

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
740 MAIN STREET  
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING/\$5 SURCHARGE ON DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE PAYMENTS  
and BILLBOARDS RELOCATION

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader  
Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I.  
Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph Carlson, Patricia Harmon and Michael  
G. Kurker

Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following is a copy of a legal notice published in the Hartford Courant on Tuesday,  
September 13, 2016.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a public hearing **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Council Chambers, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut, regarding the following:

- (1) the proposed revisions to Section 10-47 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances entitled "\$5 Surcharge on Delinquent Motor Vehicle Payments"; and
- (2) pursuant to Section 3-30 (c) of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the proposed erection of billboards at a location facing I-84 westbound at 9 Roberts Street and the removal of all billboards located at 361 Main Street and 1252-1256 Main Street.

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this meeting. Drafts of these revisions are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Angela Attenello  
Town Council Clerk

Chair Kehoe summarized the revisions to Section 10-47 of the Code of Ordinances. Currently the ordinance provides for a \$5 surcharge paid to the state of Connecticut for delinquent motor vehicle payments. Since the state has lifted that surcharge, the town will eliminate the explanation contained in the ordinance, but keep the surcharge provision.

The proposed billboard agreement will remove the billboards located at 361 Main Street and 1252-1256 Main Street and erect billboards at 9 Roberts Street abutting I-84 West, but not visible to the residents of Roberts Street. This is an amendment to the previously

approved agreement, substituting the 1252-1256 Main Street billboards for billboards on Burnside Avenue, resulting in additional signs and square footage being taken down.

The following persons came forward:

Matthew Oakes, 79 Park Avenue, is against the town keeping the surcharge provision in Section 10-47, especially since the state is no longer charging the town this fee.

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, is concerned about the new digital display billboards that are noisy and distracting. Additionally, she questioned the assessed value of 361 Main Street.

Donald Sugalski, 1736 Main Street, believes that the Council should have a clear understanding of the ownership of the properties involved in the billboard agreement.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Esther Clarke  
                         seconded by Bill Horan  
                         to **adjourn** (7:33 p.m.).  
                         Motion carried 9/0.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela M. Attenello  
Town Council Clerk