

ORDINANCE NO. (assigned by Town Clerk)

ADOPTED:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH, CHAPTER 34 THEREOF, ENTITLED “BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS”, TO ADD ARTICLE XI “WATERFRONT QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE”.

The Town Council of the Town of East Greenwich hereby ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 34 Boards, Committees and Commissions, of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, is hereby amended as follows:

Article XI

Waterfront Quality of Life Committee

Sec. 34-40. – Establishment

- (a) Pursuant to its authority under Sec. C-122 of the East Greenwich Town Charter, the East Greenwich Town Council hereby creates the Waterfront Quality of Life Committee (WQLC), which shall serve as an advisory committee to the Town Council on issues affecting the quality of life for residents on the East Greenwich Waterfront.
- (b) As used in this section, the “Waterfront” shall include all public and private property located east of the railroad tracks, north of Rocky Hollow Road, and bounded by the East Greenwich Cove and the East Greenwich Town line.

Sec. 34-41. - Purpose

The primary quality of life issues addressed by the WQLC shall be the noise, parking, traffic, and crowds generated by entertainment at commercial establishments holding an entertainment license in the Waterfront. The WQLC shall meet as necessary and shall report to the Town Council no later than July 1, 2019, with recommendations to the Council on steps that can be taken to address noise concerns. This report deadline may be extended by vote of the Council. Thereafter, the WQLC may address any other issues impacting quality of life for residents in or surrounding the Waterfront. The WQLC shall remain in effect as a future mechanism for residents of the Waterfront and commercial and institutional entities within the Waterfront to communicate with one another and adopt mutually agreeable recommendations to the Council as necessary.

Sec. 34-42. - Membership

- (a) The WQLC shall be composed of the following members, to be appointed by the Town Council:
 - 1) Three members representing businesses in the Waterfront holding entertainment licenses issued by the Town Council;

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- 2) One member representing a businesses in the Waterfront that does not hold an entertainment license;
 - 3) One member representing the East Greenwich Yacht Club;
 - 4) Three members that are residents living in the Waterfront;
 - 5) Two members of the Town Council;
 - 6) The Town Planner or a designee;
 - 7) The Chief of Police or a designee
 - 8) The Town Solicitor or a designee; and
 - 9) The Town Manager or a designee.
- (b) Members of the WQLC shall serve a term of two years, provided that the initial members shall serve a term expiring on April 1, 2020, unless the Council shall vote to remove a member, or disband the WQLC, prior to that time.

Sec. 42-43. – Procedures

- (a) The WQLC shall be chaired by the Town Manager or his/her designee, and a Vice Chairperson shall be elected from among the membership.
- (b) The WQLC shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, or upon the call of any four members of the WQLC, but not less than twice a year in April and October of each year.
- (c) The WQLC shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act.
- (d) A majority of the members of the WQLC shall constitute a quorum. The concurring vote of a simple majority of members present and eligible to vote shall be required to pass on any issue.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.