

**ORDINANCE NO. _____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 6, AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,
ARTICLE IV. – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, current political and legal limitations make the exercise of eminent domain impractical with respect to redevelopment projects undertaken through public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford's Economic Development Commission (EDC) and Urban Redevelopment Commission (URC) share goals for the future of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to facilitate these entities' ability to work together and efficiently for the benefit of the City; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing, certain changes to the URC's authority and structure are deemed necessary and appropriate while at the same time preserving the ability of the URC to function independently should the need arise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 6, Authorities, Boards and Commissions, Article IV., Urban Redevelopment Commission, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stamford shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV. - URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Sec. 6-16 – Creation.

There is created the City Urban Redevelopment Commission under the provisions of and in accordance with Sections 8-124 to 8-139 of the Connecticut General Statutes ~~of the state~~.

Effective January 1, 2017, the Mayor shall appoint persons from among the members of the Economic Development Commission to replace, as appropriate, and to serve as members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission, under the provisions of and in accordance with Sections 8-126(a) to 8-139 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The purpose of this co-appointment of members of the Economic Development Commission to serve as members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission is to promote efficient operation of these Commissions and to support the work of the Director of Economic Development on behalf of the City. The Director of Economic Development, to the extent possible, shall serve as the Executive Director of the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the Mayor under existing law, as the Mayor may deem appropriate from time to time, to remove and to appoint replacement members to the Urban Redevelopment Commission who are not members of the Economic Development Commission, and thereby to separate again the members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission from the members of the Economic Development Commission, as the Mayor may deem necessary. In such event the Economic Development Director shall resign as executive director and the Urban Redevelopment Commission shall select an executive director, as allowed by statute and its by-laws.

Sec. 6-17. – Appointment and holding of office of members.

The members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission shall be appointed and shall hold office as provided in Sections 8-126(a) to 8-139 of the Connecticut General Statutes of the state, except as otherwise provided herein.

Sec. 6-18. – Powers and, duties, and meetings.

The Urban Redevelopment Commission shall have all of the powers and duties of a redevelopment agency as set forth in ~~the statute above referred to~~ Sections 8-126(a) to 8-139 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The members of the Urban Redevelopment Commission reconstituted as provided in Section 6-16a above, shall meet as such, upon proper notice, separate and apart from the Economic Development Commission, in order to conduct the business before it, to hold annual meetings, and to comply otherwise with statutory requirements for its corporate existence.

The Urban Redevelopment Commission, as soon as practicable following the Urban Redevelopment Commission's reorganization under this ordinance, shall amend its governance documents, whether by-laws or otherwise, to reflect this reorganization, and 6-16a. Further, for purposes of economy and cooperative effort, the Urban Redevelopment Commission shall use an attorney from the Office of Corporation Counsel, or outside counsel approved by the Office of the Corporation Counsel, for legal advice and services.

Sec. 6-18-1. – Designation as Development and Implementing Agency; powers and authorities.

- A. The Urban Redevelopment Commission is hereby designated as the Development Agency for the City of Stamford pursuant to Section 8-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes with all powers and authorities granted pursuant to Chapter 132 of the said Connecticut General Statutes entitled "Municipal Development Projects" (Sections 8-186 through 8-200b, inclusive).
- B. The Urban Redevelopment Commission is hereby designated as the Implementing Agency for the City of Stamford pursuant to Section 32-224 of the Connecticut General Statutes with all powers and authorities granted pursuant to

Chapter 588L of the said Connecticut General Statutes entitled “Economic Development and Manufacturing Assistance” (Sections 32-221 through 32-241, inclusive).