

AGENDA ITEM: VII.C.

DATE: 9-27-16

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby approves the amendments to the Newington Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, Article VI, "Environmental Quality Commission", a copy of said ordinance is attached to the resolution.

MOTION BY: Councilor Marocchini

SECONDED BY: Councilor Budrejko

VOTE: 9 - 0

ARTICLE VI **Environmental Quality Commission**

§ 8-19 Establishment.

There is hereby established an Environmental Quality Commission (hereafter referred to as "the Commission") for the purposes stated herein, which shall be appointed and organized and shall have the duties and powers as hereinafter set forth.

§ 8-20 Purpose.

The Commission shall be responsible for responding to and making appropriate recommendations or referrals to the Town Council and Town Manager affecting environmental concerns and the quality of life in the Town of Newington, including but not limited to: To research opportunities and recommend policies and procedures that will improve the quality of the environment in Town; to promote environmentally friendly practices for residents, businesses and Town operations; to plan and promote programs and events related to environmental quality including but not limited to litter pickup events, park cleanup and Earth Day recognition; to monitor and report to the Town Council and Town Manager changes in environmental laws that may impact the Town. A report shall be made to the Council annually.

§ 8-21 Definitions.

Industry shall mean organizations and businesses with hazardous chemicals above certain quantities, which are required by the US Environmental Protection Agency to submit Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms annually to local fire departments, Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) and State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) to help those agencies plan for and respond to chemical emergencies, pursuant to, 42 U.S.C.

§ 8-22 Membership.

- A.** The Commission shall consist of 7 individuals of the Town, appointed by the Town Council. As of the effective date of this ordinance, the Council shall appoint members in the following manner: 2 public members shall be appointed to serve until November 30, 2017 and 3 public members shall be appointed to serve until November 30, 2019. One industry member shall be appointed to serve until November 30, 2017 and 1 industry member shall be appointed to serve until November 30, 2019. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for four-year terms. Terms shall expire November 30 of odd-numbered years.
- B.** The Commission shall be comprised of the following: two representatives from industry who work or reside in Town; five representatives from the public and two representatives from the Town Council shall serve as liaisons. The Town Manager or his/her designee shall serve as the staff member for this Commission.

§ 8-23 Meetings.

This Commission shall meet at least once a year. Meetings may be called by the Chairman or by petition of any three members.

Adopted September 27, 2016