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To: Planning & Zoning Commission
From: Dennis Tobin, PhD – Land Use Administrator
Subject: Review of text amendments for consideration at the April 5, 2021 meeting

I recommend the following draft motions and supporting documents:

3a & b, Food Vending, Food Vending Units:

Motion to **Deny** with the recommendation that the Board of Selectmen regulate food trucks subsumed under Litchfield Town Ordinance Peddling & Soliciting, Chapter 76

The following documents support for the denial and directing of food vending to the Selectmen:

1. Article II, Section 8-21, Town of Litchfield Ordinance 8-22-29, *Peddlers, Hawkers, and Solicitors*
2. Chapter 76 1-14. Borough of Litchfield, *Peddling and Soliciting*
3. State of Connecticut Statute, Chapter 408, Section 21- 36 thru 38, *Hawkers & Peddlers*
4. Republican American article, March 10, 2021, *Tragedy spurs traffic safety bill: 10-year-old boy's death inspires dessert truck plan, Trucks: Death Spurs traffic safety measure*
5. Republican American e-article, March 10, 2021, *Ice cream truck legislation gets bipartisan support; prompted by Cheshire tragedy*
6. Connecticut General Assembly, Proposed Bill No. 608: An Act Concerning the Safety of Children When Buying Ice Cream from and Ice Cream Truck, January Session, 2021
7. S.B. No. 608, Session Year 2021
8. Fire Marshal review e-mail, January 21, 2021
9. Animal Protection: New Mexico: Understanding the Differences Between Statutes, Regulations, Ordinances, and Common Law
10. March 1, 2021, Litchfield Planning & Zoning Commission minutes
11. Town of Litchfield Proposed 2021-2022 Town Budget

A quick summary of the attached material involves the following bullets:

- In January the PZC proposed food truck regulations and a public hearing was held on March 1, 2021
- The public expressed opinion for more expansive food truck regulations by expanding associated picnic tables, chairs and port-a-lets; warnings for violations, more than 14 operation days, more than one food truck per parcel, no zoning permit fee, no inspections, desired multiple trucks for multiple events, and requested that the permit not go to the parcel owner as host. The public expressed opinion that the proposed regulation was unsatisfactory.
- The Commission and Land Use Administrator expressed concerns of public safety during the review process prior to the public hearing.
- Further investigation reveals that the Town, the Borough, and the State currently have ordinances and a statute that regulate peddling products via a vehicle.
- The Town ordinance contains language for background check for vendors, especially important because food trucks have been operated illegally on school grounds. Schools require background checks for outside contractors, why not for food truck vendors? These check also ensure safety throughout town.
- The Town ordinance also regulates credentials, conduct, hours of sale and provides for assistant to perform clerical functions of the reg, as well as penalties for violations.
- The Borough ordinance also regulates peddlers with vehicles.
- In addition the CT statute empower municipalities to regulate such entities as food trucks.
- The state is currently considering safety measures for ice cream trucks. Current state legislation would coincide with the town ordinance to ensure safety.
- The proposed legal budget of \$2,000 is much too small to administer food trucks.
- It is proposed that the Board of Selectmen with their legal budget to contract with their Town attorney to review the applicability of food trucks and the Town Peddlers, Hawkers, and Solicitors ordinance.

3c thru f, Worship Place, Worship Place Accessory, Ecclesiastical Commercial Kitchen, Solar Harvesting Facilities, and Zone Change

Motion to Approve with any editing required by the Commission

ARTICLE II. PEDDLERS, HAWKERS AND SOLICITORS*

Sec. 8-21. Registration – Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person over sixteen (16) years of age to solicit orders of purchase for future delivery of or to hawk, peddle or vend any goods, wares or merchandise, including magazines and other printed matter, from door-to-door or on any street or highway within the town without first registering with the first selectman and having his credentials stamped as provided in this article. Registration shall not constitute a permit to enter privately policed areas. This article shall not apply to mail or telephone solicitation.

Sec. 8-22. Same – Application contents.

- (a) An applicant for permission to solicit, hawk, peddle or vend under the terms of this article shall complete an application blank provided by the board of selectmen, which application blank shall contain the following information:
 - (1) The name, home address and local address, if any, of the applicant;
 - (2) A physical description of the applicant setting forth the applicant's age, date of birth, height, weight and color of hair and eyes;
 - (3) The name and address of the person, firm or corporation for whom or through whom orders are to be solicited or cleared or goods and merchandise obtained;
 - (4) The nature of the goods, wares or merchandise which are to be sold or for which orders are to be solicited;
 - (5) A statement as to whether the applicant has been arrested or convicted of any crime or misdemeanor and, if so, what;
 - (6) A statement as to the period during which the applicant intends to solicit, hawk, peddle or vend.
- (b) The applicant, at the time of executing such application blank, shall also submit identification satisfactory to the first selectman which shall contain a specimen of the applicant.

Sec. 8-23. License fee; contents, stamping and issuance of credentials.

Upon compliance by the applicant with the provisions of section 8-22 and the payment of a license fee for a one-day license, for a one-week license or for a six-month license in advance by the licensee to the town, which fees shall be as established from time to time, the first selectman shall stamp the credentials of the applicant, which credentials shall set forth the name and address of the applicant and of his employer, if any; the nature of the goods, wares or merchandise for which orders are to be solicited, hawked, peddled or vended; and the period during which the applicant may solicit, hawk, peddle or vend which shall be for either one(1) day, one (1) week or six (6) months, as appropriate; provided, however, that the first selectman shall not be required to grant such permission to any person who has been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor involving moral

turpitude or of any violation of this article. Charitable, religious or educational organizations as defined in IRS code 50(c) shall not be required to pay a license fee.

Sec. 8-24. Rights and responsibilities of holder of credentials.

Stamped credentials shall be nontransferable and shall entitle the holder, for the period indicated, unless revoked, to solicit orders within the town for the purchase of the goods, wares or merchandise specified in his application. The holder shall have his stamped credentials, in his possession at all times while soliciting orders and shall exhibit the credentials at any time upon request by a police officer or any purchaser or prospective purchaser.

Sec. 8-25. Conduct.

Any person soliciting within the town, whether or not required to register under the provision of this article, shall conform to the following:

- (1) The solicitor shall conduct himself at all times in an orderly and lawful manner.
- (2) The solicitor shall give a written receipt for all orders taken within the town, which receipt shall be signed by the solicitor and shall set forth a brief description of the goods, wares or merchandise ordered, the total purchase price thereof, and the amount of the down payment received by the solicitor from the purchaser.

Sec. 8-26. Hours of sale.

No person shall solicit orders of purchase for future delivery of any goods, wares or merchandise, including magazines and other printed matter, nor shall any person hawk, peddle or vend from door-to-door or on any street or highway within the town before the hour of 7:00 a.m. or after the hour of 8:00p.m. between the dates of April 1 and October 1, and before the hour of 8:00a.m. or after the hour of 6:00 p.m. between the dates of October 1 and April 1.

Sec. 8-27. Exemptions.

- (a) This article shall not apply to salesmen selling goods to retail or wholesale stores for resale; to sales by farmers or gardeners of the produce of their farms and gardens; to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffees, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods; to wholesalers selling and delivering their wares and goods to the merchants of the town; to goods, merchandise or foodstuffs sold and delivered by the merchants of the town; to vendors of newspapers or periodicals; to the sales of goods by student of the schools of the town, providing such sales have been approved by the board of education.

- (b) This article shall not apply to those persons exempted by the statutes of the state. The license fee may be waived by the first selectman for students in the public schools of the town.

Sec. 8-28. Appointment and responsibilities of assistant to perform clerical functions of article.

The board of selectmen may appoint any person to perform the clerical functions of registering solicitors, hawkers, peddlers or vendors under this article; provided, however, that such agent shall not receive any separate compensation from the town for the performance of any duties under this article and shall not refuse to stamp the credentials of any solicitor except upon the direction of the first selectman. The cancellation of the credentials stamp shall be effected only by the first selectman or by some other member of the board of selectman designated by him.

Sec. 8-29. Violations; penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article or making any false statements or misrepresentations of fact for the purpose of obtaining permission to solicit orders shall, upon conviction thereof and in addition to other penalties provided by law, be punished as provided in section 1-10 of the Code and, pending trial therefore, the first selectman may suspend permission to solicit. Upon the conviction of any registered person for any crime or offense under this article or involving moral turpitude, the stamped credentials of such person shall be delivered to the first selectman and the first selectman's stamp on the credentials shall be canceled and such person shall not thereafter solicit orders in the town without reregistering.

PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

Chapter 76

PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

- § 76-1. Definitions.
- § 76-2. License required.
- § 76-3. Application procedure.
- § 76-4. Issuance of license.
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- § 76-6. Form of license; display required upon request.
- § 76-7. Expiration of license.
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- § 76-11. Revocation of license.
- § 76-12. Exemptions.
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- § 76-14. Penalties for offenses.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Warden and Burgesses of the Borough of Litchfield 11-6-1990 as Ord. No. 10-1990. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Licenses — See Ch. 60.
Conduct in parks — See Ch. 72.

§ 76-3. Application procedure.

Peddlers and solicitors, as defined above, shall make application for a license in person at the office of the Warden upon a required application form which shall contain the following information:

- A. The name and description of the applicant.
- B. The permanent home address and full local address of the applicant.
- C. A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.
- D. If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials establishing the exact relationship.
- E. The length of time for which the right to peddle or solicit is desired.
- F. A photograph of the applicant, showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner.
- G. A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime of misdemeanor or violation of any municipal ordinance and the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.

§ 76-4. Issuance of license.

- A. The granting of such license shall be under the supervision of the Warden and, in each and every case, a license shall be issued by him, if approved, within five (5) days after receipt of application therefor.
- B. Such license shall contain:
 - (1) The signature of the issuing officer and date of issuance.
 - (2) The name and address of the applicant.
 - (3) A description of the nature of the goods to be sold.
 - (4) An identifying description of any vehicle used in such peddling.

§ 76-10. Regulation of operations.

All persons soliciting or peddling within the Borough of Litchfield shall conform to the following regulations:

- A. The solicitor or peddler shall conduct himself at all times in an orderly and lawful manner.
- B. The solicitor or peddler shall give a written receipt for all orders taken within the Borough of Litchfield, which receipt shall be signed by the solicitor or peddler and shall set forth a brief description of the goods, wares or merchandise ordered, the total price thereof and the amount of the downpayment received by the solicitor or peddler from the purchaser, if any.
- C. No peddler or solicitor shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location without a permit from the Planning and Zoning Commission, nor shall he be permitted to operate in any congested area where his operations might impede or inconvenience the public.

§ 76-11. Revocation of license.

Licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the Warden for the following reasons:

- A. Fraud, misrepresentation or false statements.
- B. Violation of this chapter.
- C. Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor.

§ 76-12. Exemptions.

- A. This chapter shall not apply to salesmen selling goods to retail or wholesale stores for resale or to wholesalers selling and delivering their wares and goods to the merchants of the borough or to goods, merchandise or foodstuffs sold and delivered by the merchants of the borough or to vendors of newspapers or to the sale of goods by students of the schools of the borough, provided that such sales have been approved by the Board of Education.

CHAPTER 408

HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS

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Sec. 21-36. Definitions. "Hawker" or "peddler", as used in this chapter, means any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from town to town or from place to place in the same town selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefor, any goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle.

(1949 Rev., S. 4683.)

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Sec. 21-37. Town ordinances re vending, hawking or peddling. Fees. Permit fees not required of certain veterans. Any town may make reasonable ordinances with reference to the vending or hawking upon its public streets or upon any state highway, except limited access highways, within such town or any land abutting such streets or highways of any goods, wares or other merchandise at public or private sale or auction, or to the vending or peddling of such articles from house to house within its limits, including the imposition of a fee, not exceeding two hundred dollars a year, applicable with respect to any person engaged in such vending, hawking or peddling, for the privilege of so vending, hawking or peddling such merchandise. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section which requires a permit may require that no such permit shall be issued to any person who has not obtained a permit to engage in or transact business as a seller within the state in accordance with section 12-409 and shall require that any permit issued pursuant to such ordinance shall be conspicuously displayed at the place the activities are undertaken. Such ordinances may provide that the authority issuing such permit may waive the permit fee for a nonprofit organization exempt from federal taxation by Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, or a charitable organization. No town shall require a permit fee from any resident of this state who has resided within the state for a period of two years next preceding the date of application for such permit, who is (1) a veteran who served in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, (2) a hawker or peddler as defined in section 21-36, and (3) a principal pursuant to section 21-36. This section shall not apply to sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce of their farms, gardens and greenhouses, including fruit, vegetables and flowers, or to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffees, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods, to sales on approval, to conditional sales of merchandise, or to the taking of orders for merchandise for future delivery when full payment is not required at the time of solicitation. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit in any manner the Commissioner of Transportation's statutory authority concerning state highways. Nothing in this section shall be construed as empowering any municipality to prohibit, regulate, control or impose a fee on any person operating any business on any state highway or land abutting any state highway pursuant to a contract with the state.

(1949 Rev., S. 4684; 1957, P.A. 13, S. 91; P.A. 79-545; P.A. 84-289; P.A. 93-435, S. 88, 95; P.A. 95-281, S. 1; P.A. 02-137, S. 7.)

History: P.A. 79-545 raised from \$25 to \$250 limit on fee which may be imposed, applicable to any “person” rather than “team or vehicle” and exempted the taking of orders for merchandise for future delivery when full payment not required at time of solicitation; P.A. 84-289 inserted references to town control, and limits on town control, on state highways, provided that permits be issued only to persons with sales tax permits and that permits issued pursuant to this section be displayed; P.A. 93-435 specifically excluded from applicability of section sales of produce of greenhouses, including fruit, vegetables and flowers, effective June 28, 1993; P.A. 95-281 reduced fee cap to \$200 and granted the issuing authority the power to waive the permit fee for nonprofit organizations (Revisor's note: A reference to “Transportation Commissioner’s” authority was changed editorially by the Revisors to “Commissioner of Transportation’s” authority for consistency with customary statutory usage); P.A. 02-137 provided that no town shall require a permit fee from certain veterans.

Ordinance must be reasonably definite and fee reasonable. 67 C. 29. Power to license lawful business to be strictly construed; milk dealers. Id., 541. Licensing of fruit peddlers by city ordinance upheld. 80 C. 478. Cited. 203 C. 14.

Cited. 4 CA 261.

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Sec. 21-38. Penalty. Any person who engages in the business of a peddler or hawker without complying with the provisions of any such ordinance shall be fined not more than one hundred ninety-nine dollars.

(1949 Rev., S. 4685; P.A. 93-425, S. 2; P.A. 95-281, S. 2.)

History: P.A. 93-425 increased maximum fine from not more than \$50 to not more than \$100; P.A. 95-281 increased maximum fine to \$199.

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THE LEGISLATURE

Tragedy spurs traffic safety bill

10-year-old boy's death inspires dessert truck plan

BY PAUL HUGHES
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

HARTFORD — State legislators are moving swiftly to pass traffic safety legislation inspired by the death of a 10-year-old Wallingford boy, who was killed in Cheshire last June by a car passing a stopped ice cream truck.

The Transportation Committee on Wednesday advanced a bipartisan bill imposing new requirements for frozen dessert trucks and motorists to follow, including

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adding signals and signs for increasing a stopped truck's visibility, and warning drivers children may be present.

The unanimous vote came just two days after a heart-wrenching hearing on the legislation.

"The testimony was hard for a lot of our members, and it was certainly difficult for the family that was most impacted," said Rep. Roland J. Lemar, D-New Haven, House chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Committee members singled out testimony from the parents of Tristan Barhorst, the boy who was fatally struck by a car passing an ice cream truck stopped on Wiese Road in Cheshire that he had just visited.

"The testimony was absolutely gut-wrenching and, as a parent, my heart breaks for the family," said Rep. Amy Morrin Bello, a first-term Democrat from Wethersfield.

Rep. Cristin McCarthy-Vahey, D-Fairfield, said Tristan's parents, Tyler Barhorst and Christi Carrano, showed "amazing compassion" Monday for the 17-year-old driver who was behind the wheel of the car that hit their son.

Lemar said Senate Bill 608 is being fast-tracked in hopes of expeditious House and Senate approvals.

The goal is get the new safety requirements in place ahead of the busy summer season for

ice cream trucks, said Sen. Will Haskell, D-Wilton, the Senate chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Tristan was struck June 12, 2020, after finishing his final day of fourth grade at St. Bridget School in Cheshire.

"I'm very committed to making sure that we try to pass this legislation before the summer season," Haskell said.

McCarthy-Vahey said it is an imperative.

"I know the sound of summer, the bell on the ice cream truck ringing, and what child doesn't go running?" she said. "So the fact we can do this will help assure that other children will be safe in the future."

The legislation requires drivers yield to pedestrians crossing a street to or from a stopped ice cream truck. It also details how to approach and overtake an ice cream truck displaying flashing red signal lights and extending its stop signal and front crossing arms.

Republicans also agreed swift passage is needed in this case.

"I want to make sure we can get this done quickly through both the House and Senate," said Rep. Devin Carney, R-Old Lyme, the ranking House member of the Transportation Committee. "I'm very happy to see this pass so quickly with bipartisan support and bipartisan introduction because certainly many issues, especially issues like this, rise above partisan politics."

Ice cream truck legislation gets bipartisan support; prompted by Cheshire tragedy

BY PAUL HUGHES REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN March 10, 2021

HARTFORD — State legislators are moving swiftly to pass traffic safety legislation inspired by the death of a 10-year-old Cheshire boy last June who was killed crossing the street after buying a treat from an ice cream truck.

The Transportation Committee on Wednesday unanimously advanced a bipartisan bill adding requirements to increase a frozen dessert truck's visibility to other drivers and warning drivers that children may be present, just two days after hearing on the measure.

Committee members cited the moving testimony of the parents of Tristan Barhorst, a 10-year-old boy who was struck and killed by a car passing an ice cream truck stopped on Wiese Road in Cheshire after he had purchased ice cream.

"The testimony was hard for a lot of our members, and it was certainly difficult for the family that was most impacted," said Rep. Roland J. Lemar, D-New Haven, House chairman of the Transportation Committee.



Tristan D. Barhorst

Rep. Cristin McCarthy-Vahey, D-Fairfield said Tristan's parents, Tyler Barhorst and Christi Carrano, showed "amazing compassion" Monday for the 17-year-old driver who struck their son as Cheshire police said she passed the stopped ice cream truck.

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Lemar said Senate Bill 608 is being fast-tracked in hopes of expeditious House and Senate approvals.

The goal is get the new safety requirements in place for the busy summer season for ice cream trucks, said Sen. Will Haskell, D-Wilton, the Senate chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Tristan was fatally struck around 8 p.m. last June 12 after finishing his last day of fourth grade at St. Bridget School in Cheshire.

"I'm very committed to making sure that we try to pass this legislation prior to the summer season," Haskell said.

McCarthy-Vahey said it is an imperative.

"I know the sound of summer, the bell on the ice cream truck ringing, and what child doesn't go running, and so the fact that we can do this will help assure that other children will be safe in the future," she said.

The sentiment is bipartisan.

"I want to make sure that we can get this done quickly through both the House and Senate," said Rep. Devin Carney, R-Old Lyme, the ranking House member of the Transportation Committee. "I'm very happy to see this pass so quickly with bipartisan support and bipartisan introduction because certainly many issues, especially issues like this, rise above partisan politics."

Sen. Henri Martin, R-Bristol, the ranking Senate member, observed the Committee on Children heard testimony Tuesday on a House version of the traffic safety bill. Rep. Liz Linehan, D-Cheshire, is the committee's House chairwoman, and Martin is also the ranking Senate member.

Lemar said supporters will work out a final version between House Bill 6566 and Senate Bill 608 and which legislative chamber will go first.



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General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Proposed Bill No. 608

LCO No. 2498



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:

SEN. CICALLO, 34th Dist.
SEN. CABRERA, 17th Dist.
REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.
REP. FISHBEIN, 90th Dist.

REP. PAOLILLO, 97th Dist.
REP. YACCARINO, 87th Dist.
REP. ZULLO, 99th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHEN BUYING
ICE CREAM FROM AN ICE CREAM TRUCK.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require a vehicle that sells
2 ice cream and similar food items that are meant for immediate
3 consumption to be equipped with a traffic signal and to use such traffic
4 signal when stationary and engaged in the sale of ice cream or similar
5 food items to indicate that children are patronizing, or in the area of,
6 such vehicle, (2) require such vehicle that is model year 2021 or earlier
7 to install such traffic signal on or before July 1, 2026, (3) require such
8 vehicle that is model year 2022 or newer to install such traffic signal
9 prior to engaging in the sale of ice cream or similar food items, (4)
10 require a motor vehicle operator to stop completely before passing a
11 vehicle that sells ice cream and similar food items and has activated such
12 vehicle's traffic signal, (5) require the sale of ice cream and similar food
13 items to children occur only when the vending window of such vehicle

14 is facing away from the travel lane of the roadway, and (6) prohibit the
15 sale of ice cream or similar food items to a child when such child is
16 standing in the travel lane of the roadway or in an area unsafe for
17 pedestrians, except when such child is accompanied by an adult, and
18 make a violation of such prohibition an infraction.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect children in the course of buying ice cream from ice cream trucks by increasing the truck's visibility to other drivers and warning drivers that children may be present.

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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VIEW BILL STATUS

S.B. No. 608 Session Year 2021

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHEN BUYING ICE CREAM FROM A FROZEN DESSERT TRUCK.

To protect children in the course of buying ice cream from frozen dessert trucks by increasing the truck's visibility to other drivers, warning drivers that children may be present and limiting the location and conditions for vending.

Introduced by:

Transportation Committee

New today

2-4 days old

5 days & older

Text of Bill

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Proposed Bill [doc]

Committee Actions

TRA Vote Tally Sheet (Vote to Draft)

TRA Vote Tally Sheet (Joint Favorable Substitute)

Bill History

Date ↕

Action Taken ↕

3/10/2021 (LCO) Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

Date ↕		Action Taken ↕
3/10/2021	(TRA)	Joint Favorable Substitute
3/4/2021		Public Hearing 03/08
3/3/2021		Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation
3/2/2021		Drafted by Committee
2/10/2021	(TRA)	Vote to Draft
1/27/2021		Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation

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Sen. Paul Cicarella, 34th Dist.
 Sen. Jorge Cabrera, 17th Dist.
 Rep. Vincent J. Candelora, 86th Dist.
 Rep. Craig C. Fishbein, 90th Dist.
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Understanding the Differences Between Statutes, Regulations, Ordinances and Common Law

Citizens are subject to a variety of laws made by city, county, state and federal governments. In general, all laws are part of a hierarchy in which federal laws are at the top, local laws at the bottom, and state laws somewhere in between. In order for individuals to work effectively on behalf of animals, it is important to understand how these laws fit together. A brief summary follows of each of the different kinds of laws, with an explanation of how they are interrelated. (Please note that Tribal lands are sovereign nations, each with their own sets of laws.)

Statutes

The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. No federal or state law may violate it. Federal laws (statutes), enacted by the United States Congress, must be followed by every state in the country. If a state law contradicts a federal law, the federal statute preempts the state law, and the state will be required to abide by the federal statute. However, federal laws do not cover all areas of the law, and in those instances, state or local laws will control.

Similarly, within a state, the state constitution represents the highest legal authority. The state may then enact state statutes, which apply to everyone within the state. State statutes cannot violate the state constitution, the federal constitution, or federal law.

The term "statute" simply refers to a law enacted by a legislative body of a government, whether federal or state. At the federal level, statutes regarding animals usually focus on the interstate aspects of our relationships to animals. Protection of migratory birds, for example, or the importation, interstate transportation and sale of endangered animals are covered by federal statutes.

The states have the authority to regulate animals within their borders. Wildlife is considered to be held in public trust by a state for the benefit of its citizens. Each state may enact laws to govern how its wildlife is used, protected, etc. Domestic animals are privately owned, and are generally considered to be property under state law. A state may enact laws to govern how these animals are bought and sold. A state may also enact laws for the benefit of public health and welfare, which govern how animals may be treated. However, state statutes are sometimes challenged. For instance, when there is a question as to a statute's meaning, or to determine if a statute follows the state constitution, the Supreme Court is asked to review the law. The Court then writes an opinion on that law.

State statutes are the starting points for most animal law in New Mexico. State statutes provide the framework for the comprehensive structure of animal law throughout the state. The state cannot explicitly cover all the potential interests in



Regulations

State executive agencies carry out state laws through the development and enforcement of regulations in specific areas of animal law. The state Game Commission, Racing Commission, Livestock Board, and Veterinary Board are state executive agencies.

Authorized by statutes, regulations (sometimes called rules or administrative laws) have the effect of law. Someone violating a regulation is, in effect, violating the law that created it. Regulations are designed to increase flexibility and efficiency in the operation of laws. Many of the actual working provisions of statutes are embodied in regulations.

Most regulations are developed and enacted through a rule-making process, which includes public input. State agencies hold open meetings and public hearings, allowing citizens to participate in the creation of regulations. Participation in the process is extremely important, but often overlooked by citizens. It provides a unique opportunity for citizens to influence and shape their laws directly. Most regulations are in effect for only a limited period of time and must be updated or reenacted on a regular basis.

Ordinances

Just as a state may delegate the authority to make regulations to administrative agencies, it may also delegate certain powers to other units of government within the state. County and municipal governments enact laws, often called ordinances, via specific powers granted to them by the state. County and municipal ordinances apply to everyone within the county or municipality limits. These ordinances may not violate state or federal laws.

The powers of county and municipal governments relating to animals typically include such things as: regulation of companion animals through leash laws and vaccination registration laws; regulation of issues relating to public health and safety; and regulation of the number and kinds of animals that may be kept within county or city boundaries.

Common Law

Common law is sometimes called "judge-made" law. It consists of the rules of law that come from the written decisions of judges who hear and decide litigation (lawsuits). Judges are empowered to make these decisions by the constitution and statutes. When a judge decides a case and publishes a written decision, the decision becomes the precedent for future litigation.

In conclusion, it is necessary to be familiar with all these areas of the law, so that animals may be protected to the highest degree allowable. A greater understanding of current laws (including how they are enforced) will lead to an understanding of which laws need to be changed in order to afford animals the most protection possible.

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**LITCHFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

March 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone

Call to Order – Chairman Carol Bramley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Max McIntyre, Robert Lupo, John Cox, Jordan Richards, Peter Losee,

Members Absent: William Conti, Stephen Simonin, Abby Conroy

Appointment of Alternates – None

Commissioners' requests – None

Motion to add item 7a to agenda for Site plan modification Litchfield Distillery, 569 Bantam Rd. for building addition reconfiguration by J. Cox, seconded by R. Lupo, motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

Wakefield	Naser Rd. (Map 091/014/006)	3/1/21
Re-subdivision of a parcel with Conservation Restrictions into 2 parcels.		

The application is to divide a 4.71 acre parcel of land into two lots to separate the co-owners' interest. The property is located on Naser Rd. (091/014/006) and is currently owned by David Wakefield and Bertha Wakefield as shown as Parcel A (1.956 acres) and Parcel B (2.755 acres) on "Map showing Division of Land for Conservation Purposes, Prepared for David P. Wakefield Jr. and Berth Anne Wakefield, Naser Road" by licensed surveyor Roy V. Cheney dated January 2021,. The Chairman explained that because the land will only be used for conservation or agricultural purposes this division does not constitute a "subdivision" as defined in Section 8-18 of the CGS. The applicant submitted the existing Conservation Restriction agreements for both properties (A & B) as required.

Motion by M. McIntyre moved to approve the "Resolution" dividing the property, M. McIntyre seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed text amendments to the Zoning Regulations:

The Chairman opened the hearings and read the legal notice into the record.

She read referral responses from the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Public Works and the Fire Marshal

- a. Specific Standards and Requirements: Food Vending**
- b. Glossary of Terms and Phrases: Food Vending Units**

M. McIntyre read the proposed amendments into the record and the chairman opened the hearing to the public.

Roberta Andrulis Mette spoke in favor of the food vending units.

John Morosoni read his letter submitted into the record in support of the regulations. He had questions on seating, number of vendors permitted and availability of portable toilets. He believes the proposals should be more permissive than what have been presented.

Patty Laurie is in favor of food trucks and thinks they should be allowed at the schools, baseball events and townwide events. She also submitted an email with her thoughts.

Matthew Eterginio stated that the proposed regulations should be simpler to allow more business for the trucks.

Thomas Russo thinks that food trucks should be allowed on a more permanent basis in town. He believes that these business will bring more people to the existing businesses and restaurants already in town.

Lucas Hyder of White Memorial Foundation read his letter submitted to the file. His question was regarding the language of "hosting" events and submitted his ideas for allowing more than one food truck at a time for events and expanding the hours of operation.

Barbara Ellis was in favor of the proposal.

Harvey Hubbell read his comments submitted to the file. He believes these services provide opportunities to increase revenue for local and nearby restaurants. He had several concerns/questions regarding prohibiting portable toilets, tables and limited number of events allowed yearly.

The Chairman suggested that perhaps these proposals might be better suited as a town ordinance. This would allow more enforcement oversight. She also wants to hear from local restaurant owners on their opinions.

- a. Specific Standards and Requirements: Worship places, Worship Place accessory**
- b. Glossary of Terms and Phrases: Ecclesiastical Commercial Kitchen**

J. Cox read the proposed amendment into the record and the chairman opened the hearing to the public.

Chairman Bramley read a referral from NHCOC. She read a comment from A. Combs submitted for the record.

No public spoke on this amendment.

- a. (BB) Special Structures: Solar Harvesting Facilities**

The Chairman read the proposed amendment into the record.

The building official recommendation was read into the record.

Ron Viola suggested a recycling plan be included as part of this regulation.

- b. Specific Standards and Requirements: Zone Change**

M. McIntyre read the proposed amendment into the record and the chairman opened the hearing to the public.

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD PROPOSED 2021-22 TOWN BUDGET

The Annual Budget Hearing of the Town of Litchfield will be held on April 1st, 2021 at 7:00pm through
Zoom to take action on the
Town Budget for 2021-22 as recommended by the Board of Finance on March 8, 2021
Comments will be made from March 18th through April 1st 2021. Check Town's Website for instructions.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	2018/2019 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2019/2020 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2020/2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	2021/2022 <u>PROPOSED</u>
EXPENDITURES				
SELECTMEN OPERATING	\$ 7,905,784	\$ 7,863,794	\$ 8,347,429	\$ 8,567,575
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 18,937,682	\$ 19,230,827	\$ 19,277,500	\$ 19,277,500
DEBT	\$ 4,038,062	\$ 4,155,784	\$ 4,198,648	\$ 4,233,304
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 365,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 31,246,528	\$ 31,301,405	\$ 31,888,577	\$ 32,143,379
LESS REVENUES				
CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES:				
PRIOR YEAR GRAND LIST	\$ 28,566,597	\$ 29,094,617	\$ 28,770,262	\$ 28,970,918
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN GRAND LIST	\$ 6,006	\$ 2,268	\$ 7,640	\$ 7,640
OTHER TAXES/FEE'S GRANTS OTHER	\$ 3,019,348	\$ 3,139,110	\$ 2,789,123	\$ 2,805,366
TRANSFERS IN (FOR WPCA DEBT)	\$ 332,185	\$ 321,552	\$ 321,552	\$ 315,758
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 31,924,136	\$ 32,557,547	\$ 31,888,577	\$ 32,099,682

RESULTING IN 0.0 MILL INCREASE FOR PROPERTY TAXES
for an Estimated 2021-22 Mill Rate of 27.7 \$ 43,697

ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

UNASSIGNED AT JUNE 30	\$ 6,042,634	\$ 6,963,226	\$ 6,963,226	\$ 6,963,226
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SELECTMEN OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Dept.	2018/2019 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2019/2020 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2020/2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	2021/2022 <u>PROPOSED</u>
1101 BOARD OF FINANCE	\$ 31,565	\$ 29,029	\$ 27,398	\$ 31,718
1102 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 29,572	\$ 28,055	\$ 30,012	\$ 29,543
1103 TREASURER	\$ 7,877	\$ 8,370	\$ 8,405	\$ 8,475
1104 TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 109,711	\$ 128,051	\$ 122,191	\$ 125,894
1105 TOWN CLERK	\$ 123,801	\$ 127,734	\$ 133,315	\$ 132,575
1106 VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 70	\$ 388	\$ 400	\$ 400
1107 REGISTRARS	\$ 33,902	\$ 29,060	\$ 32,813	\$ 32,879
1108 ELECTIONS	\$ 41,665	\$ 14,814	\$ 21,217	\$ 21,415
1109 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$ 671	\$ 420	\$ 650	\$ 650
1201 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$ 213,105	\$ 207,075	\$ 229,559	\$ 240,629
1301 TAX ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	\$ 131,849	\$ 114,322	\$ 130,167	\$ 134,531
1401 PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 4,878	\$ 17,993	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,015
1402 WETLANDS	\$ 2,030	\$ 4,586	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
1403 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$ 1,594	\$ 2,566	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
1404 MILTON HISTORIC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,350
1405 LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 114,062	\$ 118,481	\$ 122,528	\$ 123,260
1501 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$ 138,549	\$ 137,844	\$ 147,742	\$ 150,330
1502 TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	\$ 77,618	\$ 78,467	\$ 96,174	\$ 97,174
1601 PROBATE	\$ 7,805	\$ 7,721	\$ 7,869	\$ 7,803
1701 BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 123,749	\$ 120,303	\$ 287,000	\$ 241,000
1801 LEGAL	\$ 72,980	\$ 96,073	\$ 77,000	\$ 77,000
1802 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY INSURANCES	\$ 101,660	\$ 104,944	\$ 105,040	\$ 119,379
1803 CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 14,525	\$ 15,276	\$ 17,575	\$ 25,900
1804 MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT	\$ 199,564	\$ 199,864	\$ 207,340	\$ 208,835
1903 CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,933	\$ 75,000
2101 POLICE	\$ 190,997	\$ 167,782	\$ 184,038	\$ 180,836
2102 PATROL	\$ 137,946	\$ 141,084	\$ 157,734	\$ 154,176
2201 FIRE MARSHALL	\$ 57,901	\$ 60,723	\$ 61,487	\$ 68,240
2202 FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 383,539	\$ 389,975	\$ 405,718	\$ 414,343
2301 E911	\$ 93,277	\$ 94,177	\$ 92,079	\$ 92,679
2401 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 17,740	\$ 34,731	\$ 16,999	\$ 17,154
3101 PW SUPERVISION	\$ 10,053	\$ 11,042	\$ 24,641	\$ 24,280
3102 PW OPERATIONS	\$ 1,268,650	\$ 1,257,571	\$ 1,331,254	\$ 1,426,425
3103 HIGHWAYS	\$ 772,839	\$ 785,813	\$ 814,295	\$ 832,795
3104 PW EQUIPMENT	\$ 143,078	\$ 175,494	\$ 223,040	\$ 223,040
3105 PW BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$ 97,601	\$ 116,073	\$ 115,400	\$ 107,000
3106 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	\$ 528,445	\$ 521,865	\$ 569,476	\$ 693,100
3107 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 131,022	\$ 124,902	\$ 122,268	\$ 127,324
4101 SOCIAL SERVICES	\$ 50,218	\$ 33,153	\$ 79,844	\$ 58,459
4201 AMBULANCE	\$ 53,214	\$ 53,214	\$ 63,734	\$ 63,754
4301 CO-OP PROG-OTHER COMMUNITY ORG.	\$ 81,530	\$ 77,033	\$ 75,461	\$ 65,171
4401 OSHA	\$ 413	\$ 415	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
4601 CEMETERIES	\$ 22,550	\$ 22,550	\$ 22,800	\$ 22,800
5101 LIBRARIES	\$ 360,744	\$ 390,738	\$ 390,738	\$ 366,969
5201 RECREATION	\$ 115,048	\$ 123,936	\$ 110,895	\$ 89,607
5301 CO-OP PROGRAMS-OTHER SERVICES	\$ 86,386	\$ 88,623	\$ 98,462	\$ 99,753
6101 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
6201 BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,756	\$ 795	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
8101 FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 1,697,510	\$ 1,600,668	\$ 1,485,738	\$ 1,509,915
9101 TOWN MAINTENANCE - EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET	\$ 7,905,783	\$ 7,863,795	\$ 8,347,429	\$ 8,567,575