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## 2019 Resident Golf Permit

**The Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Representatives will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Republican Caucus Room on the 4th floor of the Government Center on a proposal by the Golf Commission (E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course) and Stamford Golf Authority (Sterling Farms Golf Course) to increase the cost of a Resident Golf Permit from \$35/\$40 to \$50 per year.**

**The City of Stamford is alone in the area with two excellent public golf courses, both of which operate without any funds from the City of Stamford – which means no funds from tax base dollars. The courses fund themselves solely from the people who utilize the facilities. A combination of bad weather for the last two years, a general decline in golf rounds played nationally over the last several years and escalating fixed costs such as employee health care, liability insurance and utilities has put a strain on the operational revenue necessary to keep the courses maintained for our citizen golfers at a quality they expect and deserve. Rather than only increase green fees to generate the necessary funds, which affects golfers each round, an increase in the permit fee is a less painful way to provide some of the needed revenue to fund operational and capital expenditures to maintain the courses and the infrastructure of the facilities.**

**Compared to other cities and towns in the area the permit remains a tremendous value to Stamford residents. At \$50, it only takes a few rounds on average to break even. Resident Golf permits in Greenwich, Norwalk, Westport and Fairfield all cost more (some significantly more) but only give access to one 18 hole course.**

**Thank you for your support and understanding and we hope to see you on the courses soon!**

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We look forward to seeing you at Sterling!  
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