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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR FARM MACHINERY AND FARM BUILDINGS PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 12-91

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Norwich to promote the preservation of open space including preservation of the limited number of farms located within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has authorized municipalities to provide limited local property tax exemptions for farm machinery held by qualifying farmers and limited local property tax exemptions for any building used actually and exclusively in farming, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-1, and the providing of such property tax exemptions will support this policy of the City of Norwich;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, pursuant to the authority of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91(b), that the City of Norwich shall provide an additional exemption from property tax for all farm machinery qualifying for the exemption provided under the Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91(a) to the extent of an additional assessed value of \$100,000.00, any such exemption being subject to the same limitations as the exemption provided under subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91 and the application and qualification process provided in subsection (d) of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, pursuant to the authority of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91(c), that the City of Norwich shall provide an exemption from property tax for any building used actually and exclusively in farming, as defined in Section 1-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes the amount of such exemption from the assessed value to be up to but no more than \$100,000.00 with respect to each eligible building. Such exemption shall not apply to the residence of any such farmer and shall be subject to the application and qualification process provided in subsection (d) of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91.

(Purpose: To provide additional local property tax exemptions for certain farm machinery and farm buildings through an exemption from the assessed value of the same as permitted by local option pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-91)

Submitted by Robert Zarnetske

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1581 PROVIDING FOR
AN ADDITIONAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOW INCOME VETERANS
BY INCREASING THE EXEMPTION FROM \$8,000.00 TO \$10,000.00**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that Ordinance No. 1581 adopted April 21, 2008 be and hereby is amended as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut Public Act No. 03-44 any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with subsection (19) of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81 whose qualifying income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount as provided under Section 12-81I shall be entitled to an additional exemption applied to the assessed value of an eligible veteran's property in the amount of ~~eight thousand dollars~~ ten thousand dollars effective as of the assessment year commencing October 1, 2009.

Alderman William Nash

AN ORDINANCE REDEFINING THE CURBSIDE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH AS A GENERAL BENEFIT AND SETTING FORTH FEES FOR THE ROGERS ROAD TRANSFER STATION

WHEREAS, Chapter VII, §18 (2) lists “The collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish” as a special benefit; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VII, §18 states that “these special benefits and general benefits may be redefined from time to time by the city council;” and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich endeavors to reduce the administrative cost of billing for services which are used pervasively in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwich recognizes the benefit to the residents of the City of Norwich by changing a refuse collection fee, which is not deductible for purposes of calculating Federal taxable income for individuals, to a tax-deductible property tax; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the following activities be and hereby are redefined as general benefits, the costs of which will be borne by the general tax levy on the Grand List starting with the Grand List dated October 1, 2008:

1. Curbside pickup of garbage cans, of which the total weight of the can and its contents shall not exceed 50 pounds, at regular intervals established by the Director of Public Works.
2. Two bulky waste pickups each year at times established by the Director of Public Works

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that Chapter 9. Article II. Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

~~Sec. 9-36. Fees for Norwich landfill site.~~

~~The fees for disposal of waste at the Norwich landfill site shall be as follows:~~

~~\$11.50 for a yearly permit for private cars and pickup trucks.~~

~~\$0.50 per trip for cars and pickup trucks. (Not in addition to the \$11.50 above but intended to cover those who do not get a yearly permit and only use the landfill a few times a year.)~~

~~\$8.50 per ton for refuse disposal by refuse contractors and heavy users.~~

~~\$4.00 per ton for class 2 material (demolition, etc.).~~

~~Sec. 9-37. Increase or decrease authorized.~~

~~The council may, by resolution, change the basic fee schedule for disposal of garbage, rubbish and other waste material at the area designated by the city council as the Norwich landfill site, as~~

set forth in section 9-36 above, by increasing or decreasing said fees so as to reflect any increase or decrease in the cost of operating said landfill site and to reflect any deficit which may occur.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that Chapter 9. Article II. Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

DIVISION 2:

Sec. 9-40. Schedule.

The fees for collection of garbage, rubbish and other waste material by the city shall be as follows:

**CCD (CITY CONSOLIDATION DISTRICT) RATES INCLUDING BULKY WASTE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002**

Description/Code(s)	Annual Collection Per Building	Annual Disposal Rate Rate Per Unit
Single/1	\$54.00	\$60.00
2 family/2	89.10	60.00
3-5 family/3-5	159.30	60.00
6-9 family/6-9	226.80	60.00
Backyard service will be available at an additional annual fee of \$48.00 per unit		
10-15 apt bldg/10-15	302.40	60.00
16-25 apt bldg/16-25	383.00	60.00
26-35 apt bldg/26-35	470.00	60.00
36-45 apt bldg/36-45	562.00	60.00
Bus. & Professional Bldg/46	108.00	120.00
Industrial Bldg/46	108.00	120.00
Laundries & Laundromats/46	108.00	120.00
Clubs & Organizations/46	108.00	120.00
Churches/46	108.00	120.00
Federal & State Bldgs/46	108.00	120.00
Municipal Bldgs/46	108.00	120.00
Schools/46	108.00	120.00
Downtown Bldgs (2 wkly pickups) (2-weekly pickups)/46	108.00	120.00
Convalescent homes/47	297.00	390.00
Schools (2-weekly pickups) 49	216.00	225.00
Commercial Bldgs (2 units) 49	216.00	225.00
Commercial Bldgs (3 units) 50	310.50	345.00

Restaurants/52—	648.00—	720.00—
Hotel/52—	648.00—	30.00/rm—
Commercial— Household Garbage and Bulky Waste Class 1 and 2 (at transfer station)—		150.00/ton—
Residential— Household Garbage and Bulky Waste Class 1 and 2 (at transfer station)—		130.00/ton—

Note: Daily and annual permits for the Rogers Road Transfer Station will no longer be issued or valid as of July 1, 2002.

TCD (TOWN CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT) RATES INCLUDING BULKY WASTE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002

Description/Code(s)—	Annual Collection Per Building—	Annual Disposal Rate Rate Per Unit—
Single/1—	\$60.00—	\$60.00—
2 family/2—	100.00—	60.00—
3—5 family/3—5—	177.00—	60.00—
6—9 family/6—9—	252.00—	60.00—
Backyard service will be available at an additional annual fee of \$60 Per unit		
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10—15 apt bldg/10—15—	336.00—	60.00—
16—25 apt bldg/16—25—	425.50—	60.00—
26—35 apt bldg/26—35—	522.00—	60.00—
36—45 apt bldg/36—45—	624.50—	60.00—
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Bus. & Professional Bldg/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Industrial Bldg/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Laundries & Laundromats/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Clubs & Organizations/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Churches/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Federal & State Bldgs/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Municipal Bldgs/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Schools/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Downtown Bldgs (2-wkly pickups) (2-weekly pickups)/46—	120.00—	120.00—
Convalescent Homes/47—	330.00—	390.00—
Schools (2-weekly pickups) 49—	240.00—	225.00—
Commercial Bldgs (2-units) 49—	240.00—	225.00—
Commercial Bldgs (3-units) 50—	345.00—	345.00—
Restaurants/52—	720.00—	720.00—
Hotel/52—	720.00—	30.00/rm—

Commercial – Household Garbage and Bulky Waste Class 1 and 2 (at transfer station) –	150.00/ton –
Residential – Household Garbage and Bulky Waste Class 1 and 2 (at transfer station) –	130.00/ton –

~~**Note:** Daily and annual permits for the Rogers Road Transfer Station will no longer be issued or valid as of July 1, 2002.–~~

The Fees for the Rogers Road Transfer Station are as follows:

		Rate	Unit of Measure
<u>Per Trip Fees - Garbage</u>			
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>\$ 151.00</u>	<u>per ton</u>
	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>\$ 173.00</u>	<u>per ton</u>
<u>Per Trip Fees - Bulky Waste</u>			
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>\$ 151.00</u>	<u>per ton</u>
	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>\$ 173.00</u>	<u>per ton</u>
<u>Freon Units</u>		<u>\$ 10.00</u>	<u>each</u>
<u>Recyclable Material Fees</u>			
<u>Fees shown below are for drop off at the Rogers Road recycling area</u>			
	<u>Brush (4' length maximum; 4" diameter maximum)</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Cardboard</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Mixed food containers (including "milk jug"-type plastic, juice cartons & #2 HDPE plastic)</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>White office paper</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Scrap metal</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Standard tires - Resident</u>	<u>\$ 2.50</u>	<u>each</u>
	<u>Oversized tires - Resident</u>	<u>\$ 5.50</u>	<u>each</u>
	<u>Standard tires - Commercial</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>each</u>
	<u>Oversized tires - Commercial</u>	<u>\$ 11.00</u>	<u>each</u>
	<u>Storage batteries (lead acid, nickel cadmium, nickel hydride, cell phones, lithium ion)</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Waste Oil/ Antifreeze</u> <u>(Residential Only)</u>	<u>No charge</u>	
	<u>Leaves</u>	<u>No charge</u>	

Sec. 9-41. Increase or decrease authorized.

The council may, on or before the fourth Monday of May of each year, by resolution, change the basic fee schedule for the ~~collection and removal of garbage, rubbish and other waste material~~ Rogers Road Transfer Station and the Backyard Service as set forth in section 9-40 hereof by increasing or decreasing said fees for the ensuing year to reflect any increase or decrease in the

cost of operating such service and to reflect any deficit which may occur in the current fiscal year.

Sec. 9-42. Payment dates.

~~All garbage, rubbish and other waste material collection fees of the city shall be paid by the owner of the property in two substantially equal installments on July 1 and January 1 of each year, except that fees for disposal of tires shall be payable at the time of disposal.~~

Backyard service will be billed once each year in July.

Transfer station fees will be due at the time of disposal.

Commercial customers will be billed monthly for their use of the transfer station.

Sec. 9-43. Part period apportionment.

~~The tax collector may apportion the garbage, rubbish and other waste material collection fees where the collection of the garbage and refuse of any person commences after January 1 or July 1 of any year.~~

The tax collector may apportion the Backyard service fee where the service of any person commences after July 1 of any year.

Sec. 9-44. Delinquency date; cessation of collection after.

~~All garbage, rubbish and other waste material collection accounts shall be considered delinquent if not paid within 30 days of the due date, and the director of public works shall cease all collections for that account unless otherwise directed by the chief executive officer.~~

Backyard service will be discontinued if not paid within 30 days of the due date.

Commercial customers using the Rogers Road Transfer Station, who do not pay their bill within 30 days of the due date will be charged interest at a rate of eighteen percent per annum.

~~Sec. 9-45. Lien--Imposition; priority; attaching; enforcement.~~

~~The interest of any person in any real estate which shall have been legally set in his assessment list shall be subject to lien for that part of garbage, rubbish and other waste material collection fees charged by the city against that particular parcel of real estate as found in such list when finally completed. Such lien shall exist from the first day such garbage, rubbish and other waste material collection fee shall become due, and during its existence shall take precedence over all liens or encumbrances and transfers, except taxes, thereon in any way affecting such interest in such property or any part of it. Such lien, while it exists as above and before it shall have been continued by certificate, may be enforced by levy and sale in the same manner as might be done if a certificate continuing the same had been recorded in the Norwich land records.~~

~~Sec. 9-46. Same--Continuance by certificate; period, interest.~~

~~The tax collector of the city may continue any garbage, rubbish and other waste material collection lien existing against any parcel of real estate to secure the payment of the garbage and refuse fees charged thereon by making out and filing, within a period of one year after such fees shall have become due, in the office of the city clerk, a certificate containing the following information: (1) The name of the person in whose name the real estate is recorded on the assessment date; (2) a description of such real estate; (3) the amount of fees due thereon, the amount of which is secured by such lien; and (4) the date the fees became due. The clerk shall~~

~~record such certificate in the Norwich land records and any such lien so continued, when the lien shall have been paid with interest and fees thereon as specified, shall be discharged by a certificate of the tax collector. Such certificate of release shall be delivered by the tax collector to the city clerk who shall record it in the Norwich land records. Such lien, when recorded, shall be valid for a period of ten years after date of recordation, with interest, so long as such fees shall remain unpaid, at the rate of six percent per annum. The fees for all certificates, recordations and releases shall be the same as provided for in the matter of tax liens.~~

~~Sec. 9-47. Same--Foreclosure; expiration.~~

~~All garbage, rubbish and other waste material liens placed by the tax collector may be foreclosed in the name of the city against the lot or building in the same manner as a lien for taxes may be foreclosed. Any such lien shall be invalid after the expiration of ten years from the date of recording a certificate continuing the same unless an action of foreclosure shall have been commenced within such time. After the expiration of such period of ten years, if such action shall not have been commenced, the town clerk shall discharge such lien of record by noting on the margin thereof the words "discharged by operation of law," together with the date and his signature.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the effective date for the changes enumerated in this ordinance will be July 1, 2009.

City Manager Alan H Bergren