COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

50 CHAPMAN PLACE

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

July 11, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING- Fund Balance and Reserve Fund Ordinance

- PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Awet Tsegai, Thomas Rup (via Teams), Travis Simpson and Harry O. Amadasun, Jr.
- ABSENT Councillor Angie Parkinson

The following is a copy of the legal notice published in the East Hartford Gazette on Thursday, June 29, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a public hearing on July 11, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the Community Cultural Center Auditorium, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut and via Microsoft Teams to hear public comment on the Fair Rent and Quality Housing Commission and the proposed addition of Sections 2-113e, 2-113f and 2-113g to the East Hartford Code of Ordinances. Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this meeting.

> Jason Marshall Town Council Clerk

Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:22 pm.

The Chair shared that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public comment on a Town Ordinance that provides for the establishment of a Fair Rent and Quality Housing Commission. State statute requires that all towns with a population of 25,000 residents or more are required to have a Fair Rent Commission that was to be established by July 1, 2023. There is no penalty for the delay and the Town wanted to allow for the evaluation of what other similar towns were putting in place.

The goal of the commission is to be as fair and expeditious to both tenants and landlords in Town as possible. The ordinance will establish a 5-member commission, where one member must be a tenant and one must be a landlord. The ordinance also establishes a process that allows for Town Administration to first handle complaints on conditions and make attempts to address them through pre-established practices. Unresolved escalations would be reviewed by the commission and would make determinations and recommendations based on established criteria by state law.

The goal is for the commission to work in the best interest of Town tenants with a level of understanding of fiscal challenges that property landlords face.

No residents came forward to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison seconded by Don Bell to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Motion carried 8/0.

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Jason Marshall Town Council Clerk