

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Notice is hereby given that the Legislative & Rules Committee of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. by webinar to consider the ordinance and resolutions summarized below. The meeting can be accessed by computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89805417184> or at <http://www.zoom.com> - Webinar ID: 898 0541 7184; or by telephone at 1 646 558 8656 - Webinar ID: 898 0541 7184. 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/lr31091.aspx; www.boardofreps.org/lr31097.aspx; and www.boardofreps.org/lr31098.aspx.

Anyone wishing to be heard is invited to attend and speak. You may sign up in advance to speak or submit written comments 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
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CONCERNING
SUSTAINABILITY AND THE REGULATION OF SINGLE-USE FOOD WARE IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

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

In recognition of the seriousness of climate change and its effects on society, and in recognition of Mayor Caroline Simmons' Executive Order EO_005_230417_Climate, directing the Administration and all applicable City Departments and Agencies to adopt initiatives that address climate change and sustainability, the Stamford Board of Representatives will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 209 of the Code of Ordinances concerning sustainability and the regulation of single-use food ware in food establishments.

The proposed ordinance would prohibit the use of most single-use plastic food ware and plastic-lined containers in both dine-in and take-out settings. Dine-in establishments would be required to use only reusable food ware, while take-out packaging would need to be biodegradable, PFAS-free, and certified compostable. Plastic accessories, such as utensils and straws, would not be automatically included with take-out orders, but could be provided upon specific customer request.

The proposal is intended to reduce plastic waste, protect public health, and support Stamford's broader environmental and climate goals. The ordinance would be enforced by the City's Health Department, with escalating fines for violations. All penalties collected would be deposited into a dedicated Sustainability Fund to support implementation and enforcement efforts.

If enacted, the ordinance would take effect six months after passage. For schools, it would take effect at the start of the next school year following passage. Extensions may be granted by the Director of Health if additional time is needed for implementation.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and provide comment on the proposed ordinance.

Attest: Philip Berns, Chair, Legislative & Rules Committee
Megan Cottrell, Clerk, 31st Board of Representatives

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBLEASE FROM OPTIMUS HEALTH CARE, INC. TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CT OF OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 9 FAIRGATE DRIVE, STAMFORD, CT FOR THE CITY'S HEALTH CLINIC (DISPLACED FROM LATHON WIDER CENTER)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31st BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

Pursuant to Section C1-50-3 of the Stamford Charter and Section 9-7.2.A of the Stamford Code of Ordinances, the sublease by and between Optimus Health Care, Inc. (Sublandlord) and the City of Stamford (subtenant) for approximately 1,500 sq ft of office space at 9 Fairgate Drive, Stamford, CT, to house the City's health clinic that was displaced from the Lathon Wider Center by water damage, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said Sublease, which is incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved; and

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such Sublease and to execute any instrument she deems necessary or desirable in connection with the execution of said Sublease.

This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval.

Attest: Philip Berns, Chair, Legislative & Rules Committee
Megan Cottrell, Clerk, 31st Board of Representatives

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 1ST AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S 2023 LEASE OF SPACE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER TO CONGRESSMAN HIMES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31st BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

Pursuant to Section C1-50-3 of the Stamford Charter and Section 9-7.C of the Stamford Code of Ordinances, the 1st Amendment extending the term of the City's 2003 Lease of approximately 966 sq ft of office space on the 10th Floor of the Stamford Government Center, Stamford, CT, to Congressman James A. Himes, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said 1st Amendment, which is incorporated herein by reference; and

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such Lease and to execute any instrument she deems necessary or desirable in connection with the execution of said 1st Amendment.

This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval.

Attest: Philip Berns, Chair, Legislative & Rules Committee
Megan Cottrell, Clerk, 31st Board of Representatives

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