

DRAFT ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Sec. 6-16a – Creation.

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 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. 6-17a. – 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 General Statutes, except as otherwise provided herein.

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

The Urban Redevelopment Commission shall have all of the powers and duties of a redevelopment agency as set forth in Sections 8-126(a) to 8-139 of the 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 to mandate prior consultation with the Office of the Mayor and an attorney from the Office of the Corporation Counsel to ensure that any proposed transaction, redevelopment activity or amendment to existing commitment is in the mutual best interests of the City and Urban Redevelopment Commission. 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. 6-18-1a. – 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).