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CODE OF ORDINANCES

May 1785 through October 2017

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THE THOMPSON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Date June 16, 2010

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MISSION: Per the Thompson Plan of Conservation and Development adopted November 23, 2009. To maintain, sustain, and enhance agriculture so that it will remain a fundamental part of the Thompson landscape and economy by providing flexibility to assist in the evolution of the agricultural industry.

CHARGE/DUTIES: The Thompson Agriculture Commission shall be an advisory board with the following charges and duties:

General

- a. To foster sustainable agriculture in Thompson.
- **b.** To serve as a conduit between local farmers and non-profit agencies, civic organizations, municipal boards and commissions, elected officials, and non-farm residents.
- **c.** To advocate for agriculture before land use and other committees and commissions.
- **d.** To act as a resource for agricultural information.

Education and Outreach

- e. To increase awareness of agricultural enterprises in the community.
- **f.** To provide information to town government about agricultural laws and legal issues.
- **g.** To promote the value of agriculture viability in the areas of employment, property taxes, environment and open space preservation.
- **h.** To provide information and guidance on agriculture-related issues—such as zoning, inland wetland, public works, and others—to town departments and other boards and commissions, and other members of the community, as necessary.
- i. To support farmers by supporting local, regional, and state vocational agricultural education programs.
- **j.** To recognize and support farming operations and farms.

Conflict Resolution

k. To assist in limiting farm and non-farm conflicts

Economic Opportunities

- I. To identify opportunities for expanding agriculture in Thompson.
- **m.** To promote opportunities for residents and local businesses to support farming
- **n.** To provide information regarding available financial support related to agricultural viability.
- **o.** To foster a climate that supports agricultural viability in Thompson.

ELECTED/APPOINTED: Appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

MEMBERSHIP: The Agriculture Commission will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. Insofar as practical, members appointed shall be representative of all groups interested in the management, protection, and regulation of agriculture as defined by Connecticut General Statutes 1-1q, as amended, particularly those directly involved in agriculture. The initial appointments to the Commission shall be as follows: One (1) member to be appointed for a term of one (1) year; one (1) member to be appointed for a term of two (2) years; one (1) member to be appointed for a term of three (3) years; one (1) member to be appointed for a term of four (4) years; and one (1) member to be appointed for a term of five (5) years. Alternate members shall be appointed initially in the same manner: One (1) alternate member to be appointed for a term of one (1) year; one (1) alternate member to be appointed for a term of two (2) years; one (1) alternate member to be appointed for a term of three (3) years; one (1) alternate member to be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Thereafter each new appointment shall be for a term of five (5) years, except that, vacancies occurring for any reason, appointments may be made to fill the unexpired portion of such term. A meeting to elect a chair, vice chair and a secretary shall occur annually. Each December a schedule of meetings for the upcoming year shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-001

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR LOITERING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

September 30, 1976

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Section 1 — It shall be unlawful for any person to consume, or possess any unsealed container of any alcoholic beverages on any public property or property used by the public in general within the Town of Thompson including streets, highways, parks, cemeteries, and municipal buildings without having previously been granted permission by the person in charge of said property to do so.

<u>Section 2</u> — It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter, or remain in or upon or leave any motor vehicle in or upon, any municipal property, including parks and school yards, or within any cemetery with the Town of Thompson between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, without having previously been granted permission to do so.

<u>Section 3</u> — Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine, as provided in the Code of Ordinance. See Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule.

AMBULANCE-TYPE MOTOR VEHICLES Exempted from Personal Property Taxation

April 1, 1996

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, pursuant to 12-81c of the Connecticut General Statutes, there is exempted from personal property taxation any ambulance-type motor vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual, except any such vehicle used to transport any such individual for profit.

The Town of Thompson ambulance service run & operated by the Town of Thompson local fire departments are exempted from taxation on ambulance type vehicles.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-003

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

October 3, 1966 February 13, 2017 Vol. 1968, Page 368 Vol. 12, Page 768

The ordinance regarding the Annual Town Meeting as initially adopted at Special Town Meeting on August 29, 1972 and February 13, 1986, regarding the date of the Annual Budget Meeting is hereby amended & restated to read as follows:

RESOLVED by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, the Annual Town Meeting for Budget Purposes of the Town of Thompson shall be held on the first Monday of May in each year.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-004

BINGO PERMITS

February 19, 1951

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As the result of complaints made to the Board of Selectmen regarding Bingo Permits, a meeting was held at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, February 19, 1951 at 10:00 AM and the following rules were unanimously adopted:

- 1. Bingo permits will be issued ONLY to and for the benefit of local organizations.
- 2. Permits will be issued on "First Come, First Served" basis.
- 3. No more than one (1) permit will be issued for each day of the week.
- 4. Permits will be issued strictly in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

BUDGET

September 29, 1997 March 12, 2008

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RESOLVED, the Town of Thompson shall send all future combined annual budgets which would increase the mill rate greater than two percent (2%) to a referendum for approval.

RESOLVED, the Town of Thompson shall send all future appropriations greater than fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, except for the Annual Budget, to a referendum for approval.

RESOLVED, the Town of Thompson shall be required to separate the Board of Education and Town Government budget whenever the combined Annual Budget is sent to a referendum for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that any appropriation or supplemental appropriation to an existing appropriation if in excess of twenty thousand and 00/100ths (\$20,000.00) dollars, shall be approved by the Board of Finance and Town Meeting, but any such appropriation, regardless of amount shall be exempt from the referendum requirements of Article 2 of the September 29, 1997 Budget Resolution, provided such appropriation is funded entirely by grant, reimbursement, or other revenue sources exclusive of Town taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-006

BUILDING PERMITS FOR WHICH REAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT

December 26, 1998

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BE IT ORDAINED, that pursuant to Section 7-14(c) (2)B, of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following procedure is established authorizing the withholding of the issuance of building permits upon any property as to which taxes are delinquent:

- 1. The Tax Collector shall transmit to the Building Official and the Zoning Enforcement Officer of the Town a list of all delinquent property taxes, identifying thereon the property owner(s) and address of each such property. The Tax Collector shall compile and transmit such list as soon as reasonably possible after August 1 and February 1 of each year.
- 2. The Building Official shall issue no building permit as to any property on such list until the property owner(s) has provided satisfactory evidence of payment of the delinquent taxes shown on such list.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Building Official may issue a building permit to protect the health and safety of the public or occupants in case of emergency even though there are taxes due on the property.

1. Contact the Building Department for current building permit fees.

BULL HILL RECREATION AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF

August 28, 1986

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The ordinance that the Town of Thompson adopted August 28, 1986 regarding the Bull Hill Recreation Area, is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

A. No person shall possess, consume or transport into the Bull Hill Recreation Area any alcoholic beverages or intoxicating spirits;

B. No person shall possess or transport into the Bull Hill Recreation Area any firearm specifically including by way of example but not of limitation to pistols, rifles, shotguns, air-rifles, and pellet guns;

C. No person shall enter the Bull Hill Recreation Area with a motor vehicle expressly including cars, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, dirt bikes, etc. without an express permit from the Board of Selectmen or an approved scheduled event;

D. No person shall enter into or remain in the Bull Hill Recreation Area after 8:00 10:00 PM or before 6:00 AM.

E. For the first violation of this ordinance there shall be a fine, as provided in the Code of Ordinance, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-008

Ordinance Creating an Agency of Town Government to be known as ~ "THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY"

June 8, 1977 October 11, 2017 Vol. 8, Page 577 Vol. 12, Page 794

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson this 8th day of June 1977 that there shall be created an Agency of Town Government to be known as the "Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency" (herein after referred to as EMHSA). Said agency shall be under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (herein after referred to as the Emergency Management Director). Such Emergency Management Director shall be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Thompson. During times of emergency, Constables of the Town of Thompson will report to and take direction from the Emergency Management Director as provided for in Ordinance 10-012.

The Emergency Management Director will serve at the will of the Chief Executive Officer and may be removed by the Chief Executive Officer at any time.

The Emergency Management Director of the EMHSA is a staff person reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Thompson, and shall perform the following:

- 1. Advise the Chief Executive Officer on matters pertaining to Civil Preparedness and Disaster Emergency operations.
- Coordinate the activities of all Town agencies in Disaster Emergency situations but in no case will the Emergency Management Director assume command of any agency or department other than the EMHSA, unless directly ordered to do so by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 3. Coordinate the activities of all EMHSA forces, and will be responsible for the recruitment and training of needed EMHSA personnel.
- 4. Assist the Chief Executive Officer in the preparation and updating of Town Emergency Operations Plans and Standard Operating Procedures.
- 5. Maintain contact with the Emergency Management Homeland Security area office designated for the Town of Thompson and will cooperate with the State Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in preparation of required reports, procedures, and other necessary paperwork to ensure the Town is receiving all possible funding, equipment, and other benefits available to the Town through State and Federal agencies.

The mission of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is to utilize effective planning, training, and coordination to provide a comprehensive and integrated emergency management system that coordinates community resources to protect lives, property, and the environment through mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from all natural and man-made hazards that may impact the Town of Thompson.

The Director will perform such other EMHSA related functions as may, from time to time, be assigned by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Thompson.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-001

CODE OF ORDINANCES

August 17, 2011

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Section 1-1 ~ General Penalty

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provisions of this Code, and where no specific penalty is provided therein, the violation of any provision of this Code shall be punishable by a fine as listed in the Fee and/or Fine Schedule. Each day any such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

Section 1-2 ~ Citations for Violations of Ordinances

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-152(c) of the Connecticut General Statues, as amended, the Town of Thompson hereby adopts the provisions authorized by the aforementioned Section 7-152(c) and hereby establishes a Citation Hearing procedure as follows:

- a) **Hearing Officers:** The First Selectman shall appoint one (1) or more Citation Hearing Officers for a term of office which shall run concurrent with the Selectmen's term. No person who serves as an active police officer or Town employee or person who issues citations shall serve as a Citation Hearing Officer.
- b) **Notice of Citation:** The municipality, acting by the First Selectman or the First Selectman's designee, shall at any time within twelve (12) months from the expiration of the final period for uncontested payment of a fine, penalty, cost, or fee for any citation issued under any ordinance adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-148 or Section 22(a)-226(d) or other relevant statute or ordinance for an alleged violation thereof, shall send notice to the person therein cited. Such notice shall contain a minimum of the following information:
 - 1) The allegations against the person so cited, together with the amount of the fines, penalties, costs, or fees due.
 - 2) The fact that the person may contest his or her liability before a Citation Hearing Officer by delivery in person or by mail of a written notice within ten (10) days from the date of the herein specified notice.
 - 3) That if a hearing is not demanded, an assessment and judgment shall be entered as of course.
 - 4) Any such judgment may issue without further notice to the individual.
 - 5) Payment of such fines, penalties, and costs shall be made to the Office of the First Selectman, or the First Selectman's designee, in person or by mail. Such payment shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who does not deliver or mail written demand for a hearing within twenty (20) days of the date of the initial notice as provided herein, shall be deemed to have admitted liability and the designated municipal officer shall certify such person's failure to respond to the Citation Hearing Officer. The Citation Hearing Officer shall thereupon enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees, provided for by the applicable ordinance and shall follow the procedures set forth herein and in Section 7-152(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 - 6) Any person who requests a hearing within the time specified in this ordinance will be given written notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing, which shall be held not less that fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the notice, subject to reasonable requests for good cause shown for continuance or postponement by any interested party. The original or a certified copy of the initial notice of violation shall be filed and retained by the municipality and shall be deemed to be a business record within the scope of Section 52-180 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and

evidence of the facts contained therein. The accused shall have the right to request the issuing official or police officer be present at the hearing and such individual shall in fact be present at the hearing if so requested. At such hearing the accused may appear and present evidence on his or her own behalf and a designated municipal official other than the Citation Hearing Officer may present evidence on behalf of the issuing official or the municipality. Any person who fails to appear may be defaulted and an assessment by default entered against him or her upon a finding of proper notice and liability under applicable statutes or ordinances. The hearing shall be conducted as set forth in Section 7-152(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Citation Hearing Officer shall announce his or her decision at the termination of the hearing.

- c) Notice of Assessment \sim If the assessment is not paid as of the date of its entry, the Citation Hearing Officer shall send by first class mail a notice assessment to the person found liable and shall file not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice assessment with the Clerk of the Superior Court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator within the boundaries of the Judicial District in which the municipality is located, together with the current & applicable entry fee. A certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record of assessment and the Clerk of the Superior Court shall enter judgment in the amount of such record of assessment and current & applicable Court costs & entry fee against such person in favor of the municipality. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Citation Hearing Officer's assessment, when so entered as a judgment shall have the affect of a civil money judgment and a levy of execution on such judgment may be made without further notice to such person.
- d) **Appeal** ~ There shall exist a right of appeal in favor of any person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance. An appeal shall be instituted within thirty (30) days of the mailing of notice of such assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case pursuant to Section 52-259 of the Connecticut General Statues in the Superior Court for the geographical area in which such municipality is located, which shall entitle such person to a hearing in accordance with the rules of the Judges of the Superior Court.
- e) **Violations; Penalties** ~ The following ordinances shall be enforceable by citation pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, in addition to any other penalties contained in the

respective ordinances and in the respective amounts specified as fine, fee, or penalty.

Where required by State Statute or written ordinance, a written notice shall be given prior to the issuance of a citation for a violation of any of the aforementioned ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-009

ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

August 24, 1970 February 13, 2017 Vol. 8, Page 148 Vol. 12, Page 768

The ordinance regarding Conflicts of Interest by municipal employees and officials of the Town of Thompson as initially adopted at Special Town Meeting August 24, 1970 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

No employee of the Town of Thompson elected or appointed official or member of any Town board, commission, or committee shall:

1) Participate in any manner concerning the Town by contract or otherwise in which the individual has a personal financial interest specifically including any contract or purchase order for supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services furnished to or to be used by the Town or any Town board or agency;

2) No employee or public official as herein defined shall accept from any person, firm, or corporation to which a contract or purchase order may be awarded, any rebate gift or financial consideration or anything in value whatsoever;

- 3) The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be set as a fine pursuant to the ordinance fee schedule and/or fine schedule. Further, in an appropriate case, the Board of Selectmen shall have the power to cancel or void any purchase order or contract executed in violation of this ordinance;
- 4) This ordinance shall not apply in the following instances: a) to any unpaid volunteer who serves on a temporary or advisory board provided such individual shall have no participation in the award or recommendation of any project or public work; b) any project which is publically bid provided the individual bidding the project is an unpaid officer or public official and provided further that said individual did not participate in any way in either preparing the specifications or bid documents or supervising the project subject to bid; c) the provisions of this ordinance may be waived by a unanimous vote of the full Board of Selectmen in appropriate circumstances wherein the Board determines that the waiver is in the best interest of the Town of Thompson and the written request for the waiver, an explanation of the circumstances, and the vote of the full Board of Selectmen shall be entered in the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen as a public document.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>10-010</u>

FEE FOR COMPUTER DATABASE

November 29, 2001

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The ordinance initially adopted by the Town of Thompson November 29, 2001 regarding computer fee data base is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The fee for the use of the Town of Thompson computer data base developed pursuant to 12-62F (CAMA System) is hereby set at three cents (\$.03) per listing subject to the provisions of 7-148r of the Connected General Statutes, as amended and the Freedom of Information act. Such fee may be amended based upon the recommendation of the Town Assessor and approval by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Be it resolved that the Town of Thompson hereby rescinds Ordinance No. 10-011 entitled Conservation Commission & Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission and adopts in its place the following two ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-011A

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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History: On February 26, 1973 a five (5) member Conservation Commission was established by ordinance, pursuant to the terms of Section 7-131a of the Connecticut General Statutes, (revision of 1958), as amended. On May 20, 1974 the establishing ordinance was amended to increase the membership of the Conservation Commission to nine (9) members and to designate it as the Inland Wetlands Agency for the town of Thompson and authorize it to issue appropriate regulations to govern the use of inland wetlands. On April 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was amended to establish a separate Inland Wetlands Commission with members of the Conservation Commission initially continuing to serve as members of the Inland Wetlands Commission with the same terms as the existing Conservation Commission, and that it was not a condition for appointment or reappointment to either agency in the future that the individual is a member of the other agency. This amendment was effective June 1, 2005. On July 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was again amended reducing the membership of the Conservation Commission from nine (9) members to seven (7) members. On

August 17, 2011 the establishing ordinance and its amendments were codified into town Ordinance No. 10-011.

Membership: The Conservation Commission shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the First Selectman for staggered terms of five (5) years. The First Selectman shall fill all vacancies in the membership of the Conservation Commission and may remove any member for cause.

Powers and Duties: The Conservation Commission shall have all powers and duties identified in Section 7-131a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-011B

INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

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History: On May 20, 1974 the establishing ordinance for the Conservation Commission was, among other things, amended to designate it as the inland wetlands agency for the town of Thompson and authorize it to issue appropriate regulations to govern the use of inland wetlands. On April 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was amended to establish a separate Inland Wetlands commission with members of the Conservation Commission initially continuing to serve as members of the Inland Wetlands Commission with the same terms as the existing Conservation Commission, and that it was not a condition for appointment or reappointment to either agency in the future that the individual is a member of the other agency. This amendment was effective June 1, 2005. On July 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was again amended reducing the membership of the Inland Wetlands Commission from nine (9) members to seven (7) members. On August 17, 2011 the establishing ordinance and its amendments were codified into Town Ordinance #10-011.

Membership and Appointment: The Inland Wetlands Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be electors of Thompson, residing in said town and who shall not be an employee of any town office, to be appointed by the Thompson Board of Selectmen for staggered terms of five (5) years beginning on March 15th wherein no more than two (2) terms expire in the same calendar year.

The Thompson Board of Selectmen shall fill all vacancies in the membership of the Inland Wetland Commission and may remove any member for just cause. The absence of any Inland Wetland Commission member for four (4) consecutive meetings may be one (1) of the causes for removal from the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Powers and Duties: The Inland Wetland Commission shall adopt regulations in conformity with the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for the protection of wetlands and watercourses and shall serve as the sole agent for the licensing of regulated activities pursuant to such regulations, giving due consideration to the standards set forth in Sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes (the Act), and shall provide for the manner in which boundaries of inland wetland areas of Thompson shall be established and amended, changed, or proposed in accordance with the Act, as amended.

The Inland Wetlands Commission has the authority to:

- Publish such regulations in accordance with the Act as are necessary to protect the inland wetlands and watercourses or any of them individually or collectively;
- 2) Consult and retain various professionals for the purposes of rendering legal, financial, technical, or other assistance and advice in furtherance of any of its purposes, specifically including but not limited to, soil scientists of the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service for the purpose of making onsite interpretations, evaluations, and findings as to soil types and/or utilize the services of such other Town officials and employees as it may deem appropriate, in conformance with established budget processes;
- 3) Advise, consult, and cooperate with agencies of the municipality, region, state, and federal government, other states and with persons and municipalities in the furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance; to this end, all applications for building permits, subdivision plans, or other permits which involve or may involve regulated activities in an inland wetland or watercourse made to any other Thompson board or commission shall be subject to review by the Inland Wetlands Commission;
- 4) Encourage, participate in or conduct studies, investigations, research and demonstrations, and collect and disseminate information relating to the purposes of this ordinance;
- 5) Inventory or index the inland wetlands and watercourses in such form, including pictorial representations and list of plant species, as the Inland Wetlands Commission deems best suited to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance; and
- 6) Develop comprehensive programs in furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance;
- 7) Exercise all incidental powers necessary to enforce regulations and to carry out the purposes of this ordinance.

THOMPSON CONSTABLES

June 18, 2007 October 11, 2017 Vol. 12, Page 232 Vol. 12, Page 793

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, that the following ordinance is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

- A. Pursuant to the provision of Section 9-185 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Constables shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson.
- B. The number of Constables appointed will be a maximum of twelve (12), their qualifications & duties shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson. The Constables will report to and take direction from the Chief Executive Officer. During an emergency, Constables will report to and take direction from the Emergency Management Director. At least three (3) Constables shall be appointed from each political party which is a major political party as defined in paragraph (b) of Section 5 of Section 9-372 of the Connecticut General Statues, as amended. The appointment of a Constable shall be for a two (2) year term.
- C. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson shall have the right with or without cause, to terminate the tern of office of any Constable should they deem it in the best interest of the Town of Thompson.
- D. All appointed Constables shall be electors of the Town of Thompson, residing in said Town.
- E. The Constables shall attend State Traffic School for training & other traffic related duties.
- F. The Constables shall also attend Training for Emergency Operations.
- G. An emergency for the purposes of this ordinance shall exist only upon certification of such an emergency by the Chief Executive Officer and during such emergency, the Emergency Management Director shall report directly to the Chief Executive Officer and to the extent practical keep the Chief Executive Officer apprised of all developments and activities.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-013

NORTHEAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

March 24, 1987

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WHEREAS, a Joint Committee of the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and the Northeastern Connecticut Town Administrators Association has found that a strengthened Regional Planning Organization is needed to assist the

ten (10) towns in he Northeastern Connecticut Planning Region in dealing effectively with regional issues; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee of the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and the Northeastern Connecticut Town Administrators' Association has found that a Regional Council of governments will provide the most effective organization for: addressing pressing regional issues resulting from increased growth and development; functioning as a an advocate of its member towns on matters relating to the State and Federal Governments; coordinating the delivery of shared services to it's member towns; and

WHEREAS, the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and the Northeastern Connecticut Town Administrators Association have recommended that a Regional Council of Governments be formed and that regional planning should be given equal importance with implementation by assuring that equal status is given to the Council's Regional Planning Commission in the preparation of the Council of Government's Annual Work Program and Budget; therefore

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town of Thompson does hereby adopt Sections 4-124(i) though 4-124(p) of the Connecticut General Statutes, *as amended*, providing for the formation of a Regional Council of Governments, and does hereby join such Regional Council of Governments when and as such Council is duly established in accordance with said statutes, upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty (60%) percent of all municipalities within the Northeastern Connecticut Planning Region as defined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his designee and upon certification by the Secretary of the Office of policy and management or his designee that a Regional council of Governments has been duly established.

When the Regional Council of Governments is duly established and the transition period called for in Section 4-124-1(c) of the Connecticut General Statues, as amended, has been completed, then the Town does hereby rescind the ordinance of August 3, 1967 and any amendments thereto that created the Town's participation in the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-014

DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

March 18, 1980 Vol. 9, Page 173

The Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of Town owned real estate property subject to the following conditions:

A. Any real estate having a fair market value in excess of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars shall not be disposed of without the advice and consent of the Town Planning Commission. In any situation in which it appears that any town department may be able to use such real estate property for the benefit

of the Town, the Planning Agency shall recommend that such property be retained.

B. In those situations where the Planning Agency approves disposition and it is proposed to permanently transfer such real estate property, the Selectmen shall publish a notice soliciting bids for any proposed sale.

C. The approval of the voters at a Town Meeting will be required to override the recommendation of the Planning agency in approving or denying a proposed disposition.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-053

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

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The ordinance regarding regulating driveways for the purpose of providing safe and structurally adequate access onto streets as initially adopted December 20, 1988 and as amended November 14, 1989, March 18, 2004, and January 27, 2010 at Special Town Meeting is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

SECTION 1 - DEFINITION

Applicant: The term "Applicant" refers to the person proposing a driveway.

Attorney Approval: Any and all bonds with surety, agreements, deed, or such other documents required by these regulations shall be in such form as may be approved by the Town Attorney.

Board: The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, or their authorized representative.

<u>Certificate of Occupancy:</u> A document issued by the Building Official allowing the occupancy or approval of a building or structure and certifying that the structure or use has been constructed and will be used in compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, and regulations.

<u>Commission:</u> The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut, or their authorized representative.

Driveway: An access onto or an egress from an approved Town street.

<u>Person:</u> Includes corporations, partnerships, firms, associations, or any other entity. <u>Road Standards:</u> Shall mean the standards and specifications set forth in the Public Improvement specifications prepared by the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments.

<u>Street:</u> Any Town owned way constructed for and dedicated to movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Town: The Town of Thompson, Connecticut.

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

It is the declared purpose of this ordinance to regulate driveways for the purpose of providing safe and structurally adequate access onto streets.

SECTION 3 – PROCEDURE.

- **3.1** Application shall be made to the Board on a form provided by the Board. A plan review and fee, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule must accompany the application. The Board may require additional information from the applicant or changes in the plan. If the driveway cannot be constructed to meet the required standards the application will be denied. The applicant will be issued a Driveway Construction Permit only if all the required standards are met. The Driveway Construction Permit shall be shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of Board issuance and shall expire one (1) year from date of issuance.
- **3.2** Construction may start only after issuance of the Driveway Construction Permit. The Board must be notified two (2) working days in advance of: the start of construction; finishing the sub-grade, finishing the base; and surfacing. The Board will then inspect the work at each phase.
- **3.3** Final Approval of the driveway will be issued by the Board when all work is completed in accordance with the standards as verified by the inspections. No Certificate of Occupancy will be issued until the Board issues its final approval of the driveway.

SECTION 4 - STANDARDS

- **4.1** The Road Standards shall be followed as they apply to driveways, see Figures 4 and 5 of the Residential Driveway Details.
- **4.2** Driveways shall intersect streets at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees and shall be located and designed with satisfactory sightlines along the subject State or Town road. Driveways must comply with the minimum State recommended sight distances for the established speed limit when entering a State highway and shall have a minimum sight distance of two hundred and seventy-five (275) feet when entering a Town road. In the event that a particular property cannot meet the sight line requirements of this ordinance due to unusual topography or field conditions, the Selectmen's Office may issue a permit upon a showing by the applicant that the proposed location of the driveway conforms as much as possible to the intentions of the ordinance and is the best and safest location possible for the particular site in question. The determination of the best and safest location or a driveway under these circumstances shall be solely upon the applicant.
- **4.3** All driveways shall have a minimum right-of-way width of fifty (50) feet or such lesser distance as authorized by the Town of Thompson Planning and Zoning regulations. This does not apply to existing lots of record that do not meet right-of-way width requirements.

- 4.4 All driveways shall be constructed with a base and surface adequate to support 50,000 pounds of firefighting vehicles and shall not exceed a slope of twelve (12%)
- 4.5 Driveways in excess of one hundred and fifty (150) feet in length shall have a base of six (6) inches of bank run gravel and two (2) inches of processed gravel on a firm roadbed. They shall have minimum width of twelve (12) feet, a height clearance of twelve (12) feet and minimum turning radius of forty (40) feet. Turnaround provisions are recommended to be made near the house of each private
- 4.6 Side slopes of a driveway fill section shall not exceed a slope of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3:1) unless retaining walls or other suitable stabilizing provisions are utilized. Guardrails, guidepost, headwalls, flared ends or wider driveway widths shall be used when steep side slopes or culvert crossings present safety hazards or future maintenance problems. Driveway culverts in the Town right-of-way shall be maintained by the private property owner.
- 4.7 A paved apron, extending from the street edge at least twenty (20) feet in length and fifteen (15) feet in width is required. The pavement shall be minimum three (3) inches thick bituminous concrete.
- 4.8 Driveways shall be designed to prevent storm-water flows from entering a Town street and, wherever possible, the Town right-of-way. Privately owned and maintained drainage diversion swales, detention areas, and/or dry wells shall be utilized to the greatest extent possible. Culverts, with a minimum diameter of fifteen (15) inches shall be used when crossing town drainage ways. Wherever a private swale or private detention area is utilized in diverting driveway water from the Town right-of-way, the owner of the subject lot(s) shall be responsible for maintaining the swale or detention area and any culverts in accordance with the approved design.

SECTION 5 - JURISDICTION: Board of Selectmen

Policy regulating the construction and alteration of driveway aprons on Town roads.

- 1. No person, company, or corporation shall construct an access road-cut including but not limited to timber tree harvesting, the removal of soils/gravel/stone, etc. or alter any residential access or driveway apron from any Town road without the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Any property owner or their authorized agent seeking such approval shall file an application for a permit with the Building Official who shall respond to the application within five (5) business days. The line of sight for the driveway permit application shall be inspected & approved by the Town of Thompson Public Works Director. A report shall be created by the Building Office & forwarded to the Board of Selectmen on a monthly basis.
- 2. Sight lines are outlined in Driveway Ordinance Section 4 Standards shall be adequate to satisfy all applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations.
- 3. The driveway apron or access road-cut including but not limited to timber tree harvesting, the removal of soils/gravel/stone, etc. shall be constructed in such a manner that it will not interfere with the existing drainage, the movement of traffic or the removal of snow from the Town road.

- 4. The owner and his/her contractor shall be responsible for all claims of damage resulting from the construction or alteration of the driveway apron, including but not limited to a access road-cut for timber tree harvesting, removal of soils/gravel/stone,
- 5. Where existing excavations or fills within the Town's right-of-way endanger the life of existing trees or other growth, or stones exist as obstacles to access or egress from the property , such obstacles, trees, or growth shall be removed at the owner's
- 6. The owner of record or his/her contractor shall repair any disturbed areas within the Towns right-of-way.
- 7. The access road-cut and/or driveway apron contractor shall provide the Town with a certificate of insurance.
- 8. The owner or contractor is allowed nine (9) months from issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy to complete the driveway apron and repair any damage or disturbance to the Town's right-of-way. If the work is not completed within the time period, the bond shall be forfeited.
- 9. A non-interest bearing escrow account has been established for the purpose of holding deposits in the amount of, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, during non-construction months for individuals who are unable to complete their driveway at this time in accordance with the Town of Thompson's Driveway Ordinance.

SECTION 6 - VIOLATION

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, for each offense. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense and be subjected to separate punishment.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-015

ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

February 10, 1000	
February 10, 1998	
September 24, 1998	Vol. 11, Page 151
June 18, 2007	Vol. 11, Page 180
October 28, 2015	Vol. 12, Page 233
200001 20, 2013	Vol. 12, Page 701

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinance enacted October 24, 1960 creating a Municipal Development and Industrial Commission as amended by the Amendment adopted February 10, 1981, February 10, 1998, September 24, 1998, & June 18, 2007, is hereby amended & restated as follows:

The Town of Thompson hereby adopts and accepts the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-136 authorizing the creation of a Municipal Economic Development Commission to be known as the Thompson Economic Development Commission.

The members shall have all the power and duties as set forth in the Connecticut General Statues for municipal economic development commissions and any vacancy in membership of the commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the chief executive authority as provided for in Section 7-136 of the Connecticut General Statues, as amended.

The Economic Development Commission shall have two (2) alternate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the first with a term expiring December 31, 2008 & their successors shall each be appointed to two (2) year terms expiring December 31st of the respective odd or even numbered year.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinance establishing an Economic Development Commission dated February 10, 1998 be amended by decreasing the authorized number of members from seven (7) to five (5) members and two (2) alternate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the two (2) year terms of the members shall be staggered every other year.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-016

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

August 17, 2011

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Any complaintant shall report any violation of this Code of Ordinances to the First Selectmen, the Board of Selectmen will order and direct the appropriate agent to investigate the possible violation and report their findings back to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall then take appropriate action.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-002

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR FARM BUILDINGS

September 22, 2011

Vol. 12, Page 507

Be it ordained by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, the following ordinance is hereby adopted.

Pursuant to the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 12-91(c), the Town of Thompson hereby provides an exemption from property tax for each eligible building, to the extent of an assessed value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) used, actually and exclusively in farming, as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-1(q). Such exemption shall not apply to any residence of such farmer and shall be subject to the application and qualification

process provided in the Connecticut General Statues, Section 12-91(d), this ordinance to be effective with assessment years beginning October 1, 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-003

ORDINANCE DOUBLING EXEMPTIONS OF FARM MACHINERY FROM TAX

September 22, 2011

Vol. 12, Page 507

Be it ordained by Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, the following ordinance is hereby adopted.

Pursuant to the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes 12-91(b), the Town of Thompson hereby provides an additional exemption from property tax for all farm machinery qualified for exemption under section (a) of said statute to the extent of an additional assessed valued of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), subject to the same limitations as the exemption provided under subsection (a) and further subject to the application and qualification process provided in subsection (d) of said statute, this ordinance to be effective with assessment years beginning October 1, 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-017

FEES AND/OR FINES

August 17, 2011

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There shall be a schedule of fines and fees for any violation of this Code of Ordinances including any citations issued pursuant to 7-152(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to set an initial schedule of fees for any ordinance which does not specify an appropriate fine or fee and the Board of Selectmen is further authorized to review and modify the list of fees and fines in the December immediately following each by an municipal election. Such fees may be modified by 2/3 vote of the Board of Selectmen or appropriate town board or commission authorized by state statute. The initial fee or fine and any subsequent changes shall be filed in the Code of Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-018

BOARD OF FINANCE

March 3, 1952

Vol. 6, Page 96

To establish a Board of Finance in the Town of Thompson in accordance with Section 772 of the Connecticut General Statutes, (1949 Revision), as amended.

ORDINANCE OF ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE THOMPSON FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, INC., WEST THOMPSON FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY, INC., QUINEBAUG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., EAST THOMPSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

March 18, 2004 June 18, 2007

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PURPOSE – In recognition of the benefits provided to the Town of Thompson by the dedicated service of the five (5) volunteer Fire Companies and their personnel, the Town of Thompson hereby establishes a tax abatement program pursuant to Public Act 99-272, Section 6, of the Connecticut General Statues, as amended. For the volunteer fire and ambulance personnel of the conditions outlined below.

<u>ELIGIBILITY</u> — Members of the Thompson Fire Engine Company, Inc., West Thompson Fire Department, Inc., Community Fire Company, Inc., Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and the East Thompson Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. who pay property tax in the Town of Thompson shall be eligible when meeting the following criteria:

- 1. To be eligible to receive the base tax abatement, a member must meet one (1) of the three (3) requirements listed below.
 - A. Any regular member who attends a minimum of 25% of each year's emergency calls, 25% of fire department training and meeting requirements as prescribed by the by-laws of their volunteer fire company (requirements calculated from January 1st-December 31st of previous year) entitles a member to a base seventy hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollar tax abatement.
 - B. Any ambulance duty crew personnel serving one (1) night a week for a minimum of ten (10) months per year shall be entitles to a base seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollar tax abatement (requirements calculated from January 1st-December 31st of previous year).
 - C. Any active life member (as per By-Laws) who attends a minimum of 25% of the years meetings, fire company functions, and training requirements as prescribed by the By-Laws of their Volunteer Fire Company (requirements calculated from January 1st-December 31st of previous year) shall be eligible for a seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollar tax abatement.
- 2. Any regular member certified by the State of Connecticut at or above the level of Firefighter I, Emergency Medial Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, or Fire Police (only for those designated by the chief) shall be eligible for an additional two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollar for each category of certification achieved. The amount may be cumulative, but the total tax

- abatement to an individual may not exceed the statutory limit of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for any year. However, a member that does not meet the base eligibility requirement notes in item one (1) is not eligible for any tax abatement for that year regardless of certifications.
- 3. A. Any regular or active life member who met all of the requirements of items 1 or 2 of this ordinance but who has died either in the year of qualification after having met the qualification or prior to July 1st of the following year when the abatement would have been applied, said abatement for that specific year shall be applied to the property which would have qualified for the abatement should the individual have survived provided it is still owned by the survivor or his or her estate.
 - B. If any regular or active life member who met all of the requirements of items 1 or 2 of this ordinance should become so disabled that he or she is unable to discharge their duties as a volunteer as defined in the ordinance, he or she shall be entitled to receive the benefit of the abatement for the initial year of their disability.

ADMINISTRATION – The Chief(s) of the individual volunteer fire companies shall submit a notarized list of all eligible members as well as their respective level of tax abatement to the Tax collector of Town of Thompson, no later than March 1^{st} , to be eligible for a tax abatement for the following July 1^{st} grand list. This ordinance shall only be applicable to residential and personally owned property.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to imply that if an eligible member has less tax liability than their permitted amount of tax abatement, that they are entitled to receive any additional funds from the Town of Thompson under this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-020

UNIFORM FISCAL YEAR

June 20, 1966

Vol. 1958, Page 356

An ordinance adopting the provision of Chapter 100 of the Connecticut General Statutes, (Revision of 1958), as amended, creating of Uniform Fiscal Year from July 1 to June 30, commencing July 1, 1967.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-001

FRACKING ORDINANCE

October 11, 2017

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Town of Thompson Ordinance prohibiting the storage, disposal, or use of waste from oil and gas exploration or extraction activities, or any derivative thereof, in the Town of Thompson, Connecticut.

Section 1: Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

APPLICATION: The physical act of placing or spreading or allowing natural gas waste or oil waste on any road, real property, or water ways located within the Town of Thompson.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: The fracturing of underground rock formations, including shale and non-shale formations, by man-made fluid driven technique for the purpose of stimulating oil, natural gas, or other subsurface hydrocarbons production.

NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES: All geologic or geophysical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of natural gas, including, but not limited to, core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

NATURAL GAS WASTE:

- a) Any liquid or solid waste or its constituents, that is generated as a result of natural gas extraction activities, which may consist of water, brine, chemicals, heavy metals, or other naturally occurring radioactive materials, contaminants;
- b) Leachate from solid wastes associated with natural gas extraction activities;
- c) Any waste that is generated as a result of or in association with the underground storage of natural gas;
- d) Any waste that is generated as a result of or in association with liquefied petroleum gas well storage operations; and
- e) Any products or byproducts resulting from the treatment, processing, or modification of any of the above wastes.

OIL EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES: All geologic or geophysical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of oil, including, but not limited to, core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

OIL WASTE:

- a) Any liquid or solid waste or its constituents that is generated as a result of oil extraction activities, which may consist of water, brine, chemicals, naturally occurring radioactive materials, heavy metals, or other contaminants;
- b) Leachate from solid wastes associated with oil extraction activities; and

c) Any products or byproducts resulting from the treatment, processing, or modification of any of the above wastes.

TOWN: The Town of Thompson.

Section 2: Prohibitions

- a) The application of natural gas waste or oil waste, whether or not such waste has received Beneficial Use Determination or other approval for use by DEEP (Department of Energy & Environmental Protection) or any other regulatory body, on any road, real property, or water ways located within the Town for any purpose is prohibited.
- b) The introduction of natural gas waste or oil waste into any solid waste facility within or operated by the Town is prohibited.
- c) The introduction of natural gas waste or oil waste into any waste water treatment facility within or operated by the Town is prohibited.
- d) The storage, disposal, sale, acquisition, handling, treatment and/or processing of waste from natural gas or oil extraction activities is prohibited within the Town.
- e) These prohibitions apply to all property owners.

Section 3: Provision to be included in bids and contracts for construction or maintenance of Town roads and real property.

- a) All bids and contracts related to the purchase or acquisition of materials to be used to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the Town shall include a provision stating that the materials shall not contain natural gas waste or oil waste.
- b) All bids and contracts related to the solicitation of services to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the Town shall include a provision stating that no materials containing natural gas waste or oil waste shall be utilized in providing such services to the Town.
- c) The following statement, which shall be a sworn statement under penalty of perjury, shall be included in all bids related to the purchase or acquisition of materials to be used to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the Town and all bids related to the solicitation of services to construct or maintain any publicly owned and/or maintained road or real property within the Town: "We

hereby submit a bid for materials, equipment, and/or labor to the Town of Thompson. The bid is for bid documents titled _______. We hereby certify under penalty of perjury that, if this bid is selected, no natural gas waste or oil waste will be used by the undersigned bidder in the performance of the contract. We further certify that no subcontractor, agent, or vendor will be allowed or permitted to use materials containing natural gas waste or oil waste."

Section 4: Penalties

In addition to any other remedy the Town has in law or equity, the First Selectman or his/her designee is authorized to issue written orders ordering any person in violation of this ordinance to cease activities which do or may violate this ordinance and to desist from the same. Where such activities cause damage or injury to property within the Town, whether such property be land, a road, a building, an aquifer, a well, watercourse, or other asset, public or private, the First Selectman or his/her designee may order such person to remedy the damage or injury and to restore, at such person's sole cost and expense, the property to the condition in which it was prior to such damage or injury.

A violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$250.00 per violation, as amended, see the Ordinance Fee and Fine Schedule, with each day any violation of this ordinance shall continue constituting a separate offense. The Town may pursue other fines, penalties, and remedies allowable by law.

Any person receiving a Cease and Desist or Remedial Order or fine from the First Selectman or his/her designee may appeal in accordance with the Town's Code of Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>10-021</u>

GARBAGE, RUBBISH, REFUSE AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE

August 24, 1970	Vol. 8, Page 145
May 26, 1988	Vol. 10, Page 140
October 29, 2002	Vol. 11, Page 358
January 27, 2010	Vol. 12, Page 400

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinances that the Town of Thompson adopted August 24, 1970, May 26, 1988, and October 29, 2002, regarding the Thompson Transfer Station, is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof.

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

<u>Bulky Waste</u>: Material accepted at the Thompson Transfer Station includes items defined by the Connecticut DEP as Bulky Waste, and Oversized Municipal Solid Waste. Thompson's Transfer Station accepts the following Bulky Waste items: construction and demolition debris including roofing shingles, sheetrock, old carpet, pallets, insulation, wood scraps, paneling, old bathroom fixtures. Oversized Municipal Solid Waste including furniture, sofas, mattresses, carpets and rugs, oversized toys, stuffed chairs, painted and clean wood. No asbestos or other hazardous waste shall be disposed of as Bulky Waste.

<u>Commercial Collector</u>: means any person, firm, or corporation charging a fee for the collection, transportation, and/or dumping of garbage, and includes those who collect and dispose of refuse as a secondary aspect of other commercial services, such as contractors and construction companies.

<u>Compost</u>: The Thompson Transfer Station accepts clean, organic materials for composting at the Transfer Station. Natural, organic items accepted at the Thompson Transfer Station for composting are: leaves, small quantities of grass clippings, hay and straw, stalks and stems from vegetable gardens, horse manure, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, bark in small quantities.

<u>Disposal Area</u>: means the area designated by the Town of Thompson for the dumping of garbage and rubbish and recyclables.

<u>Dumping</u>: Depositing, discharging, placing, and disposing of garbage.

<u>Hazardous Refuse</u>: means materials that are identified by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as hazardous materials. For example, household cleaning fluids, oil-based paints, explosives, acids, caustics, poisons, drugs, radioactive materials and refuse of a similar nature.

MSW (Municipal Solid Waste): which includes garbage, rubbish, refuse, trash, waste; unwanted or discarded materials, including solids, liquids, and semi-solid or contained gaseous materials. No asbestos or other hazardous waste shall be disposed of as MSW.

<u>Recyclable</u>: means any items, commonly regarded as wastes, which are designated by the Board of Selectmen and the Director of Public Works to be presorted for separate handling.

<u>Resident</u>: means individuals who reside in or own real property containing a residence or operate a home occupation business in the Town of Thompson.

SECTION 2 – RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF DISPOSAL AREA

Only persons, firms, or corporations whose residences or places of doing business are within the Town limits, shall be eligible for a permit to use the facilities of the Town Disposal Area for depositing of garbage, rubbish, and other refuse <u>originating</u> in the Town. Commercial refuse collection services operating in the Town are **not** eligible. No person, firm, or corporation, other than those herein designated shall, without written permission from the Director of Public Works and the Selectmen, enter into or upon the Disposal Area. The depositing at the Disposal Area of any garbage, rubbish, or any other refuse not originating *from a permitted*

household within Thompson shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and result in a fine and/or revocation of the permit for the balance of the current year. Failure to pay charges incurred at the Transfer Station within sixty (60) days will result in suspension of Transfer Station permit until fees are paid.

SECTION 3 – PERMIT ISSUANCE AND REVOCATION

Applications for *yearly* permits shall be obtained from the *Tax Collector's Office*, which shall issue all permits authorizing the use of the Disposal Area, subject to the provisions of this ordinance and other appertaining regulations. *Temporary permits* may be issued to Thompson Residents borrowing vehicles. Temporary permits shall be issued solely to residents holding valid yearly permits. A temporary permit shall be valid for not more than one (1) day and said permit shall be in the form of a letter from the Selectmen's Office. There shall be no charge to residents who already hold a valid yearly permit. *The Director of Public Works is responsible for regulation, enforcement, and revocation of permits for failure to follow regulations.* Appeals of denial or revocation of permits shall be made to the full Board of Selectmen. All permit stickers shall be affixed and displayed in the lower right interior corner of the motor vehicle windshield. *A separate permit is required for each household in a multiple family dwelling.*

SECTION 4 – ENACTMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Selectmen are hereby authorized to enact from time to time on other regulations supplemental to this ordinance, deemed in the public interest regarding the separation, recovery, collection, removal, storage, and disposition of garbage, rubbish, and other refuse including recyclables, and specially designated materials, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes and other applicable state regulations.

SECTION 5 - CONTRACTURAL AUTHORITY AND RECYCLING

The Selectmen are authorized to employ and/or negotiate and enter into contracts within available appropriations with individual persons, corporations, or governmental agencies for the separation, recovery, collection, removal, storage, or disposition of garbage, rubbish, or other refuse, including recyclables.

SECTION 6 – FEES & FINES

An annual permit fee for the use of the Disposal Area by residents and other eligible parties may be established by the Selectmen. Other fees for disposal, deposit of specially designated materials and tipping fees and fines may be instituted by the Board of Selectmen. The fee for yearly permits issued after May 1 will be one-half the yearly fee. See the Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule for current fees.

SECTION 7 – COMMERCIAL COLLECTIONS

No person engaged in the business of collection or disposal of garbage shall deposit garbage in the Disposal Area.

SECTION 8 – FINES AND PENALTIES

Except where otherwise specified in this ordinance, any person or permittee violating any provision of this ordinance, or regulations enacted hereunder, shall be subject to a fine, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, and/or revocation of permit for use of the Disposal Area. In addition, the Town, or its agent reserves the right to refuse access to the Disposal Area where the provisions of this ordinance or regulations enacted hereunder are violated.

SECTION 9 – COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT

All garbage, rubbish, or other refuse collected and transported within the Town of Thompson shall be covered **or** secured in such a manner as to prevent scattering of these materials upon the streets and highways. All vehicles entering or leaving the Transfer Station shall be subject to inspection by the Director of Public Works or his designee. Any vehicle containing inappropriate or unacceptable materials or unsecured loads shall be refused entry to the Transfer Station.

SECTION 10 – LITTERING

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, deposit, or leave any litter or rubbish in any public park, public playground, or recreation area, public street or on any private property of another in the Town. Such litter or rubbish shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; and when receptacles are not so provided, such litter or rubbish shall be carried away by the person responsible for its presents and properly disposed of elsewhere. Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, for each occurrence.

SECTION 11 – UNLAWFUL DEPOSITING OF MATERIALS

Except as specifically permitted by the Town, it shall be unlawful for any person to throw upon the streets, or any private property of another, or any other property under the control of the Town, or in any catch basin, fire hole, drain, river, or other waterway in the Town, any garbage, rubbish, hazardous waste or other refuse. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule plus the cost of cleanup for each occurrence.

SECTION 12 – PROHIBITING IMPROPER STORAGE

No person having custody or control of residential, industrial, or business premises from which garbage, rubbish, or other refuse, including recyclables, is collected for disposal in the Disposal Area, shall permit or cause any garbage, rubbish, or other refuse, including recyclables, within his/her control to become a hazard to public travel, health, or safety, or to become a nuisance of any sort as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED COLLECTION OF SECTION 13 **RECYCLABLES**

No person(s) engaged in the business of separation, recovery, collection, removal, storage, or disposition of garbage, rubbish, recyclables, or other refuse within the Town of Thompson, except as are specifically authorized by the Selectmen, shall pick up or procure from the Transfer Station any garbage, rubbish, or other refuse deemed recyclable under this ordinance or a valid regulation. This restriction shall also apply to any citizen, resident, taxpayer or person who might engage in such practice for personal gain except so far as such persons may be collecting roadside litter. Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, and/or loss of transfer station permit.

SECTION 14 – DEMOLITION MATERIALS

There will be a flat fee to dispose of all Bulky Waste for loads under 100 lbs. to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule. All demolition materials, and Bulky Waste over 100 lbs. are subject to being weighed in over the Transfer Station scale and will be billed accordingly on tonnage, at the rate set by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 15 – HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

It shall be unlawful to dispose of, within the Town of Thompson, materials which are identified by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as hazardous materials. Household hazardous wastes should be held at home until the Town announces a household hazardous waste collection day. Refer to the annual "Town of Thompson Transfer & Recycling Information" packet for permitted and prohibited materials.

SECTION 16- REPEALING OF INCONSISTENCIES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 17 - SEVERABILITY

This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, sections, clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, section, or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 18 - ENFORCEMENT

The law enforcement agency of the Town of Thompson shall be charged with enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance, and any legal recourse, civil or criminal, available to the Selectmen.

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

May 18, 1998

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, acting as agents for the Town of Thompson, be authorized to apply for and receive any state or federal grants that may become available and appear to them to be in the best interest of the Town of Thompson.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-023

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

July 27,1964 April 1, 1996

Vol. 1958, Page 257 Vol. 11, Page 50

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 94-213 and the provisions of 9-183a, the number of Justices of the Peace for the Town of Thompson shall be hereby fixed at twenty-four (24) rather than the sixteen (16) previously provided for in the ordinance dated July 27, 1964, which ordinance shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-024

LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER

March 10, 1976

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BE IT ORDAINED, pursuant to Chapter 190 of the Connecticut General Statues, Revision of 1958, that the Town of Thompson established a Public Library.

- The management of the Library hereby established shall be vested in a Board of Trustees to consist of six (6) electors of the Town, who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen until their successors have been elected, pursuant to Section 9-207 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- Such Library shall include those documents and other materials may utilize any available buildings or other facilities deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees. Nothing herein shall be held to limit the Library to any particular location or locations.
- 3. The Trustees may appoint citizens of the Town to assist them in managing the Library facilities, and at their discretion, hire such staff personnel as may be appropriate and for which funds are available.

REGARDING DECLARATIONS OF A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

August 17, 2011

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BE IT ORDAINED that the First Selectman as the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Thompson is authorized to declare a local disaster emergency in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 28-8(a) and 28-1(8), as amended. Upon the declaration of a local disaster emergency by the First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, the First Selectman or his/her designee, and the local emergency management director, shall exercise all powers and authority granted to the municipality and/or its chief executive officer under Title 28 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

In terms of serious disaster or civil emergency, the First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, or his/her designee, is authorized to activate the municipal emergency operation center. The commanding officer of the Connecticut State Police-Troop D, the chiefs of the municipal fire departments, the Director of the Northeast District Department of Health, the Emergency Management Director, or their representatives, shall assist the First Selectman in evaluating the need for the declaration of a local disaster emergency.

In times of serious disaster or civil emergency, the First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, or his/her designee, will coordinate his or her responsive activities with the appropriate area coordinator from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-026

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE

August 28, 1986 April 28, 2004 January 27, 2010 Vol. 10, Page 45-47 Vol. 12, Page 32A Vol. 12, Page 397

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the resolutions dated August 28, 1986 and April 28, 2004, regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicles are repealed in their entirety, and the following substituted therefore: BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, pursuant to the provisions of section 14-150(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, applying the provisions of section 14-150 of the Connecticut General Statues and Motor Vehicle Regulations the following Ordinance is hereby adopted to control abandoned motor vehicles.

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

It is the intention of this article to provide for the protection of the health, welfare, property, groundwater, and safety of the public in general by prohibiting the existence of abandoned, wrecked, junked, inoperative, discarded, and dismantled motor vehicles, or parts thereof, left within the town in places other than licensed junkyards or other so designated areas.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning described to them in this section.

<u>Abandoned Motor Vehicle</u>: An abandoned motor vehicle means a motor vehicle, which, after a good faith determination by the designated Enforcement Officer, has the appearance that the owner has relinquished control, including but not limited to, a vehicle with no marker plates, invalid marker plates, or lack of valid registration sticker, or one which is damaged, vandalized, dismantled, partially dismantled, inoperative, or unusable as a motor vehicle.

<u>Enforcement Officer:</u> The enforcement officer shall be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

<u>Hearing Officer</u>: First Selectmen, or if conflict of interest, by and from the Board of Selectmen.

<u>Inoperable or Junked Motor Vehicle:</u> Any motor vehicle which, due to the mechanical condition thereof, cannot be operated upon the public roadway without major repair, or cannot be legally registered with the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles in its current condition.

Motor Vehicle: Any vehicle which is designed to be self-propelled. This shall include, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, buses, boats, aircraft, motor homes, all terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, motor bikes, construction and other motorized motor homes.

<u>Commercial Farmer</u>: A farm or agricultural business that reports gross annual sales of \$2,500.00 or more from production agricultural products (CGS 12-412 (63).)

<u>SECTION 3 – STORING, PARKING, ETC., DISMANTLED, INOPERATIVE, ETC., MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED; DECLARED NUISANCE; EXCEPTIONS</u>

(a) No person shall park, store leave or permit the parking, storing, or leaving of any motor vehicle of any kind which is in an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, rusted, junked, or partially dismantled condition whether attended or not, upon any public or private property within the town for a period of time in excess of thirty (30) days. The presence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, rusted, junked or partially dismantled vehicle or parts thereof, on private or public property is hereby declared a public nuisance which may be abated as such in accordance with the provision of this article. Further, one (1) motor vehicle is exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance if it is set back at least forty (40) feet from any road or property line, and fifty (50) feet from wetland

areas. In order for such a vehicle to be exempt, the vehicle must be rendered safe, locked and inaccessible to children and should be free of jagged, sharp, or protruding metal or glass parts which could constitute a danger or a nuisance. The area around the motor vehicle shall be maintained. All brush and growth shall be controlled.

- (b) This section shall not apply to:
 - 1. any vehicle within a roofed building on private property.
 - 2. any vehicle in operable condition specifically adopted or designed for operation on drag strips or raceways
 - 3. any farm vehicle retained by a commercial farmer in connection with agricultural use
- (c) This section shall not apply to any vehicle held in connection with a business enterprise duly licensed by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and properly operated in the appropriate business zone, pursuant to the zoning laws of the Town.

SECTION 4 – NOTICE TO REMOVE

Whenever it comes to the attention of the Town that any nuisance as defined in this article exists, a notice in writing shall be served upon the occupant of the land where the nuisance exists, the occupant and/or owner of the property or his/her agent, notifying them of the existence of the nuisance and requesting its removal within thirty (30) days. The Enforcement Officer shall also comply with any publication requirements set forth in Section 14-150(a), or otherwise for additional notices which may be legally required.

<u>SECTION 5 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVAL</u>

- (a) Upon proper notice and opportunity to be heard, the owner of the private property on which the (same) motor vehicle is located shall be responsible for its removal.
- (b) In cases where the property owner is the complainant because of a vehicle having been deposited on his/her property without his/her knowledge or approval, the Enforcement Officer will notify the last owner of the vehicle, and will schedule a hearing to which the property owner will be notified.

SECTION 6 - NOTICE PROCEDURE

The Enforcement Offer shall give notice to remove to the owner of the private property where it is located at least thirty (30) days before the time of compliance. It shall constitute sufficient notice when a copy of the notice is sent by registered mail to the owner of the private property at his last know address, together with such additional notices as may be required by law.

SECTION 7- CONTENTS OF NOTICE

The notice shall contain the specific vehicle or vehicles to be removed and request for removal within the thirty (30) days specified in this article. The notice shall

advise that failure to comply with the notice to remove shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8 – REQUEST FOR HEARING

The persons to whom the notices are directed, or their duly authorized agents may file a written request with the First Selectman's Office for a hearing before the hearing officer, within the thirty (30) day period of compliance prescribed in section 6 for the purpose of defending the charges made by the Town.

SECTION 9 – PROCEDURE FOR HEARING

The hearing shall be held as soon as practicable after the filing of the request and the persons to whom the notices are directed shall be advised of the time and place of said hearing at least seven (7) days in advance thereof. At any such hearing the town and the persons to whom the notices have been directed may introduce such witnesses and evidence as either party deems necessary.

SECTION 10 - FAILURE TO REMOVE MOTOR VEHICLE FROM PROPERTY

If the violation described in the notice has not been remedied within the thirty-day (30) period of compliance, or in the event that a notice requesting a hearing is timely filed, a hearing is held, and the existence of the violation is affirmed by the hearing officer, and the vehicle is not removed within one (1) week from notice of the decision, such failure shall constitute a violation of the Ordinance.

SECTION 11 - PENALTY

Each vehicle maintained in violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate violation of this Ordinance. Penalty for each violation, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, which may be assessed against the record owner of the vehicle, the occupant in possession of the real estate, or the record owner of the real estate upon which the vehicle is located. If the owner of the property on which the vehicle is located is determined not be at fault, no penalty shall be applied to that property owner. In addition to the above, any violator may be held responsible for any groundwater, wetland or nearby well water contamination. The Town of Thompson also reserves the right to assess and tax abandoned vehicles and equipment.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-027

MUNICIPAL AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

January 30, 2006

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WHEREAS, Section 22a-354o of the Connecticut General Statues provides that each municipality in which an aquifer protection area is located shall authorize by

ordinance an existing board or commission to act as an aquifer protection agency; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Thompson to designate the Planning & Zoning Commission as the Town's Aquifer Protection Agency.

Now therefore, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town of Thompson that:

- 1. Designation and Membership
 - a. In accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statues 22a-354a, et seq., the Planning & Zoning Commission is hereby designated as the Aquifer Protection Agency (hereinafter the "Agency") of the Town of Thompson. (The staff of the Planning & Zoning Commission shall serve as the staff of the agency.)
 - b. Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission shall serve coexisting terms on the Agency. The membership requirements of the Agency shall be the same as those of the Planning & Zoning Commission including, but not limited to the number of members, terms, method of selection and removal of members, and filling of vacancies.
 - c. At least one (1) member of the Agency or staff of the Agency shall complete the course in technical training formulated by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statues 22a-354v.

2. Regulations to be Adopted

- a. The Agency shall adopt regulations in accordance with Connecticut General Statues 22a-354p and R.C.S.A. 22a-354i-3. Said regulations shall provide for:
 - 1. The manner in which boundaries of aquifer protection areas shall be established and amended or changed.
 - 2. Procedures for the regulation of activity within the area.
 - 3. The form for an application to conduct regulated activities within the area.
 - 4. Notice and publication requirements.
 - 5. Criteria and procedures for the review of applications.
 - 6. Administration and enforcement.

3. Inventory of Land Use

- a. In order to carry out the purposes of the Aquifer Protection Program, the Agency will conduct an inventory of land use within the area to assess potential contamination sources.
- b. Not later than three (3) months after approval by the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection of Level B Mapping of aquifers, the Agency will inventory land uses overlying the mapped zone of contribution and recharge areas of such aquifers in accordance with guidelines established by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 22a-354f. Such inventory shall be

completed not more than one year after authorization of the Agency, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 22a-354e.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-028

TERM OF OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

June 26, 1975

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The following ordinance concerning the Term of Office of Municipal Officials was duly adopted at a Special Town Meeting held on June 26, 1975:

BE IT ORDAINED, that in conformity with Public Act 75-91, all town ordinances purporting to establish terms of office for members of elected boards are hereby amended to provide that all such terms shall commence on the second Tuesday following the election.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-030

NORTHEAST DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

March 22, 1973

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RESOLVED, that the Town of Thompson agrees to join any or all of the following towns: Putnam, Killingly, Canterbury, Sterling, Woodstock, Eastford, Plainfield, Brooklyn, and Pomfret, to form a District Department of Health, provided, however the total population of those towns joining shall be 40,000 or more. Unanimously voted.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-031

THE NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY

August 28, 1986 March 24, 1987 Vol. 10, Page 47-78 Vol. 10, Page 75

The ordinance adopted August 28, 1986, titled the 'Northeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority' is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

WHEREAS, each municipality in the Northeastern Connecticut Planning Region is authorized to provide for and regulate the collection and disposal of all garbage, trash, waste, and ashes either by contract or otherwise, and to prohibit and regulate the depositing of the same within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities are encountering increasing difficulty in providing adequate solid waste disposal facilities at reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities are desirous of working together to find an economically and environmentally feasible method of disposing of their municipal solid waste, by creating the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority; and

WHEREAS, said municipalities desire to create said authority by adoption of the following concurrent ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED, that:

1. Name: There is hereby created a Regional Resources Recovery Authority pursuant to Section 7-273aa of the Connecticut General Statues to be known as the "Northeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority principal address being P.O. Box 198, Brooklyn, CT. 06234, subject to the modifications and limitations set forth in this ordinance. The Northeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority shall have all powers and duties of a municipal authority and of a regional authority pursuant to Chapters 103(b), 446(d) (formerly 361a) and 446(e) (formerly 351b) of the Connecticut General

The first members of the Authority are: the Town of Canterbury, whose initial representative's term of office shall be one (1) year; the Town of Killingly, whose initial representative's term of office shall be two (2) years; the Town of Plainfield, whose initial representative term of office shall be three (3) years; the Town of Pomfret, whose initial representative's term of office shall be one (1) year; the Town of Putnam, whose initial representative's term of office shall be two (2) years; and the Town of Thompson whose initial representative's term of office shall be three (3) years. In the event that any of the above named municipalities do not adopt this ordinance, the terms of office of the initial representatives as shown above shall be redefined according to Section 3 of this ordinance for any of the above named municipalities which adopt this ordinance.

2. Appointment of Representatives: Membership in the Authority shall consist of those municipalities that adopt his concurrent ordinance as set forth in paragraph six (6) of this ordinance. The representative to the Authority from each member town shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to each municipality, except for the representative of the Town of Killingly which shall be appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Selectmen or Town Council of each member town shall be authorized to appoint an alternate representative who shall be authorized to attend meetings and vote in the place of an absent representative. Representatives shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed by the Authority for necessary expenses incurred in conducting Authority business. Any representative may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen or Town Council of the Town which appointed the representative.

- 3. Number of Representatives: Each member municipality shall be entitled to one (1) representative on the authority and to one (1) alternated, who may vote only in the absence of the regular representative. Representatives and alternates shall serve for three (3) year terms based on alphabetical assignment of those municipalities comprising the Authority. Thereafter, initial terms for representatives of new municipal members shall rotate among one (1), two (2) and three (3) years in the order of adoption of the ordinance. All initial terms shall be deemed to begin on the day the Authority is created.
- 4. <u>Voting and Quorum</u>: The Northern Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority shall operate with one hundred voting units which shall be assigned to member municipalities in proportion to each municipality's share of the total population of all members of the authority as determined by the latest decennial federal census of population. There shall be no factional votes. Each municipality shall have a minimum of one (1) vote. The distribution of voting units among members shall be recomputed following each decennial federal census and upon the withdrawal or termination of any member municipality or the admission of a new member. Action by the Authority shall require the affirmative action of at least sixty (60%) percent of the total voting units present and voting at a duly called meeting of the Authority at which a quorum if present. The presence, at a meeting, of representatives from a majority of the member municipalities shall be necessary for a quorum.
- 5. <u>Liabilities of Member Towns</u>: A member municipality shall not assume any liabilities or responsibilities of the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority or created by the action of said Authority, an appropriation or e responsible for payment of any expenses of said Authority unless an appropriation for the municipality's proportionate share of such expenses has been approved by the municipality or a contract setting forth such liabilities and responsibilities for expenses has been approved by the municipality.
- 6. <u>Effective Date</u>: This ordinance shall take effect when it has been adopted by five (5) or more towns in the Northeastern Connecticut Planning Region.
- 7. Withdrawal from Authority: No municipality may withdraw its membership in the Authority without a vote of its legislative body to withdraw from the Authority and giving at lease six (6) months notice to each of the other participating municipalities and to the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority. Such withdrawal of membership will not in any manner relieve the municipality of liabilities or responsibilities assumed prior to withdrawal, including without limitation, contracts and agreements to supply municipal solid waste, to pay tipping fees or other charges, and to make landfill space available.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

June 27, 1967 March 24, 1987

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WHEREAS, a Joint Committee of the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and the Northeastern Connecticut Town Administrators' Association has found that a strengthened Regional Planning Organization is needed to assist the ten (10) towns in the Northeastern Connecticut Planning Region in dealing effectively with regional issues; and,

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee of the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and the Northeastern Connecticut Town Administrators' Association has found that a Regional Council of Governments will provide the most effective organization for:

- --Addressing pressing regional pressing issues resulting from increased growth and development.
- --Functioning as an advocate of its member town on matters relating to the State and Federal Governments
- --Coordinating the delivery of shared services to its member towns and;

WHEREAS, the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and the Northeastern Connecticut Town Administrators' Association have recommended that a Regional Council of Governments be formed and that regional planning should be given equal importance with implementation by assuring that equal status is given to the Council's Regional Planning Commission in the preparation of the Council of Government's Annual Work Program and Budget; therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town of Thompson does hereby adopt Sections 4-124(i) through 4-124(p) of the Connecticut General Statues as amended, providing for the formation of a Regional council of Governments, and does hereby join such Regional Council of Governments when and as such Council is duly established in accordance with said statutes, upon the adoption of said statutes by not less than sixty (60%) percent of all municipalities within the Northeastern Connecticut Planning Region as defined by the Secretary of the Office of policy and Management or his designee and upon certification by the Secretary of the Office of Governments has been duly established.

When the Regional council of Governments is duly established and the transition period called for in Section 4-124-1(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, has been completed, then the Town does hereby rescind the ordinance of August 3, 1967 and any amendments thereto that created the Town's participation in the Northeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency.

The Town Clerk is directed to immediately prepare and file with the Secretary of the Office of policy and Management a certified copy of this ordinance.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCES

August 17, 2011

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The Selectmen may review the ordinances every ten (10) years ending in zero (0) and if deemed necessary may appoint a committee consisting of seven (7) members to review and update the ordinances at that time.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>10-034</u>

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES

February 8, 1999

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RESOLVED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that whenever the Town is required to publish any Ordinance or proposed Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Clerk is authorized to publish a summary of such ordinance in lieu of the entire ordinance and provided further that the Town Clerk shall keep a copy of such ordinance available for public inspection during normal business hours and shall upon request, mail a copy of any such ordinance to any person requesting a copy at no charge to such person.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>10-035</u>

OUTDOOR BURNING

June 27, 1967

Vol. 8, Page 20

The ordinance regarding Outdoor Burning as initially adopted at Special Town Meeting on June 27, 1967, is hereby amended and restated to read as follows: RESOLVED, that no person shall burn any garbage, refuse, or wastes outdoors, on the Sanitary Landfill of the Town of Thompson, or elsewhere in the Town, or on public or private land. Exception may be granted in writing by the Health Officer and/or the Fire Chief, if deemed by them to be for the public good elimination of a hazard. The burning of brush must be in compliance with the local Burning Officer of the Town of Thompson.

Any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be fined, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule for each violation.

PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

February 24, 1972

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The following ordinance concerning regulating parking of Motor Vehicles was duly adopted by the voters of the Town of Thompson at a Special Town Meeting held on February 24, 1972.

Section 1: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson shall show cause to erect signs regulating or forbidding the parking of motor vehicles on the streets and highways of the Town. Signs shall state "vehicles will be towed at owner's expense." **Section 2:** Any person, firm, or corporation violating the parking restrictions shall

<u>Section 2</u>: Any person, firm, or corporation violating the parking restrictions shall be towed at the owner's expense and fined according to current Superior Court Schedule of Fines for Infractions, as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-038

THE PLANNING AND THE ZONING COMMISSION

April 19, 1967 December 3, 1973 March 18, 1980 Vol. 8, Page 2-3 Vol. 8, Page 364

Vol. 9, Page 173

The ordinance initially adopted by the Town of Thompson April 29, 1967 regarding the Planning Commission as amended regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission at Town Meeting December 3, 1973 and March 8, 1980 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The Town of Thompson hereby amends its ordinance adopted December 3, 1973 creating a Zoning Commission and its ordinance adopted April 19, 1967 creating a Planning Commission, to combine the two commissions.

<u>Section 1</u>: The Town of Thompson hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

<u>Section 2</u>: The combined Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of ten (10) members and three (3) alternate members. At each biennial election members and alternates shall be elected to the commission for terms of six (6) years to replace those whose terms are due to expire. Vacancies occurring on the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be filled from the alternate membership by majority vote of the remaining commission members. Vacancies occurring among the alternate members shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of such alternate's term. Alternate replacement members shall be made on a party basis.

<u>Section 3</u>: The Planning and Zoning Commission is authorized to adopt by-laws and such other procedures as it may deem necessary for the efficient management of its business. A copy of any such by-laws shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Nothing in

this amendment shall be construed to affect the validity of regulations previously adopted by the Planning Commission or by the Zoning Commission or in any way affect the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-039

RECREATION COMMISSION

January 29, 1970 September 30, 1976 Vol. 8, Page 118 Vol. 8, Page 537

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the resolutions dated January 29, 1970 and revision dated September 30, 1976 be repealed in their entirety, and the following substituted therefore:

RESOLVED The Thompson Recreational Commission shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three (3) years commencing April 15. The terms of the members shall be arranged so that no more than one-third of the member terms shall expire in any one (1) year. The Board of Selectmen shall also make any appointments necessary to fill vacancies occurring on the Commission from time to time. The membership shall be arranged so that minority representation shall be in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, revised to January 2007, Title 9, Elections Section 9-167(a). Such members shall be sworn and serve until their successors have been appointed and have qualified and shall receive no compensation for their services. The Selectmen shall be ex-officio members of such Commission.

The Recreational Commission shall study and plan the development of recreational facilities for the Town and make recommendations, from time to time, to the legislative body of the Town in respect to the development of the Town's parks and recreation programs. Said commission shall have the supervision and management of all the public playgrounds, swimming pools, gymnasiums, creation places, athletic fields, and equipment and facilities connected therewith as are or may be hereafter established.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-040

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

November 2, 1978 April 25, 1985 September 26, 2006 Vol.9, Page 78 Vol. 9, Page 477 Vol. 12, Page 177

Section 1: The Town of Thompson, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby creates a Redevelopment Agency to consist of five (5) electors of the Town having no salaried municipal office, to be

appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows: one (1) to be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) to be appointed for a term of two (2) years, one (1) to be appointed for a term of three (3) years, one (1) to be appointed for a term of four (4) years, one (1) to be appointed for a term of five (5) years, and successive members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of five (5) years each as the various terms shall expire from time to time. Each member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified, and any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Section 2: The Agency shall have all those necessary powers conferred upon such agencies by law, as the same may be modified from time to time, specifically to include the power to make application on behalf of the Town of Thompson for state and/or federal funding for its purposes as set forth in Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statues and in appropriate federal laws.

The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire and rehabilitate any property it deems necessary or in the best interest of the Town of Thompson within a proposed redevelopment area bounded northerly by Buckley Hill Road corridor, easterly by the Route 12 corridor, southerly by the Route 200 corridor, and on the west by the Main Street corridor.

Said Redevelopment Agency is authorized to acquire said properties up to a maximum expenditure of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), said expenditures to be funded by State and Federal Grants, existing appropriations and such further appropriations as the Town may, from time to time, authorize.

<u>Section 3</u>: The Agency, shall from time to time, conduct public hearings within the Town of Thompson concerning its proposals and shall, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate its proposals with the Thompson Planning and Zoning Commission.

Section 4: Said Agency shall have three (3) alternate members who shall also be electors of the Town having no salaried municipal office, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; one (1) for an initial term of one (1) year, one (1) for an initial term of three (3) years, and one (1) for an initial term of five (5) years, and such successive appointments shall be for a term of five (5) years. The various terms shall expire from time to time and each member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed as qualified and any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Selectmen.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-055

ORDINANCE CONCERNING A RIGHT TO FARM

June 16, 2010

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Purpose and Intent

Pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 7-148(c)(7)(e), (8), and (10)(A), and in furtherance of the goals of Section 19 a-341 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as

amended, it is the declared policy of the Town of Thompson to conserve and protect agricultural land and to encourage agricultural operations within the Town. It is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to further the Town's policy and reduce the loss of agricultural resources and that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. This ordinance is not to be construed as modifying or abridging state law, but is to be utilized in the interpretation and enforcement.

Declaration

Present, or future, agricultural operations both conducted for commercial purposes, in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards of the agricultural industry, and on a recognized farm which is engaged in the act of farming, shall maintain a right to farm regardless of any changed condition of the use of adjacent land. A recognized farm shall conform to the criteria required by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Agricultural operations may occur on holidays, weekends and weekdays by night or day and shall include the incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally accepted farming practices. These provisions shall not apply to the negligent or improper operation of any such agricultural operation.

Definitions

The term *agricultural operations*, per Section 1-1q of the Connecticut State Statutes, as amended, means activities relating to agricultural use including, but not limited to, the cultivation and tillage of the soil, the burning of agricultural waste products or other agricultural burning, protection of crops and livestock from insects, pests, diseases, birds, predators or other pests damaging or could potentially damage crops, the proper and lawful use of agricultural chemicals, including but not limited to the application of pesticides and fertilizers, or the raising, production, irrigation, pruning, harvesting, marketing or processing of an agricultural commodity, including any type of crop or livestock, and any forestry improvements and timber harvesting and processing. This would also include the operation and transportation of farm equipment over roads within the Town and conducting agriculture-related educational, marketing and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm.

The term *farm* includes farm buildings, and accessory buildings thereto, nurseries, orchards, ranges, greenhouses, hoop houses and other temporary structures or other structures used primarily for the raising and, as an incident to ordinary farming operations, the sale of agricultural or horticultural commodities.

The term *farming* shall include cultivation of the soil, dairying, forestry, raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training and management of livestock, including horses, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals and wildlife; the operation, management, conservation, marketing, improvement or maintenance of a farm and its buildings, tools and equipment.

Dispute Resolution

An interested party may submit a written request to the Thompson Board of Selectmen for an opinion as to whether a particular agricultural operation would be considered negligent or improperly operated. In the case that the Selectmen require prima facie evidence that such an operation follows generally accepted agricultural practices, an inspection of the agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility by the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee should be requested.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-041

ROAD ORDINANCE

December 20, 1988

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At a Special Town Meeting of December 20, 1988, the following ordinance was brought before the legal voters, voted upon and adopted: an Ordinance to regulate road work on existing and proposed streets to assure safety and structural adequacy.

Section 1 – Definitions

<u>Applicant</u>: The term applicant refers to the person proposing a new street or work on an existing street.

<u>Board</u>: The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Thompson, Connecticut or their authorized representative.

<u>Commission</u>: The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut.

<u>Driveway</u>: An access onto or an egress from a street.

<u>Person</u>: Includes corporations, partnerships, firms, associations, or any other entity. <u>Road Standards</u>: Shall mean the standards and specifications set forth in the <u>Public Improvement Specifications</u> prepared by the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments.

<u>Street</u>: Any Town owned way constructed for and dedicated to movement of vehicles and pedestrians. The word shall not include private driveways and right-ofways.

<u>Town</u>: The Town of Thompson, Connecticut.

Section 2 – Purpose

It is the declared purpose of this ordinance to regulate road work on existing and proposed streets to assure safety and structural adequacy.

Section 3 – Procedure

- 1. Application shall be made to the Board on a form provided by the Board. A plan and fee, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, shall accompany the application. The Board may require additional information from the applicant or changes in the plan.
- 2. The Board will categorize the proposed work and take the appropriate action.
 - a. New Street shall be referred to the Commission for conformance with the Town's Subdivision regulations requirements of new streets.
 - b. Upgrade Existing Street Shall be referred to the Commission for conformance with the Town's Subdivision Regulations requirements for upgrading existing streets.
 - c. Minor Road Work projects of up to two hundred (200) feet will be evaluated by the Board. The Board may refer the application to the Commission or decide upon the application alone.
 - d. Road Work Projects of two hundred (200) feet shall be referred to the Commission for review and comments. The Board will decide upon the application after receipt of the Commissions comments.

Section 4 – Construction Permits

Construction Permits will be issued by the Board only after approval of the application, proof of liability insurance, posting of a cash security, and an inspection fee. The proof of liability insurance and the cash security must be of a type and in a form approved by the Town Counsel.

The amount of the cash security shall be equal to the value of the proposed work. The inspection fee will be based upon the Town cost of inspection services. No work will start until the issuance of the construction permit. The construction permit shall be valid one (1) year from date of issue for work in existing streets and five (5) years for new streets and upgrading existing streets.

Section 5 - Inspections

Inspections by the Board shall be scheduled two (2) full working days in advance of starting work activities. The Board will determine which work activities will need inspection before issuance of construction permit. A final inspection and acceptance of completed work by the Board is required before the Board will return the cash security.

Section 6 – Town Acceptance

After approval of the application for a new road by the Board and Commission, the proposed road may be present to a Town Meeting for acceptance into the Town Road System, subject to final completion of all work and acceptance by the Board. Final acceptance of all roads by the Board shall be recorded in the minute book of the Town Clerk as proof of acceptance.

Section 7 – Standards

- 1. Applications referred to the Commission shall conform to the requirements of the Town's Subdivision Regulations, the Road Standards, and the Road Ordinance.
- 2. Applications not referred to the Commission shall conform to the requirements of the Road Standards and the Road Ordinance.
- 3. Safety precautions shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Warning signs, flag men, warning lights, barricades, braces, covers, and other appropriate measures shall be taken by the applicant during any road work.
- 4. Pavement cuts and trenches shall have square cut edges. Only suitable material, approved by the Board, will be used for backfill material. The backfill shall be compacted in six (6) inch layers up to eighteen (18) inches below the top of the finished surface. A compacted twelve (12) inch layer of gravel sub-base shall be placed on the fill. A compacted four (4) inch processed gravel base shall be placed on the sub-base. A three (3) inch thick compacted bituminous concrete layer shall be placed on the base. Layer materials shall conform to the standards of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Form 813. Pavement patches shall smoothly blend with the existing pavement.

Section 8 – Violation

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule for each such offense. Each day of any such violation shall constitute a separate offense and be subjected to separate punishment.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-029

ROAD UTILITY EASEMENT ORDINANCE

October 1, 2009

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The Ordinance concerning the Thompson town Roads is as follows: Be It Ordained by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the Town of Thompson Board of Selectman is hereby authorized to grant easements to place utilities, specifically including private utilities, in Town roads provided the applicant shall obtain any other required permits and approvals included, but not limited to, Wetlands Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission approval, and excavation or construction in Town road permits. In addition to bonds required to perform work on Town Roads, the applicant must post an appropriate maintenance bond for a period of two (2) years to cover any potential cost of road repair. The cost of the bond will be set by the Board of Selectmen based upon a valuation by the Town of Thompson Director of Public Works.

THE DESIGNATION OF SCENIC ROADS

April 17, 1990

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, Connecticut:

Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-149(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes (P.A. 81-401), as amended, the Planning and Zoning Commission may designate town highways or portions of highways as scenic roads. No state highway or portion thereof may be designated as a scenic road under this ordinance.

<u>Section 2</u>: The Planning and Zoning Commission shall consider designating as a scenic road only those town roads which are free of intensive commercial development and intensive vehicular traffic and which meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a. It is unpaved.
- b. It is bordered by matures trees or stone walls.
- c. The travel portion is no more than twenty (20) feet in width.
- d. It offers scenic views.
- e. It blends naturally into the surrounding terrain, or
- f. It parallels or crosses over brooks, streams, lakes, or ponds.

Section 3:

- a. When a highway is to be considered for designation as a scenic road, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall schedule a public hearing on the proposal. Hearing notices and deadlines will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-26(d) and (h) and 8-26(e) of the Connecticut General Statues. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall notify the Selectmen, the highway foreman, and owners of lot frontage abutting the highway or portion of a highway of the proposed designation and scheduled public hearing.
- b. Following the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall vote on the proposed designation. No highway or portion of a highway may be designated as a scenic road under this section unless the owners of a majority of lot frontage abutting a highway or a portion of the highway agreed to the designation by filing a written statement of approval with the Town Clerk of the Town of Thompson. The designation shall become effective upon such date as the Planning and Zoning Commission may establish.
- c. The scenic road designation may be rescinded by the Planning and Zoning Commission, using the same procedures and having the written concurrence of the owners of a majority of lot frontage abutting the highway.
- d. Any person aggrieved by a designation of a highway or a portion of a highway as a scenic road pursuant to this Section by the Planning and Zoning Commission may appeal such designation in the same manner and utilizing the same standards of review provided for appeals from the decisions of Planning Commissions under Section 8-28.

e. Any parcel of land affected by the Scenic Road designation must still conform with the necessary improvements as the Board of Selectmen and/or the Planning and Zoning Commission shall from time to time require, as may be necessary for public safety and the long-range upkeep and improvements of the particular town road.

Section 4:

- a. No road which has been designated as a scenic road under ordinance shall be altered or improved, including but not limited to, widening of the right of way or the travel portion of the road, paving of an unpaved or dirt road, changes of grade, removal of stone bridges, straightening, removal of stone walls, and removal of mature trees, except for good cause determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission approving any alteration or improvement of a road designated as a scenic road under this ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall schedule a public hearing on the proposed alteration or improvement. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall notify the Selectmen, the highway supervisor, and owners of lot frontage abutting the highway or portion of the highway designated as a scenic road of the proposed alteration and improvement and and deadlines shall be in scheduled public hearing. Hearing notices accordance with the provisions of Section 8-26 (d) and 8-26 (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Following the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall vote on the proposed future alterations and improvements and shall state the reasons for any such approved alterations or improvements in its Minutes.
 - b. Any highway or portion of any highway designated as a scenic road shall maintained by the Town in good and sufficient repair and in passable condition. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit a person owning or occupying land abutting a scenic road from maintaining and repairing the land which abuts the scenic road if the maintenance or repair occurs on land not within the right of way, paved or unpaved, of the scenic road.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-043

SEWER ORDINANCE

December 22, 1981 January 27, 2010

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INTRODUCTION

This ordinance established for the procedures for making connections to the public sewer in the municipality sanitary sewer system. It also establishes specific limits for pollutant discharges which by their nature or by their interaction with sewage will be detrimental to the public health, cause damage to the public sewer or the water pollution control facility, pollute the waters of the state, or otherwise create a public

This ordinance is intended to:

- (a) Inform the public as to the technical and administrative procedures to be followed in obtaining connection to the municipalities sanitary sewer system;
- (b) Prevent the introduction of pollutants into the sanitary sewer system which will interfere with the collection and/or treatment system;
- (c) Prevent the introduction of pollutants into the treatment system which will pass through the system, inadequately treated, into the waters of the State, or the atmosphere, or otherwise be incompatible with the system;
- (d) Improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewaters and sludges from the system.

This ordinance shall apply to the municipality and to persons outside the municipality who are users of the public sewer. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Superintendent of the municipality shall otherwise implement, and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

2.0 **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 Act or "the Act" The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251, et. seq.
- 2.2 Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) is the amount of oxygen required by bacteria while stabilizing decomposable organic matter under aerobic conditions for five days. The determination of BOD shall be performed in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater."
- 2.3 Building Drain means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a building plumbing which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.
- 2.4 Building Sewer means the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal, it may also be called a house connection.
- 2.5 Categorical Standards National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or Pretreatment Standards.
- 2.6 Combined Sewer means a sewer intended to receive both sewage and storm or
- 2.7 Commissioner means the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for the State of Connecticut.
- 2.8 Compatible Pollutant Biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids, pH and fecal coliform bacteria; plus any additional pollutants identified in the water pollution control facilities NPDES permit, where the water pollution control facility is designed to treat such pollutants and, in fact does treat such pollutants to the degree required by the NPDES permit.
- 2.9 Composite Sample means a mixture of aliquot samples obtained at regular intervals over a time period. The volume of each aliquot is proportional to the

discharge flow rate for the sampling interval. The minimum time period for composite sampling shall be four (4) hours.

- 2.10 Cooling Water means process water in general used for cooling purposes to which the only pollutant added is heat and which has such characteristics that it may be discharged to a natural outlet in accordance with Federal and State laws and
- 2.11 <u>Domestic Sewage</u> means sewage that consists of water and human excretions regulations. or other waterborne wastes incidental to the occupancy of a residential building or non-residential building but not wastewater from water softening equipment, commercial laundry wastewater, and blow down from heating and cooling
- 2.12 Floatable Oil is oil, fat, or grease in a physical state such that it will separate by gravity from sewage by treatment in an approved pretreatment facility.
- 2.13 Garbage means the animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or serving of foods.
- 2.14 Grab Sample A sample which is taken from a waste stream on a one-time basis with no regard to the flow in the waste stream and without consideration of time.
- 2.15 Holding Tank Waste Any waste from holding tanks such as vessels, chemical toilets, campers, trailers and septage hauling trucks.
- 2.16 Incompatible Pollutant all pollutants other than compatible pollutants as
- 2.17 Industrial Wastewater means all wastewater from industrial processed, trade, or business and is distinct from domestic sewage.
- 2.18 May is permissive (see "Shall")
- 2.19 Municipality means the Town of Thompson, Connecticut.
- 2.20 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit A permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act (33 USC 1342).
- 2.21 pH means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen-ion concentrations. The concentration is the weight of hydrogen ions, in grams, per liter of solution.
- individual, partnership, co-partnership, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agent, or assigns. The masculine gender shall include the feminine, the singular shall include the plural
- 2.23 Properly Shredded Garbage shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of foods that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than 1/2 inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension
- 2.24 Pretreatment or Treatment The reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater to a less harmful state prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a water pollution control facility. The reduction or alteration can be obtained by physical, chemical or biological processes, except as prohibited by Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 403.6 (d).

- 2.25 Public Sewer shall mean a common sanitary sewer controlled by a governmental agency or public utility.
- 2.26 Sanitary Sewer means a sewer which collects and conveys domestic sewage from residences, public buildings, commercial establishments, industries, and institutions. A sanitary sewer may also collect and convey permitted industrial wastewater and unintentionally admitted ground, storm, and surface waters.
- 2.27 Septage means the liquids and solids which are removed from a tank used to treat domestic sewage.
- 2.28 Sewage means human and animal excretions and all domestic and such manufacturing wastes as may tend to be detrimental to the public health.
- 2.29 Sewage Collection System means the structures and equipment required to collect and convey sewage to the Water Pollution Control Facility. 2.30 Shall is mandatory (See "May")
- 2.31 Slug means any sudden or excessive discharge which exceeds permitted levels either in terms of pollutant concentration or instantaneous flow rate in such a manner as to adversely affect the sewage collection system and/or water pollution
- 2.32 Soluble Oil means oil which is of either mineral or vegetable origin and disperses in water or sewage at temperatures between 0°and 65°C. For the purposes of this ordinance, emulsified oil shall be considered as soluble oil.
- Storm Sewer means a sewer which collects and conveys storm water or groundwater.
- 2.33a Superintendent means the Thompson Water Pollution Control Authority's
- 2.34 <u>Suspended Solids</u> means the solids matter, measured in mg/liter, which may be in suspension, floatable, or settleable and is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in the latest edition of "Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater."
- 2.35 <u>Toxic Pollutant</u> any pollutant or combination of pollutants listed as toxic in regulations promulgated by the Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency under the provision of Section 307 (a) of the Act or other Acts.
- 2.36 <u>User</u> any person who contributes, causes or permits the contribution of sewage into the municipalities sewer system.
- 2.37 Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) means an arrangement of devices for
- 2.38 <u>Watercourse</u> means a natural or artificial channel for the passage of water

3.0 **USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS**

3.1 The owner(s) of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreations, or other purposes situated within the municipality and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future have been located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the municipality may, at the option of the municipality and at the owner(s) expense, be required to

install a building sewer to connect their building drain to the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within ninety (90) day after the date of official notice to do so.

- 3.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or repair any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, septage lagoon or other facility intended for the disposal of sewage if public sewers are available.
- 3.3 When, in judgment of the TWPCA, the sewer lines are accessible to property discharging appropriate type waste, it shall be required that the owner make connection thereto within time period established by TWPCA subject to the provisions of Sec. 7-257 of the General Statutes of Connecticut as amended.

OPT IN/ OPT OUT

When connection to sanitary sewers required:

Connections must be made to sanitary sewers within one hundred fifty (150) days of availability of sewers or within 90 days of receipt of notice of section 3.1.

The obligation to promptly connect to sanitary sewers may be waived by the Water Pollution Control Authority for those on-site septic systems which were installed or substantially rebuilt in accordance with NDDH requirements. Waivers shall be granted only when the following criteria have been met:

- a. The property owner or its duly authorized agent shall request the waiver in writing in a form acceptable to the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- b. The application for waiver must be accompanied by satisfactory documentation from the Northeast District Department of Health regarding the nature and date of any such installation or repair, invoices and/or cancelled checks evidencing the cost of installation or repair and a certification from a licensed septic system installer that the system is presently in working condition according to the standards of the Northeast District Department of Health.
- c. Any such waiver shall expire upon the failure of any waivered septic systems or upon conveyance of the property, which ever shall first occur. Upon conveyance of the property, the new property owner, prospective new owner, or its duly authorized agent shall request the waiver in writing in a form acceptable to the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- d. Any sewer connection opt-in after completion of sewer line shall submit an application to the Water Pollution Control Authority and follow guidelines set in the sewer ordinance and policies of the TWPCA.
- e. Any such waiver shall be recorded on the land records and granted in the name of the then record property owner.

BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS 4.0

- No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use alter, repair, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof.
- 4.2 Any person proposing a new discharge into the public sewer system or a substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants that are being

discharged into the public sewer system shall notify the Superintendent at least forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed change or connection.

4.2(a) A person intending to connect a building drain from his property to the public sewer shall first obtain a permit to connect from the Superintendent. The application shall be made on forms provided by the superintendent, and it shall be accompanied by a sketch or plan showing the proposed installation in sufficient detail to enable the superintendent to determine that the proposed installation meets the requirements of this regulation and other applicable specifications, codes, and laws. The application shall be signed by the owner of the premises to be served or his authorized agent and by the qualified contractor (see Section 4.11) who has been chosen to perform the work of installing and connecting the building drain to the public sewer. Upon approval of the applications and plan, a permit shall be issued to have the work performed by the stated contractor. In the event the premises changes ownership before the work is completed, or if another contractor is chosen to perform or finish the work, the original permit becomes void, and a new permit must be obtained by the new parties in interest.

- 4.2(b) A connection to the public sewer will be made only after the building's plumbing has been approved by the Town/City Building Inspector in order to insure that minimum standards are met for the installation. A fresh air vent shall be required for the building and all plumbing shall be in good working order. No trench containing a building drain or connection to the sanitary sewer shall be back filled until the superintendent as completed an inspection of and approved the work. The water level in the trench shall be maintained at a level below the sewer connection before the cap is removed and while the connection is being made and until such time as it has been inspected, approved and back filled. The contractor shall notify the superintendent 24 hours before starting any work authorized under this permit. 4.2(c) Permits to connect to the public sewer may be revoked and annulled by the
- superintendent for such cause and at such time as (he) may deem sufficient and the municipality held harmless as a consequence of said revocation or the cause thereof. All other parties in interest shall be held to have waived the right to claim damages from the municipality or its Agents on account of such revocation.
- 4.3 All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner(s). The owner(s) shall indemnify the municipality from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.
- 4.4 A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no public sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court yard, or driveway, the building sewer that provides service for the building which fronts on the public sewer may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer; but the municipality does to and will not assume any obligation or responsibility for damage caused by or resulting form any such aforementioned connection.

- 4.5 Existing building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the superintendent to meet all requirements of this ordinance.
- 4.6 The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer shall all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the municipality. In the absence of code provisions or in implication thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and WPCF Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply.
- 4.7 Wherever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer. Duplex lift systems shall be provided for commercial and industrial buildings.
- 4.8 No person(s) shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sewer.
- 4.9 All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the municipality.
- 4.10 No building sewer shall be constructed within 25 feet of a water supply well. If a building sewer is constructed within 25-75 feet of a water supply well it shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable guidelines promulgated by the Commissioner.
- 4.11 All building sewers shall be installed by a drain layer who possesses a valid license issued under Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended.

SEWER CONNECTION GUIDELINES

Subject to review by TWPCA of each particular situation as presented in permit application, the following regulations will apply:

House connections for single family residence should be made adequate and gas tight by properly installing and using any of the following materials:

- a. 4" minimum Inside Diameter, extra heavy cast iron pipe with leaded or Neoprene joints
- b. 5" Inside Diameter minimum "Transite" type asbestos/cement pipe(Class 1500 min., 2400 pref).
- c. Clay pipe.
- d. Cement pipe.

All products to comply with manufacturers' recommended seals and installation procedure. Pipes less than 6'' inside diameter must pitch a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per

ft. down to sewer connection. Turns to be made with 45° Ells or equivalent as used for septic tank sanitary code. (note that Building Code requires at least 6 ft. of heavy cast iron pipe from building line without any joint or turn, as amended).

To prevent freezing, pipes are to be below frost line or 3 ½ ft. minimum.

To fill around "Transite" pipe to be fine gravel or sand bed compacted and similarly covered for 6" minimum radius before back fill.

Reducer and/or adapter to municipal pipe lines to be provided by and installed gas tight by applicant to match 6" or 8" municipal sewer pipes.

A plot plan for proposed house connection is to be provided by applicant on making application for permit. This plot plan must show location of any water well and elevation of such pipe line to building. In addition, the plot plan must show any presently used septic tank or waste water disposal piping.

The applicant for the building sewer permit shall request inspection after it is ready for connection.

All work shall be done by qualified drain layers or plumbers having licenses W9, W8, P1, P3 and carrying insurance bond of \$5,000 against any damage to municipal sewers and other possible damages.

These certifications are based on 1972 State Building/Sanitary Codes for installers of building-sewer connections and TWPCA requirements will change to correspond if changed by State.

The building sewer connections shall not be back-filled until the pipe and trench has been inspected by TWPCA inspector or representative, and the connection to municipal sewer also witnessed by the TWPCA inspector/representative. A fee of, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule; and extra \$10.00 for inspection fee shall be made if inspection is requested outside of normal working hours of inspectors.

5.0 <u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS</u>

- $5.1\,$ No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any unpolluted waters such as storm water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, or cooling water to any sanitary sewer.
- 5.2 Storm water and all such unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as combined sewers or storm sewers and discharged to a watercourse in accordance with all applicable State and Federal Laws and Regulations.
- 5.3 No user shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly, any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with the operation or performance of the WPCF. These general prohibitions apply to all such users of a WPCF whether or not the user is subject to National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or any other Federal or State Pretreatment Standards or requirements. A user shall not contribute the following substances to any WPCF:
- 5.3(a) Any liquids, solids or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are, or may be, sufficient either alone or by interaction with other substances to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the WPCF or to the operation of

the WPCF. At no time, shall two successive readings on the explosion hazard meter, at the point of discharge into the sewage collection system (or at any point in the system) be more than five percent (5%) nor any single reading over ten percent (10%) of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the meter.

5.3(b) Solids or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the WPCF, including substances such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as, but not limited to, grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch such as greater than one-half inch

5.3(c) Any sewage having a pH lower than (5.5) or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the WPCF. The upper limit of pH for any industrial wastewater discharge shall be established under the dischargers State Discharge Permit.

5.3(d) Any sewage containing toxic pollutants is sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, to injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or plant life, create a toxic effect in the receiving waters of the WPCF, or to exceed the limitation set forth in a "Categorical Pre-treatment Standard." A toxic pollutant shall include by not be limited to any pollutant identified pursuant to Section 307(a) of the Act.

5.3(e) Any noxious or malodorous sewage, gases, or solids which either singly or by interaction with other sewage are sufficient to prevent entry into the public sewers for their maintenance and repair.

5.3(f) Any sewage which, by interaction with other sewage in the public sewer releases obnoxious gases, forms suspended solids which interfere with the collection system, or creates a condition which may be deleterious to structures and treatment processes or which may cause the effluent limitations of the WPCF;S NPDES Permit to exceeded.

5.3(g) Any substance which may cause the WPCF's effluent or any other product of the WPCF such as residues, sludges, or scums, to be unsuitable or reclamation process where the WPCF is pursuing a reuse and reclamation program. In no case, shall a substance discharged to the WPCF cause the facility to be in non-compliance with sludge use or disposal criteria, guidelines, or regulations developed under Section 405 of the Act; any criteria, guidelines or regulations affecting sludge use or disposal developed pursuant to the Resource Conservation Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or State Criteria applicable to the sludge management method being used.

5.3(h) Any substance which will cause the WPCF to violate its NPDES Permit or the receiving water quality standards.

5.3(i) Sewage containing substances which are not amendable to treatment or reduction by the wastewater treatment process employed, or are amendable to

treatment only to such degree that the water pollution control facility effluent cannot meet the limits stipulated in the municipalities NPDES permit.

- The following described substances, materials, waters, or waste shall be limited in discharges to public sewers or concentrations or quantities which will not harm either the sewers, water pollution control facility, will not have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or will not otherwise endanger public property or constitute a nuisance. The Commissioner may set lower limitations if more severe limitations are necessary to meet the water quality standards to the receiving stream. The limitations or restrictions on materials or characteristics of sewage discharged to the public sewer are as follows:
- 5.4(a) Sewage having a temperature higher than 150°F (65°C).
- 5.4(b) Sewage containing fat, wax, grease, petroleum, or mineral oil, whether emulsified or not, in excess of ne hundred (100) mg/l with floatable oil not to exceed twenty (20) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred-fifty (150) degrees F. (0 and 65 degrees C.)
- Any garbage that has not been properly shredded (see Section 2.23). Garbage grinders may be connected to sanitary sewers from homes, hotels, institutions, restaurants, hospitals, catering establishments, or similar places where garbage originates from the preparation of food in kitchens for the propose of consumption on the premises or when served by caterers.
- Any sewage containing odor-producing substances exceeding limits which may be established by the commissioner.
- 5.4(e) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Commissioner in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations.
- 5.4(f) Materials which exert or cause:
- 5.4(f)-1 Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).
- Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and 5.4(f)-2vegetable tanning solutions).
- Unusual BOD, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine demand in such 5.4(f)-3quantities as to constitute a significant load on the water pollution control facility.
- 5.4(f)-4 Unusual volume of flow or concentrations of wastes constituting a "slug" as defined in Section 2.31.
- Overflow from holding tanks or other receptacles storing organic wastes. 5.4(q)5.4 (h)
- Sewage with concentration of pollutants in excess of the following limits:

POLLUTANT	CONCENTRATION; PARTS/MILLION (mg/l)
Arsenic as AS	0.05
	5.0
Barium as Ba	5.0
Boron as Bo	0.1
Cyanides as CN (amendable)	20
Fluoride as F	1.0
Chromium (Total)	0.1
Chromium (Cr +6)	100
Magnesium as MG	5.0
Magnesese as Mn	1.0
Copper as CU	1.0
Zinc as ZN	0.1
Cadmium	0.1
Lead	2.0
Tin	0.1
Silver	0.01
Mercury	1.0
Nickel Nickel Nickel	

Note: All materials are to be measured as total metals

- In accordance with Section 25-541 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, a permit from the Commissioner of Environmental Protection is required prior to the initiation of a discharge of any of the following wastewaters to public
- (a) Industrial wastewater of any quantity.
- (b) Domestic sewage in excess of 5,000 gallons per day through any individual building sewer to public sewer.
- A potential discharger must submit permit application to the Department of Environmental Protection not later than 90 days prior to the anticipated date of initiation of the proposed discharge.
- If any sewage is discharged or is proposed to be discharged to the public sewers which contains the substances or possesses the characteristics 5.6 enumerated in Section 5.4 of this
- Ordinance, and which in the judgment of the Commissioner may have deleterious effect upon the wastewater facilities, processes, equipment or 5.7 receiving waters, or which otherwise may create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the Commissioner may in accordance with Section 25-54i(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended:
- (a) Reject the discharge of the wastes,
- (b) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers.
- (c) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge.

If the Commissioner permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Commissioner subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances and laws.

- 5.7 The Superintendent shall have the right to reject the discharge of any wastes; or, require more stringent effluent limitations than required by the users Section 25-54i permit, the decisions of the Commissioner notwithstanding.
- 5.8 Grease, oil and gross particles separators shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Commissioner they are necessary for the proper handling of sewage containing floatable grease in excessive amounts, as specified in Section 5.4(b), or any flammable wastes, and or other harmful substances; except that such separators shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All separators shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Commissioner, and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. In the maintaining of these separators, the owner(s) shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates, and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Commissioner. Any removal and hauling of the collected materials shall be performed by a waste disposal firm which possesses a valid permit from the Commissioner under Section 25-54h of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or by an agent of the WPCA.
- 5.9 Where pretreatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided or required for any sewage, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operations by the owner(s) at his expense.
- 5.10 When required by the Commissioner, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable structure together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer facilitate observations, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such structure, when required, shall be accessible and safely located and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Commissioner. The sampling structure shall be located at a point along the industrial waste stream where a representative sample of the industrial wastewater may be obtained prior to its being diluted by domestic sewage in the building sewer. The structure shall be installed by the owner at his expense and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.
- 5.11 All industries discharging into a public sewer shall perform such monitoring of their discharge as required by the Commissioner in any State Discharge Permit issued pursuant to Section 25-54i of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, including, but not limited to, installation, use, and maintenance of monitoring equipment, keeping records and reporting the results to the Commissioner. Such records shall be made available upon request of the Commissioner or the Superintendent.
- 5.12 All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of sewage to which reference is made in the ordinance shall be determined in accordance with

the latest edition of "Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association. Sampling methods, location, times, durations, and frequencies are to be determined on an individual basis subject to the stipulations and general conditions of the discharges State Discharge Permit.

- 5.13 No statement contained in this article shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the municipality and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the municipality for treatment, provided that such agreements do not contravene any requirements of existing State or Federal Regulations and are compatible with any User Charge and Industrial Cost Recovery System in effect.
- 5.14 Upon the promulgation of the Federal Categorical Pretreatment Standard for a particular industrial subcategory, the Federal Standard, if more stringent than limitations imposed under this ordinance for sources in that subcategory shall supersede the limitations imposed under this ordinance.
- 5.15 No user shall increase the use of process water in an attempt to dilute a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations contained in the Federal Categorical Pretreatment Standards, or in any specific pollutant limitations which may be developed by the Commissioner.
- Each user shall provide protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other substances regulated by this ordinance. Facilities to prevent accidental discharge or prohibited materials shall be provided and maintained at the owner or user's own cost and expense. The Commissioner may require that plans showing facilities and operating procedures be submitted for review and approval prior to construction of the facilities.
- 5.16(a) Within five (5) days following an accidental discharge, the user shall submit to the Superintendent and the Commissioner, a detailed written report describing the cause of the discharge and the measures to be taken by the user to prevent similar future occurrences. Such notification shall not relieve the user of any expense, loss, damage, or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage to the WPCF, fish kill, aquatic plants, or any other damage to persons or property; nor shall such notification relieve the user of fines, civil penalties, or other liability which may be imposed by this ordinance or other applicable law.
- 5.16(b) A notice shall be permanently posted on the user's bulletin board or other prominent place advising employees whom to call in the event of a dangerous discharge. Employers shall insure that all employees are advised of the emergency notification procedure.

PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE 6.0

No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, or destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the sewage collection system or water pollution control facility.

7.0 POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS

- 7.1 The Superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the municipality bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspections, observations, measurement sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- 7.2 While performing the necessary work in private properties referred to in Section 7.1 above, the superintendent or duly authorized employees of the municipality shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the user. The user shall be held harmless for injury or death to the municipality employees and the municipality shall indemnify the user against loss or damage to its property by municipality employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the user and growing out of the gauging and sampling operations, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the user to maintain safe conditions as required in Section 5.10.
- 7.3 The superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the municipality bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the municipality holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of repair and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be doe in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property.

8.0 PENALTIES

- 8.1 Any person found to be in violation of any provisions of this ordinance, except Section 6.0, shall be served by the municipality with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
- 8.2 Any person who continues any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Section 8.1, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule for each violation. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.
- 8.3 Any person who is found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall become liable to the municipality for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the municipality by reason of such violation.
- 8.4 Any person who is found to be in violation of Section 25-54i of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended shall be subject to a monetary penalty or forfeiture under Section 25-54q of the statutes.

9.0 <u>VALIDITY</u>

- 9.1 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- 9.2 The invalidity of any action, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

ORDINANCE IN FORCE

This ordinance supersedes one adopted December 22, 1981 and any inconsistent articles of said ordinance are null and void.

10.1 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording, and publication as provided by law.

10.2 Passed and adopted by the Town of Thompson, State of Connecticut on the 27th day of January, 2010.

This ordinance shall become effective February 20, 2010.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-044

REGULATING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND SLEET

February 24, 1972 December 1, 2004 Vol. 8, Page 225 Vol. 12, Page 76

The ordinance regarding Regulating the Removal of Snow, Ice, and Sleet as initially adopted February 24, 1972 and amended December 1, 2004 id hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

Section 1: The owner of any building or land bordering on any street within the Town of Thompson where there is a sidewalk, graded, paved, or planked, shall remove or cause to be removed there from any and all snow, sleet or ice to a width of at least thirty-six (36) inches within twenty-four (24) hours after the same shall have fallen, been deposited, found or formed.

Section 2: In case the snow, sleet or ice on such sidewalk shall be frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, such owner of the building or lot of land, as aforesaid, shall cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient or passable by covering any and all such snow, sleet or ice with sand or similar materials cinders within the time limited specifically above, and shall as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit thoroughly clean such sidewalk.

Section 3: The owner of any building or lot of land whose duty it is to clear the sidewalk adjacent thereto who shall violate any of the provisions of Section 1 and 2, or refuse or neglect to comply with the same, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction; and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule for each offense and each and every day thereafter shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 4: Whenever a corporation violates the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, the officers and directs of such corporations shall be personally liable to pay any fine incurred by such corporation.

Section 5: The owner of any building, standing upon or so near the line of a street that snow-slides or ice from the roof may endanger public travel shall, within a reasonable time after the termination of abatement of a snowstorm, but in any case, within twenty-four (24) hours shall case the snow to be removed from the roof therein in such a manner as it will not endanger travelers.

Section 6: No owner, occupant, lessee, or other person in charge of any building or land abutting any street or highway with the Town of Thompson shall deposit or case to be deposited any snow, sleet or ice which falls upon such building or land in any portion of the traveled right of way or street, highway or sidewalk. Every person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule. Each day said violation continues shall be considered a separate violation.

<u>Section 7</u>: The appropriate law enforcement agency shall issue a citation for any violation of this ordinance.

<u>Section 8</u>: The Director of Public Works may cause the removal of snow, ice, sleet and debris from any sidewalk wherein it has remained for twenty-four (24) hours after the conclusion of any storm. The cost of such removal shall be liened against the property owner pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 9: The property owner of said property shall be held responsible and shall be liable for any damage incurred from neglect or violation of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-045

ESTABLISHING THE JACOB F. TOURTELLOTTE & HARRIET ARNOLD TOURTELLOTTE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES

June 11, 2009 Vol. 12, Page 365

Be It Ordained, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, the Town of Thompson hereby accepts the proceeds of the Jacob F. Tourtellotte Trust as received from his Trustees and establishes a permanent municipal Trust Fund to hold and manage said funds, to be known as the Jacob F. Tourtellotte and Harriet Arnold Tourtellotte Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Extension of the Free Memorial High School.

Said Trust shall exist upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) members as follows. The First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, the Chairperson of the Board of education of the Town of Thompson, the Chairperson of the Board of Finance of the Town of Thompson, the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Thompson, the President of the Tourtellotte High School Alumni Association, the President of the Thompson Historical Society, and the Finance Director/Treasures of the Town of Thompson. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Ordinance the Board of Trustees shall prepare and adopt bylaws for the management of the Trust, which bylaws shall be consistent with the purpose of the Trust as herein stated and as

management of the Trust, which bylaws shall be consistent with the purpose of the Trust as herein stated and as stated in the Will and Codicil of Jacob F. Tourtellotte and in conformance with the provisions of State Law. A copy of said bylaws shall be placed on file with the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Thompson upon adoption.

2. Any of the aforenamed individuals may serve by virtue of their office or may designate another member of their respective Board or Society to serve

as the designated agent of the said Board or Society.

3. The Trustees shall be responsible for hiring, supervising, and discharging as necessary such professional investment advisors as they deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town of Thompson.

- 4. On the first Monday of February of each year, the Trustees shall hold a meeting and determine the amount of net Trust income which may be prudently appropriated for the ensuing fiscal year, keeping in mind both the purposes of the Trust and its purpose as a permanent fund. The Trustees shall hold a public hearing either simultaneously with or following the aforementioned meeting to hear testimony from the public as to the appropriate expenditures of Trust funds for the ensuing fiscal year.
- 5. In no event shall principal of the Trust Fund be appropriated.

6. The Board of Trustees shall recommend both short term and long term expenditure options for the Board of Education.

- 7. Said expenditures shall be appropriated as requested by the Board of Education giving due consideration to the recommendations of the Trustees, such expenditures shall be approved by the Board of Finance and Town Meeting as part of the Annual Budget of the Town of Thompson. No appropriation may be requested by the Board of Education unless it has been previously recommended by the Board of Trustees.
- 8. It is the intention that this trust shall be a permanent fund created to honor the wishes of the original donor Jacob F. Tourtellotte and the expend said fund for the maintenance and extension of the Free Memorial High School.
- 9. One hundred years from the date of this adoption, the then Trustees of the Trust shall review the efficacy and efficiency of the Trust in terms of carrying out its stated mission and shall make such recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Thompson legislative body as seem to them necessary and proper.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-046

TOWN TREASURER

July 26, 1999

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-185 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that the position of

Town Treasurer shall be appointed by the chief executive authority of the Town of Thompson commencing with the term beginning November 16, 1999. The Town Treasurer shall be appointed for two (2) year terms in November of each odd number year by the chief executive authority as elected at that years biennial election. The term of the Treasurer shall be co-terminus with that of the Board of Selectmen and while such appointed Town Officer shall not automatically be entitled to reappointment, said Town Officer may only be removed during the term for cause by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. The appointed Town Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Town and shall have additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-047

VENDORS AND SOLICITORS

October 1, 1934 September 24, 1998 March 27, 2000

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BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinance that the Town of Thompson adopted October 1, 1934, regarding the licensing of house-to-house sales or peddling of goods, as amended at the Town Meeting on April 27, 1939, is hereby repealed in it entirety and the following is substituted in lieu thereof.

<u>Article 1 – Definitions</u>

The following words, terms, and phrases, and their derivations, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

- a. <u>Charitable</u>: Means and includes the words patriotic, philanthropic, social service, health, welfare, benevolent, educational, civic, cultural, or fraternal, either actual or purported.
- b. <u>Contributions</u>: Means and includes the words alum, money, subscription, property or any donations under the guise of a loan or money or property.
- c. <u>Director</u>: Means the First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, or his designee.
- d. <u>Peddler</u>: Means any person who goes upon the premises of any private residence in the Town, not having been invited by the occupant thereof, carrying or transporting goods, wares, merchandise or person property of any nature and offering the same for sale. This definition also includes any person who solicits orders and as a separate transaction makes deliveries to purchasers as part of the scheme to evade the provisions of this ordinance.

- e. <u>Peddling</u>: Includes all activities ordinarily performed by a peddler as indicated under paragraph (e) of this Article.
- f. <u>Person</u>: Means a natural person or any firm, corporation, association, club, society, or other organization.
- g. <u>Solicitor</u>: Means any person who goes upon the premises of any private residence in the Town, not having been invited by the occupant thereof, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take orders for the sale of goods, merchandise, wares, or other personal property of any nature for future delivery, or for services to be performed in the future. This definition also includes any person, who, without invitation, goes upon private property, to request contribution of funds or anything of value, or sell goods, or services for political, charitable, religious, or other non-commercial purposes.
- h. <u>Solicitation</u>: Includes all activities ordinarily performed by a solicitor as indicated under paragraph (h) of this Article.
- i. <u>Town Clerk</u>: Shall be the Town Clerk of the Town of Thompson or Assistant Town Clerk.

Article 2 – Permit Requirements and Exemptions

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in peddling or solicitation activities within the Town of Thompson without first obtaining a permit issued by the Town Clerk; provided, however, that the following are exempted from the provisions of this Article:

- a. Any solicitation made upon premises owned or occupied by an organization upon whose behalf the solicitation is made.
- b. Any communication by an organization soliciting contributions solely from persons who are members of the organization at the time of such solicitation;
- c. Any solicitation in the form of a collection at a regular meeting, assembly, or service of a charitable event; or
- d. Any solicitation for the relief of any individual specified by name at the time of the solicitation where the solicitor represents in each case that the entire amount collected shall be turned over to the named beneficiary.

<u>Article 3 – Permit for Sponsoring Juvenile Peddlers</u>

- a. Any person engaged in peddling or solicitation under the age of sixteen (16) shall, in addition to all other requirements set forth in this ordinance, observe all of the following requirements;
- b. A permit shall be obtained by a sponsoring person, company, or organization for the conduct of any peddling or solicitation activities involving, in whole or in part, a sales force of one (1) or more persons under sixteen (16) years of age.
- c. The sponsor shall be responsible for supervising and controlling the conduct of all persons, including juveniles, peddling under the sponsor's permit.
- d. The sponsor shall provide to each individual in its sales force a badge or other easily readable form of identification which identifies the name of the sponsor and the name of the sponsor shall

require all individuals in its sales force to wear such identification so that it is clearly visible at all times when the individuals are peddling or soliciting.

<u> Article 4 – Permit Application</u>

Every person subject to the provisions of this ordinance shall file with the Town Clerk an application in writing on a form to be furnished by the Town Clerk, which shall provide the following information:

- a. Proof of age, address, and identification of the applicant, to be provided through the applicant's driver's license, articles of incorporation (for sponsors), or other legally recognized form of identification;
- b. A brief description of the business or activity to be conducted;
- c. The hours and location for which the right to peddle or solicit is desired;
- d. If employed, the name, address, and telephone number of the employer; or if acting as an agent, the name, address, and telephone number of the principal who is being represented, with credentials in written form establishing the relationsh8p and the authority of the employee or agent to act for the employer or principal, as the case may be;
- e. A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance violation (other than traffic violations), the nature of the offense or violation, the penalty or punishment imposed, the date when and place where such offense occurred, and other pertinent details thereof; fingerprinting & background check will be required.
- f. Proof of possession of any license or permit which under federal, state, or local laws or regulations, the applicant is required to have in order to conduct the proposed business, or which, under any such law or regulation, would exempt the applicant from the licensing requirements of this ordinance; and
- g. Two (2) photographs of the applicant which shall have been taken within sixty (60) days immediately prior to the dale of filing of the application. The photographs shall measure two (2) inches by two (2) inches and show the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner.

Article 5 – Fees

- a. At the time the application is filed with the Town Clerk, each applicant shall pay a fee, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule to cover the cost to the Town of processing each application and investigating the facts stated therein.
- b. The permit fee, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule shall be for each solicitor or peddler.
- c. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-37 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen may waive the permit fee for a non-profit organization exempt from taxation by Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding Internal Revenue Code of the Unites States as from time to time amended, or a charitable organization.
- d. No license fee shall be required from a resident veteran, as defined in Section 21-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided he or she meets the requirements contained herein.

<u>Article 6 – Application Review and Permit Issuance</u>

- a. Upon receipt of an application, the Town Clerk shall transmit the application to the First Selectman, or authorized representative, who shall review the application as deemed necessary to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- b. If the First Selectman finds the application to be satisfactory, the First Selectman shall endorse his approval of the application and return it to the Town Clerk who shall, upon payment of the prescribed fee, deliver the required permit to the applicant.
- c. The permit shall show the name, address, and photograph of the permittee, the class of permit issued, the kinds of goods or services to be sold or delivered, the date of issuance, and the length of time that the permit shall be in effect. The permit shall also show the permit number and identifying description of any vehicle to be used in carrying on the business for which the permit is issued.
- d. A record all permits issued shall be maintained by the Town clerk for a period of two (2) years.
- e. All applications shall be submitted with all required supporting data and fees at least three (3) business days prior to the proposed date of issuance of the permit.

Article 7 – Denial of Permit

- a. Upon the First Selectman's review of the application, the First Selectman may refuse to issue a permit to the applicant under this ordinance for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. The location and time of solicitation or peddling would endanger the safety and welfare of the solicitors, peddlers, or their customers;
 - 2. An investigation reveals that the applicant falsified information on the application.
 - 3. The applicant has been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or violation involving a sex offense, trafficking in controlled substances, or any violent acts against persons or property, such conviction being entered within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
 - 4. The applicant is a person against whom a judgment is based upon, or conviction for, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation has been entered within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.
 - 5. There is no proof as to the authority of the application to serve as an agent to the principal; or
 - 6. The applicant has been denied a permit under this ordinance within the immediate past year, unless the applicant can and does show to the satisfactory of the First Selectman that the reasons for such earlier denial no longer exist.

b. The First Selectman's disapproval and the reason for disapproval shall be noted on the application, and the applicant shall be notified that his application is disapproved and that no permit will be issued. Notification shall be mailed to the applicant at the address shown on the application form, or at the applicant's last known address.

Article 8 – Permit Expiration

All permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall expire on December 31^{st} of the year of issue.

<u>Article 9 – Identification Badge</u>

At the same time the permit is issued, the Town Clerk shall issue to each permittee a badge, which shall be worn by the permittee in a way as to be conspicuous at all times while the permittee is soliciting or peddling in the Town.

Article 10 – Permit Exhibition

Every person required to obtain a permit under the provisions of this ordinance shall exhibit the permit when requested to do so by any prospective customer or department employee.

Article 11 – Transfer Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person other than the permittee to use or wear any permit or badge issued the provisions of this ordinance.

Article 12 – Hours of Solicitation

No person, while conducting the activities of a peddler or solicitor, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall enter upon any private property, knock on doors or other disturb persons in their residences between the hours of 7:00 PM and 9:00 AM.

Article 13 – Permit Revocation

Any permit issued under this ordinance may be revoked or suspended by the Director, after notice and hearing, for any of the following reasons:

- a. Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement contained in the application for a permit;
- b. Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statement made by the permittee in the course of conducting solicitation or peddling activities;
- c. Conducting peddling or solicitation activities contrary to the provisions contained in the permit;
- d. Conviction for any crime involving moral turpitude; or
- e. Conducting peddling or solicitation activities in such a manner as to create a public nuisance, constitutes a breach of the peach or endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

Article 14 - Notice and Hearing

Notice of a hearing for revocation of a permit issued under this ordinance shall be provided in writing and shall set forth specifically the grounds for the proposed revocation and the time and place of the hearing. Notice shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the permittee at the address shown on the permit application or to the last know address of the permittee.

Article 15 - Appeals

- a. Any person aggrieved by the action or decision of the First Selectman to deny, suspend, or revoke a permit applied for under the provisions of this ordinance shall have the right to appeal such action or decision to a hearing offer designated by the Board of Selectmen, said appeal to be taken within fifteen (15) days after the notice of the action or decision has been mailed to the person's address as shown on the permit application form, or to his last known address.
- b. An appeal shall be taken by filing with the First Selectman a written statement setting forth the grounds for the appeal.
- c. The First Selectman shall transmit the written statement to the Board of Selectmen within five (5) days of its receipt and the First Selectman shall set a time and place for a hearing on the appeal.
- d. A hearing shall be set not later than twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of the appellant's written statement by First Selectman.
- e. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be given to the appellant in the same manner as provided for the mailing of notice of action or decision.
- f. The decision of the hearing officer on the appeal shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

Article 16 – Claims of Exemption

Any person claiming to be legally exempt from the regulations set forth in this ordinance, or from the payment of a permit fee, shall cite to the Director the statute or other legal authority under which exemption is claimed and shall present to the Director proof of qualification for such exemption.

Article 17 - Violations and Penalty

- a. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be treated as a violation. The first violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule, and second or subsequent violation shall be punished by a fine of, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule..
- b. In addition to any criminal enforcement, the Town of any individual may pursue any available civil remedies deemed appropriate and necessary.

Article 18 - Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of the ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance, but they shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent that this ordinance shall remain in effect notwithstanding the validity of any part.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-048

VETERAN'S TAX EXEMPTION

August 29, 1985 September 22, 2011 Vol. 9, Page 492 Vol. 12, Page 507 BE IT ORDAINED, by the legislative body of the Town of Thompson that all qualifying veterans and surviving spouse of veterans eligible pursuant to provisions 12-81(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and as set forth in the cited statues, 12-81(1) or an amount up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) greater than the amount cited in 12-81(1), shall be entitled to a four thousand \$4,000.00 dollar additional exemption from assessed value for those veterans who have the appropriate qualifying income.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-049

VOTING DISTRICTS

August 1, 1937 October 3, 1960 May 19, 1981 Vol. 1937, Page ? Vol. 1958, Page 118 Vol. 9, Page 241

The ordinance regarding Voting Districts as initially adopted August 1, 1937 and further amended on October 3, 1960 and May 19, 1981 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: The Selectmen of the Town of Thompson are authorized and directed to establish four (4) voting districts therein and fix boundaries thereof.

Section 2: District number one (1) shall be comprised of the territory contained in the portions of said town known as Thompson district, Quadic district, Brandy Hill district, East Thompson district and Pond district. District number two (2) shall be comprised of the territory contained in the portions of said town known as West Thompson district, Grosvenordale district, Fabyan district, Upham district, Wilsonville district, Paine district, Mechanicsville district and North Grosvenordale district. District number three (3) to include the villages of Fabyan, Quinebaug, and Paine district, said district to be bounded as follows: on both sides of the following roads; Norman Hill Road, Hagstrom Road, Fabyan to Woodstock Road, Brickvard Road to Kapitulik Road, Quinebaug Road from Kapitulik Road to the boundary line of the State of Massachusetts boundary, Tuft Hill Road, Watson Road, Old Turnpike Road from Massachusetts boundary to the boundary line of the Town of Woodstock. Walker Road, William Avenue, George Avenue, Paul Avenue, Poulin Drive, Top View Drive, Norman Avenue, Donovan Drive, Carol Avenue, Alice Drive, and Walker Drive. Article Unanimously passed. Existing District number one (1) is modified as necessary to create the fourth (4th) Voting District. The Fourth (4th) Voting District shall consist of residents on the following road: Babula Road, Becola Road, Bonnette Avenue, Buck Hill Road, Colonial Park Road, East Thompson Road, Elaine Street, Gore Road, Highland Road, Indian Inn Road, Jezierski Lane, Juliette Avenue, June Avenue, Kingsbury Avenue, Labonte Road, Lehtinen Road, Leon Street, Liberty Lane,

Lillian Avenue, Long Pond road, Meadow Drive, New Road, Oakwood Drive, Porter Plain Road, Rich Road, Thompson Road (Brandy Hill Road to Massachusetts line), Roy Road, Sand Dam Road, Shady Lane, South Shore Road, Starr Road, Stevens Road, Quaddick Town Farm Road (Spicer Road to East Thompson Road.

Section 3: Each elector of said town shall vote in the district in which he resides.

Section 4: The registrars of voters of said town shall prepare a list of the electors in each voting district, giving the name of each such elector and his residence by street and number if possible.

Section 5: Any elector who shall move his residence from one voting district in said town to another voting district therein shall notify the registrars of voters of such removal, giving the street and number from which he moved, the street and number of his new residence and the date of such removal, and may vote in the district from which he moved at any time within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

Section 6: Any newly created streets or roads created in the Town of Thompson will be assigned a voting district by the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Thompson.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>10-050</u>

WATER AND OTHER DISCHARGES

August 24, 1982

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BE IT ORDAINED, no person shall discharge water, snow, ice or any other substance, onto the travelled portion of any street or sidewalk within the Town of Thompson.

The owner of any land from which water is collected and discharged upon the travelled portion of any street or sidewalk with the Town may be required to terminate such discharge upon notice from the Board of Selectmen or its agent.

The penalty for any violation of this ordinance shall be a fine, see Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule. Each day that the condition creating any violation continues after notice may be treated as a separate offense.

The property owner of said property will be held responsible and shall be liable for any damage incurred from such discharge.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-051

WEST THOMPSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION (Burial of the Poor)

June 12, 2000

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson is hereby authorized to convey to the West Thompson Cemetery Association , that portion of

the West Thompson cemetery Association now owned by the Town of Thompson and reserved for the burial of Town poor upon the express condition that by the acceptance of the deed, the West Thompson Cemetery Association, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby covenants and agrees with the Town of Thompson that it will assume the duty of providing lots for the burial of Town poor on a permanent basis, said undertaking to run with the land and be permanent in nature.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-052

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

December 3, 1973

Vol. 8, Page 364

The ordinance regarding Zoning Board of Appeals as initially adopted December 3, 1973 at Special Town Meeting is hereby amended and restated to read as follows: The following ordinance creating Zoning Board of Appeals was duly adopted at a Special Town Meeting held on December 3, 1973.

Section 1: The Town of Thompson hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 2: There is hereby created a Zoning Board of Appeals in and for the Town of Thompson with all the powers and duties set forth in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, revision of 1958, as amended, relating to Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 3: The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members, who shall be electors of the Town, holding no salaried municipal office, no shall they be members of any other elected or appointed Town board or commission. At each biennial election, members and alternates shall be elected for this board for a term of six (6) years to replace those whose terms are due to expire.

Section 4: Vacancies occurring on the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be filled from the number of alternate members for each board by majority vote of the remaining Commission members. Vacancies occurring among the alternates shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of such alternate's term. All vacancies shall be filled within thirty (30) days from the date of their occurrence.

Section 5: The Zoning Board of Appeals are authorized to adopt By-Laws and such other procedures as may, to them, seem necessary for the efficient management of its business. A copy of any such By-Laws and/or rules, shall be filed with the Town Clerk before they shall become effective.

Town of Thompson Ordinance Fee and Fine Schedule

Ordinance	Ordinance #	Adonted	Fee	Fine (if appl.)	Bond	Tax Abatement
	2000	0/00/4076		610000		
Alcoholic Beverages & Loitering Bull Hill Recreation Area	10-001	8/28/1986		\$50.00-\$100.00		
Code of Ordinances	11-001	8/17/2011	by Superior Court	urt		
Computer Database	10-010	11/29/2001	Set by Assess.			
Conflicts of Interest	10-009	8/24/1970		\$100.00		
Control of Dogs & Dog Waste	10-054	5555	\$50.00			
Control of Livestock	10-053	3232	\$50.00			
Driveway Ordinance	10-053	12/20/1988	\$100.00	\$100.00		
Driveway Bond	10-053	12/20/1988			\$1,000.00	
Dumping and Littering	10-021	8/24/1970		\$50.00-\$250.00		4 40
Demolition Material/Bulky Waste	10-021	8/24/1970	Set by B of S			
Fracking	17-001	10/11/2017		\$250.00		
Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse	10-021	8/24/1970	\$75.00	\$100.00		
Recycling, Unauthorized Collection	10-021	8/24/1970		\$50.00		
Abandoned Motor Vehicles	10-026	8/28/1986		\$100.00		
Outdoor Burning	10-035	6/27/1967		\$50.00		
Parking of Motor Vehicles	10-037	2/24/1972	ઝ	Set by Superior Court		
Road Ordinance	10-041	12/20/1988	\$100.00	\$100.00	Set by B of S	
Road Bond	10-041	12/20/1988			Set by P&Z	
Road Easement Bond	10-029	10/1/2009			Set by B of S	
Sewers	10-043	1/27/2010	\$5.00-\$25.00	\$500.00		
Snow, Ice, Sleeet, Removal of	10-044	2/24/1972		\$25.00-\$50.00		and and
Vendors & Solicitors	10-047	10/1/1934	\$100.00	\$50.00-\$100.00		
Water & Other Discharges	10-050	8/24/1982		\$50.00		
Firemen Tax Abatement	10-019	3/18/2004				\$1,000.00
Veterans Tax Abatement	10-048	8/29/1985				\$4,000.00
Farm Building Tax Exemption	11-002	9/22/2011				\$100,000.00
Farm Machinery Tax Exemption	11-003	9/22/2011				\$100,000.00

*The Ordinance Fee and/or Fine Schedule shall be listed in the Code of Ordinance Book and posted in the Town Hall.

^{***}Any Fee and/or Fines not paid within ninety (90) days of written notice, the property may be liened due to non-compliance. **Fees and/or Fines will be assessed on a case by case basis as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen.

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