



Town of Glastonbury

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ITEM #7
07-26-2022 Meeting

July 22, 2022

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
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Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up to date on various topics.

1. **Cardboard Recycling**

The new agreement with Murphy Road Recycling for solid waste and recycling provides a \$20 payment to the Town per ton of corrugated cardboard. To support this program, a new "cardboard only" container is added to the satellite recycling center at Town Hall. A separate cardboard container/compactor has been in use as the Transfer Station for many years. Users of the satellite cardboard collection point are asked to break down cardboard boxes before placing in the container so to maximize carrying capacity. This initiative is part of the Town's ongoing program to encourage recycling and reduce municipal solid waste. As discussed previously, a food collection container will be added to the satellite program early this fall to supplement the food collection program at the Transfer Station.

2. **Collection Rate**

The collection rate for FY22 totaled 99.58% as compared to 99.49% and 99.41% for FY21 and 20 respectively.

3. **State Legislation – Motor Vehicle Thefts**

The attached pages summarize changes enacted through Public Act 22-115.

4. **Commercial Vehicles – Residential Zones**

This topic was raised at the July 12th meeting. I have attached the applicable excerpt from the Building Zone Regulations. As background, Town staff routinely receives concerns for parking of commercial vehicles in Residential Zones. Should Council wish to review, a referral to the Policy & Ordinance Review Committee is suggested.

5. **Cannabis Moratorium**

A reminder that the 18-month moratorium extends from September 1, 2021 to March 1, 2023. Given the time required to thoughtfully review, the suggestion is for Council and TP&Z to consider this matter as applicable over coming months.

6. **Aquatic Facility**

When discussing the partnership proposed by the YMCA for the indoor aquatic facility, Council asked to have two Council Members join the Town Manager in preliminary discussions with the Y. Council is asked to designate those liaisons on Tuesday evening.

7. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

The second allocation of ARPA monies to Glastonbury (\$5.1M±) is expected over the August-September± timeframe.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Attachments



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

Governor Lamont Signs Legislation Addressing Motor Vehicle Theft

Posted on July 19, 2022



WATCH: [News conference announcing the enactment of this new law](#)

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont today announced that he has signed into law [Public Act 22-115](#), which updates Connecticut’s criminal justice statutes to enable law enforcement and the courts to provide swifter, more effective responses to youth charged with repeated motor vehicle theft and other crimes. Combined with increased investments in the recently approved state budget, the improved responses implemented under the law will help connect youth with services and treatment to reduce recidivism.

“These updates to Connecticut’s criminal justice statutes make juvenile arrest and delinquency proceedings swifter with more information for courts to review, provide more intensive responses to the small number of juveniles with serious and repeated charges, and restructure motor vehicle theft laws to focus on people with prior offenses,” **Governor Lamont said.** “This bipartisan legislation shows the good that comes when policymakers on both sides of the aisle seek common ground to develop solutions together. Connecticut is a safe state, and keeping it safe requires continuous policy improvements and investments in needed areas.”

At the start of the legislative session, Governor Lamont introduced legislation ([Senate Bill 16](#)) containing several provisions that were later incorporated into this public act as state

lawmakers hammered out bipartisan agreement. Several provisions included in Public Act 22-115 are:

- **Makes juvenile arrest and delinquency proceedings swifter and more effective**
 - Requires youth who are arrested but not detained to be brought before the court within five business days.
 - Increases from six to eight hours the amount of time a youth can be held if police are awaiting a judicial ruling on a detention order or are trying to locate a parent or guardian.
 - Grants municipal police officers investigating a juvenile access to electronic records containing statewide pending charges and 90 days of prior arrest records.
 - Allows courts to formally order that a youth be assessed for services.
- **Provides more intensive responses to the small number of juveniles with serious, repeated charges**
 - Expands the special juvenile probation docket to include homicide and firearm crimes.
 - Allows courts to order GPS monitoring for a youth charged with a second or subsequent motor vehicle offense.
- **Focuses motor vehicle theft penalties on people with prior offenses**
 - Establishes a new structure for motor vehicle thefts with penalties that grow more serious for subsequent offenses rather than basing penalties on the value of the vehicle.

In addition to this legislation, the budget adjustment bill that Governor Lamont signed into law this spring ([Public Act 22-118](#)) makes several significant investments, using American Rescue Plan Act authorizations and state appropriations, to increase public safety, including:

- \$11.4 million for law enforcement-led strategies and partnerships to trace recovered firearms to their source, reduce stolen cars and violence, expand support for communities experiencing increases in violent crime, and promote safety on rural roads;
- \$7.5 million for community- and public- health-led strategies to prevent and reduce gun violence;
- \$4.1 million for upgrades to forensic science technology to speed up and improve the investigation and clearing of criminal cases; and
- \$3.3 million to provide at-risk juveniles with access to services and diversion programs.

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SECTION 7 ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

7.1 Accessory Uses And Structures

Accessory uses and structures associated with residential uses located in the residence zones or on lots in non-residence zones on which permitted or non-conforming residential uses are situated shall be subject to the condition that no such use or structure shall involved the conduct of a business or sale of a project, or a service, except a home occupation, a boarding, rooming or lodging house or a roadside stand, all as hereinafter limited, and to the following conditions:

a. Customary Accessory Uses and Structures

1. Permitted customary accessory uses and structures. Customary accessory uses and structures are permitted in the residence zones and on lots on non-residential zones on which permitted or non-conforming residential uses are situated, and may include but are not limited to: dog house, greenhouse, tool shed or storage building, children's playhouse, tennis court, laundry room, hobby room or mechanical room, playground or recreation area, and garden.
2. Height and location of customary accessory structures. AMENDED EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 1976.
 - a.) Except as provided in the following two paragraphs, any customary accessory structure shall conform to the same front, rear and side yard requirements as apply to a principal building for the zone in which the accessory structure is located.
 - b.) Any customary accessory structure fifteen (15) feet or less in height and located seventy-five (75) feet or more back from the street line may be located a minimum distance of five (5) feet from any rear lot line and minimum distance of five (5) feet from any side lot line.
 - c.) On corner lots, all customary accessory structures shall be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any street line. AMENDED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 1981.
3. Maximum floor area of customary accessory structures. AMENDED EFFECTIVE JUNE 13, 1975.
 - a.) Maximum floor area. Customary accessory structures, except pools and private automobile parking garages, shall have a combined maximum floor area not greater than twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the principal building on the same lot as such accessory structures. In determining the floor area of the principal building for the purpose of this section, basement and attic floor area shall not be included. AMENDED JUNE 13, 1975*. All accessory structures existing as of the date of this amendment and used specifically for the storage of farm products and/or farm equipment shall be allowed on lots with at least 80,000 square feet. The use of these structures shall be limited to those person(s) engaged in agricultural operations as defined by Section 12-91 of the Conn. General Statutes and recorded with the Town Assessor. * EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1987.

b. **Special Accessory Uses and Structures**

1. Permitted special accessory uses and structures. Special accessory uses and structures are permitted in the residence zones and on lots in non-residence zones on which permitted non-conforming residential uses are situated as set forth in Section 4 of these Regulations and shall be subject to such additional conditions as are set forth herein. Special accessory uses and structures shall include: customary home occupation, garage or carport and the parking of a commercial vehicle, the parking or storage of a boat, trailer or mobile home, guest house, bathing or swimming pool and bath house, roadside stand, the stabling of horses (and) the keeping and housing of livestock or poultry for domestic purposes on, and traditional professional medical/dental care facility. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 1992.
2. Conditions for special accessory uses and structures. In addition, the requirements for height, location and maximum land area for customary accessory uses and structures, special accessory uses and structures shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a.) Customary home occupation. A customary home occupation shall be subject to the following provisions:
 1. A customary home occupation shall be carried on entirely within the dwelling unit or within a completely enclosed permitted accessory building on the same lot as the dwelling unit.
 2. A customary home occupation shall be carried on by the inhabitants of such dwelling unit and shall involve the employment on the premises of only any member of the immediate family residing in such dwelling unit plus one person, full or part time, not residing in such dwelling unit.
 3. A customary home occupation shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of such dwelling unit and lot for residential purposes.
 4. A customary home occupation shall not change the residential character of such dwelling unit and lot.
 5. A customary home occupation, whether contained in a dwelling unit or in an accessory building, shall occupy an area not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area of such dwelling unit.
 6. A customary home occupation shall not offer, display or advertise any commodity or service for sale or rental on the premises.
 7. A customary home occupation shall not store any materials or products on the premises outside of the dwelling unit or the permitted accessory building in which it is located.
 8. A customary home occupation shall not create any objectionable noise, odor, vibrations or unsightly conditions.
 9. A customary home occupation shall not create a health or safety hazard.
 10. A customary home occupation shall not create interference with radio and television reception in the vicinity.

11. Signs associated with customary home occupation shall be limited to one identification sign per dwelling unit, such sign not to exceed for than two (2) square feet in area.
 12. The Building Official may, at his discretion, for good cause such as a non-customary use, potential excessive noise, storage of materials or parking, refers any question concerning a customary home occupation to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for its review and recommendations. The Town Plan and Zoning Commission shall have thirty (30) days from its receipt of the application from the Building Official within which to forward its report of findings and recommendations to the Building Official. Said report of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission shall be advisory only, and the failure of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission to submit its report within the prescribed thirty (30) day period shall not prevent the Building Official from reaching a decision on the application for the customary home occupation after the prescribed thirty (30) day time period has expired.
- b.) Attached or detached garages and/or carports shall be a permitted use in accordance with the following standards:
1. Dwellings containing less than 4,500 sq. ft. of gross finished floor area (excluding basements) may have a maximum of 3 garages and/or carport bays, except that the Zoning Board of Appeals may, as a special exception, grant approval for 1 additional garage and/or carport.
 2. Dwellings containing more than 4,500 sq. ft. of gross finished floor area (excluding basements) may have a maximum of 4 garage and/or carport bays.
AMENDED EFFECTIVE 6/12/2002
 3. A maximum of one commercial vehicle may be parked on the lot, provided such commercial vehicle shall have a maximum capacity of one and one-half (1 1/2) tons, shall be owned by the owner or permanent resident of the property which it is to be parked and shall be parked in the garage, barn or the rear yard of the property.
- c.) Parking or storage of a boat, trailer or mobile home. A maximum of one (1) such vehicle may be parked or stored outside on the lot, provided such vehicle is parked in the rear yard and is owned or leased by the owner or permanent resident of the property on which such vehicle is parked. No such boat, trailer or mobile home shall be occupied for living, sleeping or cooking purposes or for carrying on business except as provided in Section 6.10 of these Regulations.
- d.) Guest House. A guest house shall require a special exception from the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of these Regulations.
- e.) Boarding, rooming or lodging house. There shall be a combined total maximum of two (2) boarders, roomers or lodgers, whichever the case may be, except that more than two (2) such boarders, roomers or lodgers or any combination thereof may be permitted as a special permit from the Town Plan and Zoning Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of these Regulations.
- f.) Bathing or swimming pool and bath house. The pool and bath house, if any, shall be located in the rear yard, a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any side or rear property line. In the case of a corner lot, the side yard abutting the street shall require a minimum yard depth of fifty (50) feet in CR Zone and forty (40) feet in RR, AAA, AA, and A