

CITY OF NEW LONDON

PLANNING • ZONING • WETLANDS DIVISION

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Planning & Zoning Regulations

SECTION 600 STORAGE OF RECREATION VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AND BOATS

The outdoor storage or parking and use of a trailer or recreation vehicle by any person or persons is hereby prohibited in all districts, except that:

- A. Not more than one camping trailer or recreation vehicle per dwelling unit may be stored, but not used for any purpose, on a lot in any residential district, provided that such lot is occupied by a dwelling; and provided further that such trailer or recreation vehicle is not stored in the front or side yard. If stored in a rear yard, said trailer or recreation vehicle shall be located within the area reserved for accessory buildings.
- B. Not more than one boat per dwelling unit may be stored on a lot in any residence district provided that such lot is occupied by a dwelling and provided further that such boat is not stored in the front or side yard. If stored in a rear yard, said boat shall be located within the area reserved for accessory buildings.

SECTION 604 OUTDOOR STORAGE

- A. Junk Yards, Building Material Yards, Industrial and Commercial Equipment Storage as a principal use.
 - 1) The storage of scrap, salvage, vehicle parts, lumber, fuel, equipment and similar operations shall be conducted within a building, or screened by solid board or masonry fence at a maximum of 10 feet in height. Said fence shall be no less than the maximum height of the materials stored.
 - 2) The required fencing shall not be allowed to deteriorate and the required set backs shall be maintained and kept free of rubbish, scrap, weeds and other unsightly materials.
 - 3) No storage of scrap, wrecked vehicles, supplies, construction materials or equipment shall be allowed to extend above the required fencing.
- B. Outdoor storage of vehicles, materials and equipment as an accessory use in any nonresidential district subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) The outdoor storage of vehicles, materials, and equipment shall be located on the same
 - 2) All outdoor storage areas shall be located in the side or rear yards but not within the required yard except as provided herein.
 - 3) All outdoor storage areas shall be screened from view by suitable landscaping and/or an eight-foot fence except as provided herein.
 - 4) The outdoor display of motor vehicles when accessory to a permitted use in the C-1 or C-2 District shall be exempt from provisions 2 and 3 above.
 - 5) In no case shall stored materials exceed the height of the screening or fencing.
 - 6) No outdoor storage area shall be located within 10 feet of any lot line.
 - 7) All equipment and vehicles in a storage area shall be in operable condition.
 - 8) No tractor trailer or truck loaded with merchandise shall be parked or stored on a lot for a period exceeding seven consecutive days in one calendar month.

SECTION 614 C (1) (a) OFF STREET PARKING & LOADING

In an R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3, R-4, or NB District, parking in the front yard shall be restricted to parking within a driveway that shall not be wider than twenty (20) feet for that portion that passes through the front yard. Any combination of driveways, turnaround areas and vehicle maneuvering areas shall not exceed an area of twenty-five (25) percent of the total area of the front yard. **Under no circumstance shall parking be allowed in front of the dwelling unless that parking area is the accessway to an approved parking space, garage or carport.** No turnaround area or vehicle maneuvering area shall be more than twelve (12) feet wide.

SECTION 615 SIGNAGE

C. GENERAL STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

In implementing these regulations the following general standards and criteria shall be adhered to except where more restrictive or more specific requirements are applicable:

- 1) Unless otherwise permitted, each site shall only be permitted to have one (1) wall sign per business frontage and one free standing sign per building.
- 2) Any sign may be two sided and only one face shall be counted in determining conformity to sign area limitations.
- 3) The total combined square footage for all permanent signs on a lot shall not exceed two and one half (2.5) square feet for each linear foot of building frontage.
- 4) Standard, approved methods of constant internal and external illumination shall be permitted on signs, provided, however, they shall concentrate the illumination upon the area of the signs so as to prevent direct glare upon the street or adjacent property. (Flashing signs are prohibited except for clocks and customary time and temperature devices.)
- 5) All ground or free standing signs shall be affixed to one or more vertical supports, with no guy wire or bracing.
- 6) No signs, other than those specifically authorized elsewhere within these regulations shall be erected within the right-of-way lines of any street, sidewalk or public way.
- 7) No sign or sign structure shall be erected at the intersection of any street or driveway in such a manner as to distract free and clear vision. Nor shall any sign be erected where it may interfere with or obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device.
- 8) Where signs are proposed for the Central Business District or any special design district the sign shall be reviewed for compliance with the established design standards/guidelines.
- 9) All permanent ground and free standing signs shall be provided with an appropriately landscaped planting bed surrounding the base of the sign consisting primarily of low growing shrubs, annuals, perennials, or ground cover except for any such area that is actively devoted to some other use.
- 10) Multiple tenant buildings or lots containing more than one tenant or occupant shall submit a unified signage program for approval before permits for new signs are issued for the site. The unified signage program is intended to insure that all signs proposed for a multi-tenant complex shall be in harmony and of a compatible shape, lettering, materials, and placement on the building(s). To this end, as a means to encourage unified signage applicants may apply for and receive modifications to these regulations as specified by Section G.
- 11) No person shall erect, install, remove, re-hang, or maintain, over public property, any sign for which a permit is required under the provisions of this regulation

until an insurance policy for public liability and property damage shall have been filed with the City with coverage in an amount satisfactory to the City's Law Director.

- 12) No sign shall be designed so that the message content can be periodically changed unless specifically permitted under the terms of these regulations.
- 13) No illegal, non-conforming sign shall be altered, reconstructed, or changed in any way unless a permit is issued by the ZEO and the sign is made to conform to the requirements of these regulations. A new name or the changing of the advertising copy or message shall be deemed to be a change. No signs described above shall be relocated unless it results in eliminating or reducing the non-conformity. Nothing shall preclude the ordinary maintenance and repair of an illegal nonconforming sign.
- 14) Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in these regulations, all signs shall pertain to the principal use, service rendered or product sold on, or immediately abutting the premises on which the sign is located, and no sign shall include advertisement, identification, publicity or notice of goods, services, establishment, enterprises, activities, persons, organizations and facilities which are not located on the premises.

D. PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following signs are prohibited:

- 1) Signs not specifically permitted under these regulations.
- 2) Signs, which do not comply with the requirements of these regulations.
- 3) Any flashing sign or device with intermittent lights with changing degrees of intensity, except for approved time and temperature displays.
- 4) Vehicular signs when the vehicle is used primarily for the purpose of such advertising display.
- 5) Signs that are illuminated to an intensity to cause glare or brightness to a degree that could constitute a hazard or a nuisance as visible from any public right-of-way, any residential districts or from adjacent properties. Specifically, the performance standards of Section 613 of these regulations shall be used to measure glare.
- 6) Signs that use any combination of forms, words, colors, or lights, which imitate standard public traffic regulation or emergency signs or signals.
- 7) Signs attached or maintained upon any tree, public or private utility pole or structure.
- 8) Signs containing any obscene, indecent or immoral matter.
- 9) A sign encroaching onto a required fire lane designated by the City's Fire Chief or designated agent.
- 10) An off-premise sign or outdoor advertising billboard except as specifically permitted by this regulation.
- 11) A sign located so as to obstruct the view of any pedestrian or motor vehicle so as to cause an unsafe condition.
- 12) A sign located so as to obstruct or impede any flue, air intake, fire escape, fire exit door, window, skylight, or exhaust or so as to impede free access by fire fighters to any part of a premises.
- 13) A sign consisting of pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners, strings of lights, or other similar devices unless otherwise permitted by these regulations.
- 14) Abandoned signs.
- 15) Portable, electric signs.
- 16) Permanent inflatable signs.

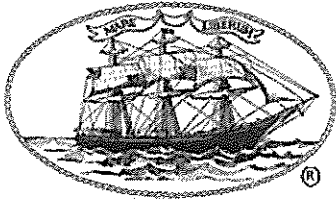
- 17) Signs located in any required buffer area.
- 18) The use of strings of lights or exposed tubes which contain luminescent inert gases to outline buildings, structures or other ornamental features, except as used on approved signs.
- 19) Roof signs, except as otherwise permitted.

H. ENFORCEMENT

- 1) The provisions of these regulations shall be administered and enforced by the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) of the City of New London.
- 2) Every sign in the City shall be maintained in a safe, presentable, and sound structural and operational condition at all times, including the replacement of nonfunctioning, broken, defective, or missing parts, painting, repainting, cleaning, and any other acts required for the maintenance of such sign. All signs and sign supports, brackets and frames shall be kept painted or otherwise treated to prevent rust, rot, or deterioration.
- 3) Signs not meeting the standards imposed by these regulations shall be subject to removal or repair as prescribed by the ZEO.
- 4) The ZEO may suspend or revoke any permit issued under the provisions of this chapter whenever it is determined that the permit is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect or false information supplied, or whenever such permit is issued in violation of any of the provisions of this regulation.
- 5) The provisions of the enforcement of these regulations shall be effective when communicated in writing to the person to whom the permit is issued, the owner of the sign or the responsible party of the premises upon which the sign is located. The ZEO shall be guided by the provisions of Section 8 – 12 of the Connecticut General Statutes as they may be amended.
- 6) Any sign, which advertises, identifies, or pertains to an activity or business no longer in existence shall be removed by the owner or lessee of the property within thirty (30) days from the time the activity ceases. Failure to do so is subject to the enforcement provisions of these regulations.
- 7) The ZEO has the authority to periodically inspect signs for which a permit has been issued in order to determine compliance with these regulations.
- 8) The ZEO may require existing signs which extend into the public right-of-way to be modified if streets are widened, or other improvements are made in the right-of-way which result in the creation of unsafe conditions.
- 9) Any sign found by the ZEO not to have been lawfully erected shall be made to conform to the requirements of these regulations.

SECTION 910 – ZONING PERMITS

No building or structure shall be erected, added to, or structurally altered, no use shall be established, and no existing building or land, whether vacant or occupied shall be converted to a different use until a Zoning Permit has been issued by the Zo or other authorized official.



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SECTION 302 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS

302.1 Sanitation. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

302.2 Grading and drainage. All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any structure located thereon.

Exception: Approved retention areas and reservoirs.

302.3 Sidewalks and driveways. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

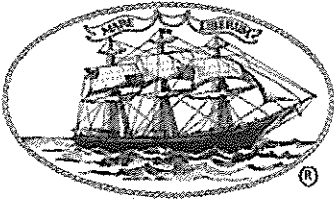
302.4 Weeds. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of ten inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

302.5 Rodent harborage. All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes which will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

302.6 Exhaust vents. Pipes, ducts, conductors, fans or blowers shall not discharge gases, steam, vapor, hot air, grease, smoke, odors or other gaseous or particulate wastes directly upon abutting or adjacent public or private property or that of another tenant.

302.7 Accessory structures. All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

302.8 Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle



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shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

302.9 Defacement of property. No person shall willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to restore said surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair.

SECTION 303 SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

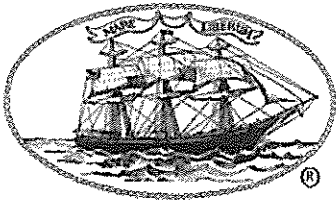
303.1 Swimming pools. Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

303.2 Enclosures. Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (1219 mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. No existing pool enclosure shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

SECTION 304 EXTERIOR STRUCTURE

304.1 General. The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

304.2 Protective treatment. All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces re-painted. All siding and masonry joints as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors, and skylights shall be maintained weather resistant and



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water tight. All metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion and all surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.

[F] 304.3 Premises identification. Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

304.4 Structural members. All structural members shall be maintained free from deterioration, and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads.

304.5 Foundation walls. All foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks and shall be kept in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.

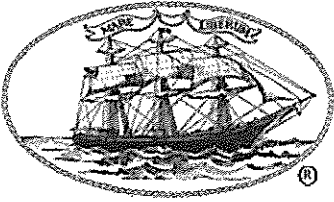
304.6 Exterior walls. All exterior walls shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weatherproof and properly surface coated where required to prevent deterioration.

304.7 Roofs and drainage. The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

304.8 Decorative features. All cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.

304.9 Overhang extensions. All overhang extensions including, but not limited to canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts shall be maintained in good repair and be properly anchored so as to be kept in a sound condition. When required, all exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

304.10 Stairways, decks, porches and balconies. Every exterior stairway, deck, porch and balcony, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, with proper anchorage and capable of supporting



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the imposed loads.

304.11 Chimneys and towers. All chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair. All exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

304.12 Handrails and guards. Every handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

304.13 Window, skylight and door frames. Every window, skylight, door and frame shall be kept in sound condition, good repair and weather tight.

304.13.1 Glazing. All glazing materials shall be maintained free from cracks and holes.

304.13.2 Openable windows. Every window, other than a fixed window, shall be easily openable and capable of being held in position by window hardware.

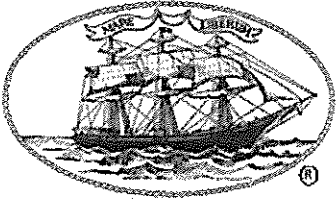
304.14 Insect screens. During the period from June 1 to October 15 every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored, shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm) and every swinging door shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

Exception: Screens shall not be required where other approved means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.

304.15 Doors. All exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Locks at all en-trances to dwelling units, rooming units and guestrooms shall tightly secure the door. Locks on means of egress doors shall be in accordance with Section 702.3.

(702.3 Locked doors. All means of egress doors shall be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort, except where the door hardware conforms to that permitted by the Building Code listed in Chapter 8.)

304.16 Basement hatchways. Every basement hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain and surface drainage water.



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304.17 Guards for basement windows. Every basement window that is openable shall be supplied with rodent shields, storm windows or other approved protection against the entry of rodents.

304.18 Building security. Doors, windows or hatchways for dwelling units, room units or housekeeping units shall be provided with devices designed to provide security for the occupants and property within.

304.18.1 Doors. Doors providing access to a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a deadbolt lock meeting specifications set forth herein. Such deadbolt locks shall be operated only by the turning of a knob or a key and shall have a lock throw of not less than 1-inch. For the purpose of this section, a sliding bolt shall not be considered an acceptable deadbolt lock. Such deadbolt locks shall be installed according to manufacturer's specifications and maintained in good working order. All deadbolt locks required by this section shall be designed and installed in such a manner so as to be operable inside of the dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit without the use of a key, tool, combination thereof or any other special knowledge or effort.

304.18.2 Windows. Operable windows located in whole or in part within 6 feet (1828 mm) above ground level or a walking surface below that provide access to a dwelling unit, rooming unit or housekeeping unit that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a window sash locking devices.

304.18.3 Basement hatchways. Basement hatchways that provide access to a dwelling unit, rooming unit or house-keeping unit that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with devices that secure the units from unauthorized entry.

Section 109.6 Hearing (page 4, line 3 of section), is amended by deleting “appeals board” and substituting “Code Enforcement Committee.”

Section 111.0 Means of Appeal (page 5), is hereby deleted and amended to read the following:

SECTION 111.0 MEANS OF APPEAL

Section 111.1 Appeals: Any person affected by any notice which has been issued in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance may request, and upon the payment of fifty dollar fee payable to the City of New London, shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Code enforcement Committee created in Section PM 111.2 of this ordinance; provided that such person shall file in the office of the Code Official a written petition requesting such hearing and setting forth a brief statement of the grounds thereof within 20 days after the day the notice was served. Upon receipt of such petition the Code Official shall notify said committee to set a time and place for such hearing and shall give the petitioner five days written notice thereof. At such hearing the petitioner shall be given the opportunity to be heard and to show why such notice should be modified, extended or withdrawn or a variance granted. The hearing shall be commenced not later than 60 days after the day on which the petition was filed. Provided that upon application of the petitioner the said committee may postpone the date of the hearing for a reasonable time beyond such 60 day period, if in its judgment the petitioner has submitted a good and sufficient reason for such postponement, but in no event shall said hearing be postponed longer than 60 days.

The member of the committee whose notice is the subject of the appeal shall not participate as a member of the committee in the hearing on such appeal.

Such hearing shall be had before a panel of five or more members of the said committee. Said panel, by a majority of the vote of those present, may sustain, modify or withdraw the notice; it may also grant an extension or variance in accordance with the following conditions:

- (1) The time performance of any act required by the notice may be extended for not more than 18 months subject to appropriate conditions and where the committee makes specific findings of fact based on evidence relating to the particular case.
 - (a) That there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of any provision of this ordinance; and
 - (b) That such extension is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance in securing public health, safety and general welfare.
- (2) A variance may be granted in a specific case from a specific provision of this subject to appropriate conditions and where the committee makes specific findings of fact based on evidence relating to the particular case;

- (a) That there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way carrying out the strict letter of the provision;
- (b) That the effect of the application of the provisions would be arbitrary to the specific case;
- (c) That an extension would not constitute an appropriate remedy for these practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships and this arbitrary effect; and
- (d) That such variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance in securing the public health, safety and general welfare.

If the notice is sustained, modified, or extended, it shall become an order as so sustained, modified, or extended. If the notice is withdrawn prior to the hearing, the fifty-dollar fee shall be returned to the petitioner. Any notice served pursuant to Section PM-107.0 of this ordinance shall automatically become an order if a written petition for a hearing is not filed in the office of the Code Official within 20 days after such notice is served.

After hearing in the case of any notice suspending any permit required by this ordinance, when such notice has been sustained by the said committee, the permit shall be deemed to have been revoked. Any such permit which has been suspended by a notice shall be deemed to be automatically revoked if a petition for hearing is not filed in the office of the Code Official within 20 days after such notice is served.

The proceedings at such hearings, including the findings, and decision of the Code Enforcement Committee, shall be summarized, reduced to writing, and entered as a matter of public record in the office of the Code Official and open to reasonable public inspection. Such record shall also include a copy of every notice or order issued in connection with the matter. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Code Official or the Code enforcement Committee may seek relief therefrom in any court of competent jurisdiction, as provided by the laws of this state.

Section 111.2 Code Enforcement Committee: There is hereby created a Code Enforcement Committee, which shall consist of the Building Official, the Fire Chief, the Fire Marshal, the Director of Health, the Chief of Police, and the Zoning Enforcement Officer. A Chairperson and a Secretary shall be appointed by said committee. Said committee shall be responsible for the coordination of all code, regulation and law enforcement activities. Any member of the committee may designate one official of his/her department to represent him at meetings of the committee.

Section 201.3 Term defined in other codes; (page 7) Is hereby amended as follows: Delete from lines 2,3, 4 and 5 the word "International" and from line 5 the initials "ICC" and the words "International Existing Building Code."

Also amended by adding to end of said section the words "listed in chapter 8."

Property Maintenance Ticket/Fine

ORDINANCE NUMBER 02-01-10-7 _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT,
RE: VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY'S AND STATE'S PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY CODES.**

WHEREAS, the City of New London (hereinafter "City") is a duly organized municipality in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted, among other ordinances, a Property Maintenance Code; and

WHEREAS, properties within the City are subject to certain Codes of the State of Connecticut, including but not limited to, the State Building Code and Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, General Statute §7-148(c)(7)(A)(i) provides that the City may make rules relating to the maintenance of safe and sanitary housing; and

WHEREAS, General Statute §29-254a provides that a violation of the State Building Code shall be fined and/or imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to protect the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens, tenants, taxpayers and guests from dwellings that violate any City codes and ordinances, or State of Connecticut codes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEW LONDON:**

Section 1. That the code of ordinances of the City of New London be amended by adding a section to be numbered _____ to read as follows:

(A) Any person who shall (1) violate any portion or provision of any City code or ordinance, or any State of Connecticut code, which violation could result in an order being given by any City code official; or (2) fail to act on or comply with any lawful order given by any City code official, shall have committed an infraction and be fined \$250.00.

(B) For purposes of this ordinance, "code official" shall be defined as being any member or agent of the City of New London Fire Department or City of New London Building Department, duly authorized to issue orders for violations of any City or State code.

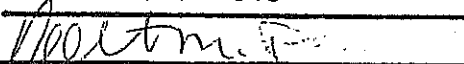
(B) This ordinance shall be enforced by (1) the City of New London Police Department, and (2) the City Manager, or his designee, jointly and severally.


Section 2. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be considered a separate violation of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of any other part of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance and the various applications thereof are declared to be severable.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after Notice of its passage is duly published.

ADOPTED: **FEB 02 2010**
SIGNED: 

MAYOR
COUNTERSIGNED: 
CITY CLERK
Michael J. Tranchida, City Clerk

Sec. 20-31 Motor Vehicles

§ 20-28.1

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necticut State Statute 7-148 and Connecticut State Statute 7-152b, subject to provisions of said statutes.

(Ord. of 6-2-86, § 1; Ord. of 7-7-86)

Editor's note—An ordinance adopted June 2, 1986, pertaining to immobilization or towing of vehicles for which there are multiple outstanding parking violations, was designated as § 20-29(a). Such provisions, as amended by an ordinance of July 7, 1986, have been codified herein as § 20-28.1 for purposes of classification and to maintain the numbering system of the Code.

Sec. 20-29. Right to tow vehicle in violation, to impose penalties.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as a limitation on the right of police to remove motor vehicles by towing for violations where such removal is provided for by ordinance or other rule or regulation, nor as a limitation on the power of the circuit court to impose penalties as provided in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. (Ord. of 6-19-61, § 3)

Sec. 20-30. Removal of vehicle obstructing traffic.

Whenever any vehicle shall be obstructing traffic, such vehicle may be removed or conveyed by or under the direction of a member of the police department by means of towing the same or otherwise to a public garage in the city, and such removal shall be at the risk of the owner; and before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from the custody of the police department, he shall furnish evidence of his identity and ownership or right to possession, shall sign a receipt for said vehicle, and shall pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), plus towing and storage charges. (Ord. of 6-20-27, § 24; Ord. of 1-3-61)

Sec. 20-31. Removal of abandoned, inoperable, or unregistered motor vehicles.

Any abandoned, inoperable, or unregistered motor vehicle within the city limits which remains unmoved for thirty (30) days after notice by the building official to the property owner on which said vehicle so remains, requesting removal of said vehicle, and notice by the building

official in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the city, may be removed and disposed of by said building official.

(Ord. of 2-15-78, § 1)

Sec. 20-32. Parking of trucks and similar vehicles in residential areas.

No commercially operated or licensed vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, or greater, nor of any weight but displaying a commercial message or sign greater than sixty (60) square inches in area, shall be parked or stored for more than four (4) hours in any residential zoned area, or on any public street abutting said zone, except as follows:

- (a) Within a completely enclosed structure;
- (b) When actively engaged in the pursuit of business, i.e. loading, unloading, installation or repair, and directly related to property located in a residential zone;
- (c) Any legally existing, nonconforming or nonresidential use, located in a residential zone, provided said vehicles are not parked or stored in the required front or side yards. An on-street parking of such vehicles shall be restricted to the abutting street frontage related to the non-residential use;
- (d) Where adequate on-site garaging or effectively visually screened parking is provided for same;
- (e) On an incidental use, not exceeding an average of once a month, when such use is in conjunction with the need for emergency repair response such as by a utility serviceman or mechanical systems repairman, or other incidental use approved by the chief of police.

In the event any such vehicle is found parked in violation of this section, a police officer or traffic safety assistant may serve upon the owner or operator of such vehicle, or attach to such vehicle, a notice directing the owner or operator thereof to appear at police headquarters of the city before the time specified in such notice. When any person shall receive such notice from the police department to appear at police headquar-