

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

Chapter 52 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances hereby be appended to add the following:

ARTICLE III – AFFIRMATIVE REPORTING

Sec. 52-11 – Boards and Commissions Report.

(a) All persons who desire to serve upon an appointive Board or Commission shall complete an application the form of which shall be determined by the Mayor, or his or her designee, in their reasonable discretion. The aforementioned application shall be accessible both online and at the office of the Town Clerk upon request.

(b) The application required pursuant to Sec. 52-11(a) shall require the applicant, and make such requirement known to the applicant, to disclose the following information: first and last name, email address, primary home residential address, confirmation of Stamford voter registration status, voting district of residence, affirmation the applicant shall abide by the Code of Ethics, and attestation the applicant certifies the information provided in the application is complete, true, and correct to the best of their knowledge.

(c) The application required pursuant to Sec. 52-11(a) shall solicit, though the applicant is under no obligation to provide, and such applicant shall be made known they are under no such obligation to provide, the following information: ethnicity, gender identity, political party, age, highest level of education, occupation, and languages spoken.

(d) The Mayor, his or her designee, shall submit to the Clerk of the Board of the Representatives, not less than once per month and in advance of its next regularly scheduled meeting, a written report containing (i) the data collected pursuant to Secs. 52-11(b) and (c), and (ii) the enumerated items set forth in Sec. 52-11(e), the form of which shall be determined by the Mayor, or his or her designee, in their reasonable discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Mayor, or his or her designee, may elect to provide additional information beyond that required under Sec. 52-11 to the extent they determine such information would be helpful to the Board of Representatives and is reasonably related to the subject matter of the report.

(e) The report required pursuant to Sec. 52-11(d) shall also include the total number of applicants during the Mayor's then-current term in office, number of applicants interviewed over the same period of time, the number appointees currently serving, the number of vacant positions, and the number of appointees currently serving beyond the expiration of their term.

(f) The report required pursuant to Sec. 52-11(d) shall present the data contained therein in an aggregate anonymous form and shall not be presented in such a way as to reasonably identify any individual applicant, nominee, or appointee.

(g) The report required pursuant to Sec. 52-11(d) shall minimally present the data with respect to each of three distinct groups of persons: (i) those which have applied to be appointed to a Board or Commission, (ii) those which have been interviewed by an official of the City of Stamford in connection with their application, and (iii) those which have been nominated before the Board of Representatives.

Sec. 52-12 – Expiration Report.

The Mayor or his/her designee shall provide notice to the President of the Board of Representatives of any vacancies or expired terms the vacancies or expirations of which have exceeded one-hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of such vacancy or expiration.

Sec. 52-13 -- Violations and Penalties.

Any officer, employee, or department head of the City of Stamford who willfully violates any provision of this Article or otherwise acts to impede access to information or refuses a request for information within a reasonable amount of time shall be considered to have violated the Code of Ethics.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the first day of the next month at least thirty days after enactment.