or at <http://www.boardofreps.org/ps31047.aspx>.

Anyone wishing to be heard is invited to attend and speak. You may sign up in advance to speak or submit written comments at <http://www.boardofreps.org> or at <https://forms.gle/WSSeUCeFr1XrKJhSA>. You may also sign up to speak by sending an email to bdreps@stamfordct.gov or by calling 203-977-4024.

Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in this meeting, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator as soon as possible: Carmen Hughes, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, (203) 977-7993, Email: CHughes1@StamfordCT.gov.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDING CHAPTER 242 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ADDING SECTION 242-5 PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND POLLING PLACES

This proposed ordinance amends Chapter 242 of the Code of Ordinances, Weapons, to add a new Section 242-5 prohibiting the possession of explosives and firearms in any building or portion thereof, including its grounds, that is owned, leased, or controlled by the City of Stamford and within 500 feet of any polling place or ballot drop box within the City of Stamford on the day of an election or during the time when voting is permitted for any election or at a place officially designated for the counting of ballots on any day when ballots are being counted or conducting activities related to a federal, state, or municipal election. Notice of these prohibitions must be posted conspicuously at all public entrances to the locations where the prohibition is applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the prohibitions in this ordinance do not apply to a) any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer when engaged in official duties; (b) any member of the United States Armed Forces or Connecticut National Guard when engaged in official duties; (c) private security guards acting in the course of their duties and with appropriate permits; (d) the carrying, possession, or lawful storage of a firearm inside a motor vehicle; or (e) Any retired law enforcement officer in good standing. A person violating these prohibitions shall be required to immediately leave the premises and may be subject to additional criminal penalties including, but not limited to, criminal trespass for failure to do so. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined an amount not exceeding \$250.00.

This document is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for purposes of information, summarization, and explanation. This document does not represent the intent of the legislative body of the City of Stamford for any purpose.

Attest: Jeffrey Stella, Chair, Public Safety & Health Committee
Megan Cottrell, Clerk, 31st Board of Representatives

Stamford Advocate
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