

**ORDINANCE NO. 1161 SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 143, HEALTH SYSTEMS
SECTION 143-14, TESTING OF WELL WATER**

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2009, tests performed on many Stamford properties indicated levels of pesticides that exceed applicable 'action levels'; and

WHEREAS; in light of these findings, in September, 2011, the Board of Representatives passed Ordinance 1130, amending Chapter 143 of the Code of Ordinances, Health Standards, to add Section 143-14, providing for the testing of 750 private wells per calendar year for pesticides and volatile organic compounds through the City of Stamford Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1130 provided that such testing be available for 2 years from the effective date of the Ordinance, which was January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1154 extended the period for such testing until December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1166 replaced the testing for VOCs through the City of Stamford Health Department with testing for arsenic and uranium; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to permit residents to arrange for testing by the City of Stamford more than one time per year and to permit testing of treated samples in order to ensure that any remedy is working; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to extend the period of time during which such testing shall be available; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to eliminate the ceiling of 750 tests per year.

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

Chapter 143 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 143-14. - Testing of well water.

- A. "Private well" means a water well that serves a residential dwelling and is located on the same real property as the residential dwelling and which is used, or intended to be used, for drinking, bathing and/or culinary purposes.
- B. Upon the request of any owner or resident of a residential property within the City of Stamford which has a private well, the Stamford Health Department Laboratory shall collect samples and arrange for the testing of the water from such private well for pesticides, arsenic and uranium (using EPA Methods 505 and 200.8 ICP-MS) ~~no more than once a year, except when a follow-up test is determined by the Stamford Health Department to be necessary or advisable.~~ The Stamford Health Department Laboratory Testing of a treated sample may be performed provided at least one untreated sample is collected by the Stamford Health Department Laboratory under the ordinance program.

1. ~~The number of private well tests to be conducted or caused to be conducted by the Stamford Health Department shall be limited to seven hundred fifty (750) per calendar year. Any follow up tests deemed necessary or advisable by the Stamford Health Department shall be counted as an additional test for purposes of determining the total of seven hundred fifty (750) tests.~~
 2. ~~Such testing shall be in accordance with procedures to be established by the Stamford Health Department. Private wells not previously tested by the Department of Health and Social Services Laboratory or any other laboratory shall receive priority for such testing.~~
 32. ~~The cost of each such test to be charged to the owner or resident of the residential property on which such private well is located shall be not more than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$~~100-150.00~~) for the first test provided by the Department of Health and Social Services Laboratory and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any subsequent test, or any higher fee set by Resolution of the Board of Representatives.~~
 43. ~~Results of all testing conducted pursuant to this section shall be provided to the homeowner and/or resident and shall also be made public through mapping updated and distributed by the Stamford Health Department on a ~~regular~~ semi-annual basis.~~
- C. The Health Department shall offer such testing to property owners until December 31, ~~2015~~2017.