

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Waterbury, being desirous of approving, enacting, and adding to the Waterbury Code of Ordinances, **an ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§ 4-124i-4-124p ,FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND JOINING THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS;** and

WHEREAS, said Board of Aldermen further desires to locate said additional Ordinance in the Waterbury Code of Ordinances Section entitled Economic Development and Revitalization, as new Sections 31.233 through 31.238; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Aldermen is also desirous to repeal, effective January 1, 2015, the current Section 31.250 entitled Regional Council of Elected Officials, including subsections (A), (B), and (C); and

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury has heretofore been designated a municipality within the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, as an eligible member the City adopted an ordinance, Section 31.250, joining the Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley (“COGCNV”) as a regional council of elected officials and remains a member at the present time; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and resignation of planning districts shall be completed on or before 1 January 2015; and

WHEREAS, said reorganization recommended the consolidation of the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (comprised of the following municipalities: Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott and Woodbury) and Valley Planning Region (comprised of the following municipalities: Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton) into a Naugatuck Valley Planning District; and

WHEREAS, said Naugatuck Valley Planning District may additionally include the City of Bristol and the Town of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, on or about 11 October 2013 COGCNV and on 17 December 2013 the Valley Council of Governments both approved the voluntary consolidation of the two regions; and

WHEREAS, on or about 24 December 2013 the Office of Policy and Management approved the requested consolidation, and redesignated the Central Naugatuck Valley and Valley Planning Regions into the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (“NVCOG”) operating within the newly established Planning Region will commence operations on 1 January 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury would like to participate in the creation of NVCOG as the council of governments for the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region by (1) approving this ordinance pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i-4-124p; (2) filing a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut (“OPM”); and, (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM participating in the operation of the transitional executive committee of NVCOG, which transitional period shall conclude on 31 December 2014 at 11:59:59 PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury (1) shall remain a member of COGCNV as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014, and participates in the negotiation of the terms and conditions pertinent to the operation of NVCOG prior to January 1, 2015; and, (2) recognizes the necessity of the current members of COGCNV to remain in operation as an unincorporated association of municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of COGCNV that are either not assigned to and integrated within the operations of NVCOG, and which the municipalities believe need to remain separate and distinct from NVCOG.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that The Board of Aldermen of the City of Waterbury, hereby approves and adopts the following Ordinance Sections 31.233 through 31.238, and that the same be added to the Waterbury Code of Ordinances in the Section entitled Economic Development and Revitalization, and further that the current Section 31.250 subsections (A),(B),and(C), of the Waterbury Code of Ordinances , entitled Regional Council of Elected Officials, effective January 1, 2015 shall be repealed as of said date, to wit:

§ 31.233. Creation of Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments. The City hereby joins with such municipalities of the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region, as designated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut, to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i – 4-124p.

§31.234 Transitional Provision. Certification by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of said Office of Policy and Management that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the planning region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of government, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, the Transitional Period shall commence. Said Transitional Period shall conclude on 31 December 2014 at 11:59:59 PM. During such period, the City shall participate on the Transitional Executive Committee for the purposes set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes. The Mayor shall be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee. In the absence of the Mayor, the legislative body of the City shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The Mayor may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of said executive committee.

(c) This section shall expire at the conclusion of the Transitional Period and thereafter be void and of no force and effect.

§31.235 Membership in the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments. On and after 1 January 2015, the City shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

§31.236 Powers and Duties of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities as shall be set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes.

§31.237 Representative to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government. The Mayor shall be the representative of the City to the council of governments. In the absence of the Mayor, the legislative body of the City shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The Mayor may send an alternate in his or her stead; however, such alternate shall be entitled to such rights as may be established by the council of governments. The City shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the council of governments.

§31.238 The Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley. Successor Association. The City shall remain a member of Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014. The City shall also participate with the current members of council of elected officials in an unincorporated association of such municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of the Council of

Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley, that are either not assigned to and/or integrated within the operations of Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

Repeal of Prior Ordinances. On or after 1 January 2015 the following ordinance provisions regarding the council of elected officials shall be repealed: Waterbury Code of Ordinances §31.250, subsections (A), (B), and (C).