

**ORDINANCE NUMBER _____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING SECTION 21-1 OF THE STAMFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
ALLOW STAMFORD HELPING PAWS TO NAME AREAS, FACILITIES AND
STRUCTURES OF THE STAMFORD ANIMAL CONTROL AND CARE
CENTER**

WHEREAS, Stamford Helping Paws (SHP) was formed in 2016 as a public-private partnership with the City to promote and assist in the improvement, maintenance and management of the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center (SACCC); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to work cooperatively with SHP to enable it to supplement existing City services at the SACCC (also known as the Stamford animal shelter) and to raise funds to build a new, state-of-the-art shelter, reflecting modern best practices in the care of animals, and

WHEREAS, Section 21-1 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances provides that “proposals to change the name of existing city-owned streets, parks and facilities or portions thereof and newly-acquired city-owned parks and facilities or portions thereof shall be submitted for final approval to the Board of Representatives by the board, commission or department or other entity occupying or having jurisdiction over such street, park or facility or portion thereof”; and

WHEREAS, SHP has determined that the ability to name areas, facilities and structures of the SACCC is critical to attracting and securing financial commitments and donations from donors and supporters in order to defray the costs of its undertakings with respect to the SACCC; and

WHEREAS, SHP is seeking to be exempted from compliance with said section to enable it to raise said commitments and donations for the purposes set forth herein.

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

Section 21-1 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 21-1. - Submission of proposals.

(a) Proposals to change the name of existing city-owned streets, parks and facilities or portions thereof and newly-acquired city-owned streets, parks and facilities or portions thereof shall be submitted for final approval to the Board of Representatives by the board, commission or department or other entity occupying or having jurisdiction over such street, park or facility or portion thereof.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Mill River Collaborative, in relation to its assumption of substantial responsibility for the operation of Mill River Park pursuant to an agreement between it and the city, shall be exempted from compliance with this section effective as of the effective date of such Agreement, until the termination date of said Agreement or the date of termination of any extension thereof, or the date of termination thereof for any other reason. The Mill River Collaborative shall give the Board of Representatives at least sixty (60) days written notice of their intention to name a facility with appropriate information and detail. The Board of Representatives shall have the right to reject a proposed name for good cause within such sixty-day period.

(c) Notwithstanding section (a) above, proposals to name the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, or any portion thereof, shall be exempt from compliance with this section, and shall also be exempt from compliance with Section 21-2 and Section 21-3(A) and (B). Stamford Helping Paws, a 501(c)(3) organization which exists to raise money for the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, shall be authorized to propose naming the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, or any portion thereof, unless and until its organizational purpose changes. Stamford Helping Paws shall give the Board of Representatives at least sixty (60) days written notice of its intent to name the Stamford Animal Control and Care Center, or any portion thereof, with appropriate information and detail. The Board of Representatives shall have the right to reject a proposed name for good cause within such sixty-day period.