

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. ____ TO ADD CHAPTER 6A, ARTICLE 1
CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS FOR VACANCIES AND HOLDOVER APPOINTEES
ON APPOINTIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 6**

WHEREAS, The Charter of the City of Stamford Section C6-00-1 creates sixteen (16) Appointive Boards and Commissions to perform governmental functions important to the welfare of the City and its residents,

WHEREAS, The Charter of the City of Stamford Section C6-00-2 establishes that collectively, such Appointive Boards and Commissions shall have five (5) members each, for a total of seventy (70) appointed members, as well as alternates for certain Boards and Commissions,

WHEREAS, The Charter of the City of Stamford Section C6-00-2 establishes that on fourteen (14) of the Appointive Boards and Commissions, an appointee's term shall be three (3) years; members of The Fire Commission and members of The Police Commission have five (5) year term, coinciding with the term of office of the Mayor,

WHEREAS, many of the City's Appointive Boards and Commissions have members who have remained in position as "holdovers" long after their terms expired, beyond the six-month period in which they are *de jure* members with no official action, remaining *de facto* members because no official action was taken to fill the seat left vacant by operation of law,

WHEREAS, the regular practice of allowing holdover members to remain on Appointive Boards and Commissions is in conflict with the office terms established in the Charter of the City of Stamford and

WHEREAS, Section C6-00-3(a) of the Charter of the City of Stamford provides that "The Mayor shall annually submit to the Board of Representatives, at its first meeting after its organizational meeting, nominations of members to each appointive Board, Commission or other similar appointive position, to fill each vacancy where a term of office has expired," and similarly requires The Mayor to submit nominations of alternate members of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill any vacancies on a "panel of alternates" where an alternate member's term of office has expired,"

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

- (a) A position on an Appointive Board or Commission is vacant when no person occupies the position or, as provided in Charter Section C6-00-3(a)

when the term of a member of an Appointive Board and Commission has expired.

(b) A member of an Appointive Board or Commission is deemed a “holdover” when the member continues to occupy their seat after expiration of their term of office.

(c) Vacant positions on Appointive Boards and Commissions shall be filled in the following order:

1. Vacancies created by expiration of a member’s term and the same member’s are rejected by the Board of Representatives,
2. Vacancies created by expiration of a member’s term in which a holdover remains in office shall be filled first,
3. Vacancies that exist because there is no person occupying an available seat on an Appointive Board or Commission, shall be filled second.
4. Vacancies created within six months of the expiration of a member’s term shall be filled last.