

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

[INSERT CITY SEAL]

Notice is hereby given that the North Stamford Water Supply Special Committee of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT to consider the following proposed ordinance approved for publication at the August 1, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Anyone wishing to be heard is invited to attend and speak. Printed copies are available for inspection in the office of the Board of Representatives, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut or at www.boardofreps.org.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 143, HEALTH SYSTEMS
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
ADD SECTION 143-14 PROVIDING FOR THE
TESTING OF WATER IN PRIVATE WELLS**

WHEREAS; Chapter 143 of the Code of Ordinances, Health Standards, contains general provisions concerning Health Standards; and

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Stamford to be able to test private wells for pesticides and volatile organic compounds in light of recent findings; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is convenient for residential property owners to obtain such testing through the City of Stamford Health Department.

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

Chapter 143 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

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 with 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 and Volatile Organic Compounds (using EPA Methods 505 and 524.2) no more than once a year, except when a follow-up test is determined by the Stamford Health Department to be necessary or advisable.
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 750 tests.
 2. Such testing shall be in accordance with procedures to be established by the Stamford Health Department. Private wells not previously tested shall receive priority for such testing.
 3. 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 dollars (\$100), or any higher fee set by Resolution of the Board of Representatives.
 4. Results of all testing conducted pursuant to this ordinance 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 basis.
- C. The Health Department shall offer such testing to property owners for a period not to exceed two years from the effective date of this ordinance.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2012.

Attest: Mitchell Kaufman, Chair, North Stamford Water Supply Special Committee
Annie Summerville, Clerk of the Board