



Town of Morris

2014 Ordinances

Morris Town Clerk

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May 31, 2012

At the Annual Town Budget Meeting held May 31, 2012 the Town of Morris approved the Morris Boat Launch Ordinance, a full copy of which will be on the Town of Morris Website and available at the Morris Town Clerk's Office. Said Ordinance will take effect 15 days after this notice appears in the paper.

August 14, 2013

ORDINANCE CONCERNING BUILDING PERMIT FEES AS AMENDED:

See full ordinance under Building Permit Fees

AMENDED: 8-14-2013 PUBLISHED: 8-16-2013 EFFECTIVE: 8-30-2013

ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MERGER OF LITCHFIELD
HILLS COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND
NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

See full resolution under above ordinance title. NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS will be the merged councils title.

AMENDED: 8-14-2013 PUBLISHED: 8-16-2013 EFFECTIVE: 8-30-2013

ORDINANCE REGULATING FIRE AND MEDICAL AUTOMATIC ALARMS

1 Statement Of Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide minimum standards and regulations for the safe and accurate use of fire and medical alarm systems in the Town of Morris.

2 Definitions

A "Alarm system"

Means equipment and devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention, and to which fire and/or ambulance personnel are expected to respond. This includes all such telephone dialer alarms. This does not include smoke detectors and local alarms which do not signal outside the premises by telephone lines or radio signals or alarm systems on motor vehicles, nor does it include burglar or security alarms.

B "Alarm user"

Means any person, firm or corporation on whose premises any alarm system is maintained within the Town.

C "Automatic Telephone Dialing Device"

Means an alarm system which automatically sends, over radio waves or telephone lines by direct connection or otherwise, a prerecorded voice message indicating the existence of the emergency situation that the alarm system is designed to detect.

D "False Alarm"

Means the activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or the negligence, excluding alarms caused by weather conditions or acts of God. False alarms, which are transmitted with a criminal, malicious or mischievous, intent are criminal violations and shall be prosecuted under the applicable provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes.

3 Requirements

Alarm systems shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut State Building Code and pursuant to a permit issued by the Building Official.

Alarm users having existing automatic telephone dialing devices shall comply with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-282b. Automatic direct dialing to "911" is prohibited.

No person, firm or corporation shall install an automatic telephone-dialing device within the Town of Morris, terminating at the Morris Firehouse or the Litchfield County Dispatch Center. It is recommended that alarm users use an answering service to notify emergency services.

All alarm systems as defined in this section which sound an audible signal that may be heard outside of the protected premises shall be equipped with a device which shall limit the duration of such audible signal to not more than thirty (30) minutes in length in accordance with Section 22a-69-5.1 of the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection.

A maximum of three (3) false alarms per twelve (12) month period shall be allowed from any alarm system. On receipt of the fourth (4th) false alarm and for each false alarm thereafter during the twelve (12) month period, a user fee shall be assessed by the Town of Morris in the amount of FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS, payable to the Town of Morris. Alarms originating from any building owned by the Town of Morris or Regional School District No. 6 shall be exempt from the user fee.

4 Violation & Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation found to be in violation of Subsection B, C or D of this Ordinance shall be fined FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS per violation in addition to any state penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall fail to pay a user fee, which has been assessed under Subsection E, within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of assessment, shall be responsible for all attorney's fees, court costs and legal fees incurred by the Town of Morris to enforce the collection of said fees.

5 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 5-26-1993 PUBLISHED: 6-2-1993 EFFECTIVE: 6-17-1993

ORDINANCE CONCERNING MORRIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC & TOWN EMPLOYEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

That any active member of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. who is an employee of the Town of Morris may respond to emergency calls during work hours without any loss in pay.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

APPROVED: 10-25-2000 PUBLISHED: 10-27-2000 EFFECTIVE: 11-10-2000

**MORRIS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE PERSONNEL TAX ABATEMENT
ORDINANCE**

1 Purpose:

In recognition of the benefits provided to the Town of Morris by the dedicated service of the Town's Volunteer Fire and Ambulance personnel, the Town of Morris hereby establishes a tax abatement program pursuant to Public Act No. 00-120, Section 10 for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance personnel on the conditions outlined below.

2 Eligibility:

Each member of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department who owes property tax to the Town of Morris shall be eligible who meets the following criteria:

- A Serves as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or ambulance driver.
- B Is classified as an active member per the Department's by-laws.
- C Meets the training and attendance requirements as set by the Department's Executive Committee for the calendar year prior to the tax period.

3 Certification:

Annually on or before March 1st of each year, the Executive Committee of the Morris Volunteer Fire Department shall submit to the First Selectman a sworn list of the members of the Department who are eligible as defined in Section 2.

4 Abatement Schedule:

Abatement of property taxes shall be granted the following July 1st to each eligible member in an amount equal to the maximum allowable under state law, which shall be applied first to real property and second to personal property and motor vehicles.

5 Effective Date:

This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after publication and shall be applicable to taxes due on the list of October 1, 2000, and thereafter.

APPROVED AS AMENDED: 1-30-2001 PUBLISHED: 2-1-2001 EFFECTIVE: 2-15-2001

CLERICAL ERROR RE-Published: 2-8-2001 Effective: 2-22-2001

ANNUAL REPORT

That the Annual Report should be available at the Town Clerk's Office not later than November 1st.

VOL. 25 PAGE 280 EFFECTIVE: 12-27-1965

That the Town of Morris waives the requirements for publishing the annual financial report in a local newspaper in accordance with the provisions stipulated in Sec. 7-344. Appropriations, laying of tax of the General Statutes of Connecticut as provided in the above statute, the Finance Board will provide printed, mimeographed or other approved duplications which will be made available to interested citizens of the town.

VOL. 25 PAGE 246 EFFECTIVE: 3-11-1963

DECLARATION OF PROPERTY

Be it and it is hereby resolved that this meeting vote to adopt the provisions of Section 12-41 Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, concerning the elimination of annual listing of real estate by persons liable to give in a list and pay taxes to the town, and to approve the request of the Board of Assessors to the State Tax Commission, if and when made, to compile the abstract of real estate from data contained on owners' cards, all subject to approval by the State Tax Commissioner.

Be it and it is hereby resolved that this meeting does hereby authorize the Assessors of the Town of Morris, subject to the approval of the State Tax Commissioner, to compile the abstract of real estate from data contained on the owners' cards.

VOL 25 PAGE 356-357 EFFECTIVE: 5-16-1972
REVISED: 10-28-1998 PUBLISHED: 11-1-1998 EFFECTIVE: 11-15-1998

ORDINANCE EXEMPTING DISABLED OWNERS OR PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN FROM MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

1 Purpose.

Pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities by § 12-81c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Morris hereby enacts an ordinance to exempt from personal property taxation any specially equipped motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities or owned by the parent or guardian of a person with disabilities.

2 Definitions:

A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

Means any owner of a motor vehicle who has a physical impairment, or any owner of a motor vehicle whose child or ward has a physical impairment, and whose physical impairment requires the special adaptive equipment referenced in the definition of Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle in order to adapt the use of such vehicle to the physical impairment of the owner or to the physical impairment of the owner's child or ward. Persons with physical impairments of a limited duration shall not be considered as Persons With Disabilities.

B SPECIALLY EQUIPPED MOTOR VEHICLE

Means a motor vehicle which has undergone a permanent modification to its frame or other structural member by the bolting or welding of special equipment for the purpose of adapting its use to the physical impairment of the owner of such motor vehicle or to the physical impairment of the owner's child or ward. Such equipment shall include raised roofs with roll-bar systems, raised doors, special control stations, dropped floors, kneeling systems, wheelchair lift, ramp, hand controls, cart lift and any other device or mechanism necessary to permit its operation by the owner of such motor vehicle or to permit it accommodation for the owner's child or ward.

C MOTOR VEHICLE

Means a vehicle as defined by § 14-1(47) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

3 Exemption.

Any, which shall include more than one, Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle shall be exempt from personal property taxation.

4 Medical Documentation and Expiration of Exemption.

The Assessor shall require written and signed documentation verifying that the installation of the special equipment is directly related to the physical impairment of the Person With Disabilities in order to adapt the operation or the accommodation of the specially equipped Motor Vehicle to such person. A physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Connecticut shall provide such documentation. Any such exemption shall expire when the vehicle is sold.

5 Applications.

Applications to establish eligibility for the exemption permitted by this ordinance shall be filed annually with the Assessor not later than December 31st following the assessment date with respect to which such exemption is claimed. For motor vehicles purchased on or after October 2nd and on or before July 31st of the assessment year for which such exemption is claimed, said application shall be filed not later than sixty (60) days after such purchase. Applications for exemption relative to the assessment year, which commences on October 1, 2002, may be made any time prior to the expiration of such assessment year.

6 Assessment Year.

This ordinance shall be first applicable to the assessment year, which commences on October 1, 2002.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation of the Town of Morris.

APPROVED: 3-21-2002 PUBLISHED: 3-26-2002 EFFECTIVE: 4-9-2002

TAX COLLECTOR'S ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS IN MEETING LEGALLY ASSEMBLED:

1. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any property for which property taxes or sewer charges or assessments are delinquent. Prior to the issuance of any building permit, the building official shall obtain written confirmation from the tax collector that there are no outstanding delinquent property taxes or sewer charges or assessments with respect to the subject property.
2. The tax collector is hereby authorized pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-129 to retain tax payments in excess of the amount due provided the amount of the excess payment is less than \$5.00.
3. Any property tax due in an amount of \$100.00 or less shall be due and payable in a single payment.
4. Any property tax due on any motor vehicle shall be due and payable in a single payment.
5. Commencing January 1, 2005, The tax collector is hereby authorized to waive any property tax due in the amount of \$5.00 or less.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Approved 11/10/04 Published 11/16/04 Effective 12/1/04

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAX COLLECTION

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris legally assembled:

1. The Tax Collector shall not issue a receipt or other evidence of payment as provided in Connecticut General Statutes §14-33(a) for any delinquent property taxes applicable with respect to a motor vehicle or snowmobile assessed in the Town of Morris unless payment for said delinquent taxes is made in cash or by certified check or money order.
2. The Tax Collector shall impose and collect a fee of \$1.00 for each unpaid motor vehicle tax bill that is reported to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Each unpaid motor vehicle tax bill reported to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §14-33 shall be subject to a \$1.00 fee to be imposed and collected by the Tax Collector.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Adopted: 12-29-2003; Published 12-31-2003; Effective: 01-15-2004

Amended: Adopted 11-10-04; Published 11-16-04; Effective 12-01-04
Amended: Adopted 3-27-08; Published 3-31-08; Effective 4-14-08 (Section 2 added)

BANTAM LAKE

NOTE: **Motor Vehicle on Frozen Surface** - See Ordinance Section on Motor Vehicles.

BANTAM LAKE USE

Any person who shall place, drop or deposit cans, bottles, papers or other waste materials in the waters or on the frozen surface of Bantam Lake within the limits of the Town of Morris shall be fined not more than \$25.00.

VOL. 25 PAGE 153 EFFECTIVE: 4-16-1957

BANTAM LAKE USES CONTINUED

- A The use of toilet facilities either built in or portable on any vessel on the water of Bantam Lake is prohibited.
- B The Board of Selectmen shall upon written request and reasonable notice meet with the sponsor or sponsors of any Regatta, Water Show or any other special event to be held on the waters of Bantam Lake for the purpose of going over the layout program and safety measures for such Regatta, Water Show or Special Event. For any of the above mentioned, permission, if granted, shall be in writing and shall include the special regulations of the Board of Selectmen which may have been adopted for said special events. It shall be the duty of the Lake Patrol to inspect and determine that which permission has been granted.
- C Fines for violations of all special ordinances for Bantam Lake will be not more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each offense.
- D The ordinance pertaining to boating approved by State Boating Commission.

VOL. 25 PAGE 268 EFFECTIVE: 11-15-1964

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMIT FOR NICK'S COVE ON BANTAM LAKE

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 15-136 and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 15-121-B14, the following boating restriction for Bantam Lake is hereby adopted:

- (a) No person shall operate a vessel at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within the area known as Nick's Cove on the waters Bantam Lake.
2. For the purposes of this ordinance, the waters of Nick's Cove shall be defined as the area bounded westerly by the west shoreline of Bantam Lake; southerly by the Palmer Drive causeway; easterly by the east shoreline of Deer Island and northerly by a line running westerly from the northernmost point of Deer Island to the west shoreline of Bantam Lake.
3.
 - (a) "Slow-No-Wake" means that a vessel shall not produce more than a minimum wake and shall not attain speeds greater than 6 miles per hour over the ground unless a higher minimum speed is necessary when traveling with a strong current. In no case shall the wake produced by the vessel be such that it creates a danger of injury to persons, or will damage vessels or structures of any kind. (See R.C.S.A. Sec. 15-121-A1 (j)).
 - (b) "Vessel" means every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. (See C.G.S. § 15-127).
4. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication and posting as provided by law.
Adopted: 5-13-09 Published: 6-24-09
Effective: 2009 upon publication and Posting as provided by law-completed

Morris Boat Launch Ordinance

- A. Town of Morris Residents Only
- B. Any individuals, boats, trailers and vehicles that park, enter or leave the launching area do so at their own risk.
- C. Once a boat has been launched at the launching area, vehicles/trailers need to then park diagonally in the boat launch parking area. Vehicles/trailers will be towed if any are parked along East Shore Road.
- D. No boats are permitted to moor in, around or off the launching area.
- E. Use of alcohol is strictly prohibited in and around the launching area and at all recreational facilities.
- F. Littering is prohibited; remove any and all trash from launching area i.e. carry in/carry out.
- G. Any person violating any of the above rules is subject to a fine of \$50.00.
- H. This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Approved at TM 5-31-2012 Published Date 6-2-2012 Effective Date 6-15-2012

ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MORRIS TOWN BEACH

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 4-27-1984 PUBLISHED: 5-5-1984

REVISION ADOPTED: 3-17-1999 PUBLISHED: 3-19-1999 EFFECTIVE: 4-3-1999

REPEALED 4/13/2010 PUBLISHED: 4-21-2010 EFFECTIVE 5-6-2010

SEE:

ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MORRIS TOWN BEACH.

ADOPTED 4-13-2010 PUBLISHED 4-21-2010 EFFECTIVE 5-6-2010

Other Ordinances pertaining to boating approved by State Boating Commission published annually in Connecticut Boating Guide.

Notation: Ordinance RE: Motor vehicle on Frozen Surface on a Body of Water. This Ordinance is found in its entirety in Section N-Morris Traffic Authority.

BAZAARS AND RAFFLES

Voted to allow bazaars and raffles. Votes: Yes 92 No 52

VOL. 25 PAGE 136 EFFECTIVE: 10-3-1955

BEER AND LIQUOR

Voted to allow the sale of Alcoholic Liquor in the Town of Morris under Section 30-91, Connecticut General Statutes.

VOL. 25 PAGE 301 EFFECTIVE: 10-2-1967

Notation: Park regulations restrict the use of beer & liquor at all parks in the Town of Morris. These regulations are found in their entirety in Section B-under Beach and Park rules and regulations.

BINGO

The Board of Selectmen voted to permit the playing of Bingo in the Town of Morris upon the request by petition of 5 percent of the legal voters of said Town.

PAGE 174 EFFECTIVE 3-20-58

On September 15, 1958 the Board of Selectmen voted again to permit the playing of Bingo permanently in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes. (See General Statutes, Revision of 1949, Sec 703)

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITATION PROCEDURES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, §§7-152c, 8-12a and 22a-42g, as amended.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this ordinance:

- (a) "Zoning Violation" means any violation of the Morris Zoning Regulations originally adopted January 15, 1979, revised March 5, 2003, as amended, as determined by the Morris Planning and Zoning Commission or its Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- (b) " Zoning Enforcement Officer" means that person appointed by the Morris Zoning Commission to enforce the Zoning Regulations pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, §§8-3(e) and 8-12.
- (c) "Wetlands Violation" means any violation of the Morris Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations originally adopted August 25, 1999, revised June 16, 2004, as amended, as determined by the Morris Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency or its duly authorized agent.
- (d) "Wetlands Agent" means that person appointed by the Morris Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency to enforce the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §§22a-42a(c)(2) and 22a-44, as amended.
- (e) "Hearing Officer" means any person(s) appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-152c(b), as amended, to conduct hearings of contested citations issued pursuant to this Ordinance. No person who serves as a Zoning Enforcement Officer, Wetlands Agent, building official, police officer, an employee or person who issues citations or a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, or Zoning Board of Appeals shall serve as hearing officer.

SECTION 3. ZONING VIOLATIONS.

(a) The Zoning Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue citations for zoning violations as authorized by this Ordinance. The citation may be served by hand delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or lawful occupant of the premises where the violation exists. If the person named in the citation refuses to accept certified mail, the citation may be served by first class mail to the person's last known address of record.

(b) The fine for each violation shall be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00). Multiple violations may result in multiple fines on the same premises, and for continuing violations, each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense, but only one citation need be served for either multiple or continuing violations arising from the same use, structure, condition, act or activity.

(c) The fine shall not accrue until thirty (30) days following the date of issuance of the

citation.

SECTION 4. WETLANDS VIOLATIONS

(a) Both the Wetlands Agency and the Wetlands Agent are authorized to issue citations for wetlands violations as authorized by this Ordinance. Such citation may be served by hand delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner or lawful occupant of the premises where the violation exists. If the person named in the citation refuses to accept certified mail, the citation may be served by first class mail to the person's last known address of record.

(b) The fine for each violation shall be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00). Multiple violations may result in multiple fines on the same premises, and for continuing violations, each day of violation shall be considered a separate offence, but only one citation need be served for either multiple or continuing violations arising from the same condition, act or activity. The maximum fine for a wetlands violation citation under this Ordinance shall not exceed ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00), regardless of the number of days the violation exists.

(c) The fine shall not accrue until thirty (30) days following the date of issuance of the citation.

SECTION 5. CITATION PROCEDURE.

(a) Any person receiving such a citation shall be allowed a period of thirty (30) days from receipt of the citation to resolve the violation and to make an uncontested payment of the fine specified in the citation to the person(s) issuing the citation, or the Town Clerk, payable to the Town Treasurer. If the citation has been sent by regular mail pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, the day of receipt of the citation shall be deemed to be three business days after the mailing of the citation.

(b) If a person who has been issued a citation does not make uncontested payment of the fine specified in the citation, payable to the Town Treasurer within the time allowed under this Ordinance, the person(s) issuing the citation shall send a notice to the person cited by certified mail, return receipt requested, informing such person: (1) of the allegations against such person and the amount of the fines; (2) that the person cited may contest liability before a Hearing Officer appointed by the First Selectman of the Town of Morris as provided in this Ordinance, by delivering, in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested within ten days of the date of the notice, a written demand for a hearing; (3) that if the person cited does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be entered against such person; and (4) that such a judgment may issue without further notice.

(c) If the person who is sent notice pursuant to this Ordinance wishes to admit liability for any alleged violations, such person may, without requesting a hearing, resolve the violation and pay the full amount of the fine, either in person or by mail, to the Zoning Enforcement Officer or Wetlands Agent, as the case may be, or to the Town Clerk. All fines shall be made payable to the Treasurer of the Town of Morris. Such payment shall be

inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who does not deliver or mail written demand for a hearing within ten days of the date of the notice described in subsection 5(b) of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have admitted liability, and the Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Wetlands Agent or the Wetlands Agency, as the case may be, shall certify to the Hearing Officer that such person has failed to respond. The Hearing Officer shall thereupon enter and assess the fines provided for by this Ordinance and shall follow the procedures hereinafter set forth in subsection 6(b) of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. HEARING PROCEDURE.

(a) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the mailing of the notice, provided the Hearing Officer shall grant, upon good cause shown, any reasonable request by any interested party for postponement or continuance. An original or certified copy of the initial notice of violation issued by the issuing official shall be filed and retained by Town of Morris, and shall be deemed to be a business record within the scope of Connecticut General Statutes §52-180 and evidence of the facts therein. The presence of the Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Wetlands Agent or a member of the Inland Wetlands Agency, as the case may be, shall be required at the hearing if requested by the person who was issued the citation. A person wishing to contest liability shall appear at the hearing and may present evidence in such person's behalf. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Wetlands Agent or members of the Wetlands Agency may present evidence on behalf of the municipality. If the person who received the citation fails to appear, the Hearing Officer may enter an assessment by default against such person upon finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable provisions of the Zoning Regulations or the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. The Hearing Officer may accept written information by mail from the person who received the citation and may determine thereby that the appearance of such person is unnecessary. The Hearing Officer shall conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of proof as the Hearing Officer deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation. The Hearing Officer shall announce the decision at the end of the hearing. If the Hearing Officer determines that the person who received the citation is not liable, the Hearing Officer shall dismiss the matter and enter that determination in writing accordingly. If the Hearing Officer determines that the person who received the citation is liable for the violation, the Hearing Officer shall forthwith enter and assess the fines against such person as provided by this Ordinance.

(b) If such assessment is not paid on the date of its entry, the Hearing Officer shall send by first class mail a notice of the assessment to the person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty days nor more than twelve months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of assessment with the Clerk of the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Litchfield, GA #18, together with an entry fee of \$8.00. The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record of assessment. Within such twelve month period, assessments against the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment. The Clerk shall enter judgment in the amount of such record of assessment and court costs of

\$8.00 against such person in favor of the Town of Morris. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Hearing Officer's assessment, when so entered as a judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and a levy of execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such person.

SECTION 7. APPEAL. A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant to this Ordinance is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal shall be instituted within thirty days of the mailing of notice of such assessment by filing a petition to reopen the assessment, together with an entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for small claims cases pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, §52-259, in the Superior Court, for the Judicial District of Litchfield, GA #18, which shall entitle such person to a hearing in accordance with the rules of the judges of the Superior Court.

SECTION 8. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. The remedies set forth in this Ordinance shall be deemed to be in addition to such other remedies as are provided by law. The decision to assess fines under this Ordinance shall be an exercise of municipal discretion, and shall not prevent the Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Wetlands Agent or the Inland Wetlands Agency, as the case may be, from instituting enforcement action, such as a cease and desist order or order to show cause, concurrently with the assessment of fines.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions in a newspaper having a general circulation of the Town of Morris pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-157(b), and shall not be implemented until one or more Hearing Officers have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Adopted at town meeting on: November 16, 2006

Published: November 18, 2006

Effective Date: December 2, 2006

Morris Town Records: Volume dated January 1, 2002, Pages 257-265

FIRE ZONE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

- A The purpose of this ordinance is to provide unobstructed passage for fire and other emergency equipment from a public highway onto and across other public or private property pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 7-148c(4)(B) and 29-293(b).
- B A "fire zone" is a designated unobstructed passageway sufficient in size to permit free passage of fire and other emergency equipment from a public highway to all necessary areas or portions of any public or private property, excluding one and two-family residences.

- C The Fire Marshal of the Town of Morris is hereby directed and authorized to establish fire zones when, in his judgment, they are necessary for the safety of the general public.
- D Whenever the Fire Marshal establishes a fire zone he shall file a copy of his order specifying the limits thereof with the First Selectman, who shall countersign approval of the same, and the Fire Marshal shall cause a copy of the order to be delivered, in person or by certified mail, to the owner or owners of any private land on which such fire one is established.
- E Any person aggrieved by such order may file, with the Board of Selectmen within fifteen (15) days after the date of such order, written notice of appeal, setting forth the reasons for aggrievement. After hearing, the Board of Selectmen may affirm, modify or rescind such order.
- F Such fire zones shall be clearly marked: "No Parking - Fire Zone." No person shall park or permit to stand a motor vehicle in a fire zone except when actually picking up or discharging passengers. The registered owner of a motor vehicle shall be presumed to be the operator of such vehicle.
- G Whenever a motor vehicle is found to be parked in violation of this ordinance, the Fire Marshal shall issue to the owner or operator of such vehicle or place upon such vehicle a written warning of the specific violation complained of. If the violation has not been remedied within ten (10) days of the issuance of the written notice, the Fire Marshal shall serve upon the owner or operator of such vehicle or place upon such vehicle a citation in the amount of \$100.00 per day in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance Establishing Citation Issuance Procedures.
- H If the Fire Marshal determines that a vehicle parked in a fire lane constitutes such a serious hazard as to be a menace to traffic, that officer may, in addition to placing a parking ticket on such vehicle, cause such vehicle to be removed, and all expense of such towing and subsequent storage, shall be borne by the registered owner of such vehicle.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation of the Town of Morris.

APPROVED: 3-21-2002 PUBLISHED: 3-26-2002 EFFECTIVE: 4-9-2002

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITATION ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in Meeting assembled:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 7-152c, the First Selectman shall appoint one or more citation hearing officers, other than police officers or employees or persons who issue citations, to conduct the hearings authorized by this ordinance.

The First Selectman, or his designee, at any time within twelve months from the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines, penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued under any ordinance of the Town of Morris adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or section 22a-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, for an alleged violation thereof, shall send notice to the person cited. Such notice shall inform the person cited: (i) Of the allegations against him and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees due; (ii) that he may contest his liability before a citation hearing officer by delivering in person or by mail written notice within ten (10) days of the date thereof; (iii) that if he does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be entered against him; and (iv) that such judgment may issue without further notice.

If the person who is sent notice pursuant to Section 2 of this ordinance wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, he may, without requesting a hearing, pay the full amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to an official designated by the First Selectman. Such payment shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who does not deliver or mail written demand for a hearing within ten (10) days of the date of the first notice provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be deemed to have admitted liability, and the municipal official designated by the First Selectman shall certify such person's failure to respond to the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall thereupon enter and assess the fines; penalties, costs or fees provided for by the applicable ordinance(s) and shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 5 of this ordinance.

Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the mailing of notice, provided the hearing officer shall grant upon good cause shown any reasonable request by any interest party for postponement or continuance. An original or certified copy of the initial notice of violation issued by the issuing official shall be filed and retained by the municipality, and shall be deemed to be a business record within the scope of section 52-180 and evidence of the facts contained therein. The presence of the issuing official shall be required at the hearing of such person so requests. A person wishing to contest his liability shall appear at the hearing and may present evidence in his behalf. A municipal official designated by the First Selectman other than the hearing officer, may present evidence on behalf of the Town. If such person fails to appear, the hearing officer may enter and assessment by default against him upon a finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable statutes or ordinances. The hearing officer may accept from such person copies of police reports, investigatory and citation reports, and other official documents by mail and may determine thereby that the appearance of such person is unnecessary. The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of proof, as he deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation. The hearing officer shall announce his decision at the end of the hearing. If he determines that the person is not liable, he shall dismiss the matter and enter his determination in writing accordingly. If he determines that the person is liable for the violation, he shall forthwith enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees against such person as provided by the applicable ordinances of the Town of Morris.

If such assessment is not paid on the date of its entry, the hearing officer shall send by certified mail, Return Receipt Requested, a notice of the assessment to the person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of assessment with the clerk of the Connecticut Superior Court, G.A. #18, together with an entry fee of \$8.00. The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment. The clerk shall enter judgment, in the amount of such record of assessment and court costs of \$8.00, against such person in favor of the Town of Morris. Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, the hearing officer's assessment, when so entered as a judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and levy of execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such person.

A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant to this section is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal shall be instituted within thirty (30) days of the mailing of notice of such assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case pursuant to 52-259 of the Connecticut General Statutes, in the Connecticut Superior Court, G.A. #18, which shall entitle such person to a hearing in accordance with the rules of the judges of the Superior Court.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

APPROVED: 10-24-2001 PUBLISHED: 10-26-2001 EFFECTIVE: 11-16-2001

BOARD AND COMMISSIONS - ESTABLISHMENT OF

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING UNIFORM ELECTED OFFICIALS' TERM START DATE

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

1. Notwithstanding any provision in any ordinance of the Town of Morris to the contrary, and except as otherwise specifically required by the Connecticut General Statutes, commencing with the November, 2011 election, the term of each elected municipal official other than the town clerk shall begin on the second Tuesday next following the day of the municipal election at which such official is elected. The terms of office of any incumbent elected municipal officials affected by this ordinance shall be adjusted to conform to the term commencement date herein established.
2. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED 4-13-2010 PUBLISHED 4-20-2010 EFFECTIVE 5-4-2010

**ASSESSMENT APPEALS, BOARD OF
ORDINANCE REGARDING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF
ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-199(c) and commencing with the October 1, 2000 assessment year, the Town of Morris legislative body (town meeting) is authorized to appoint in its discretion up to three (3) additional:

- A Members of the board of assessment appeals for any assessment year in which a revaluation becomes effective and for the assessment year following such year of revaluation.
- B The composition of the board of Assessment appeals, including members appointed pursuant to the terms of this ordinance, shall be subject to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-167a.
- C The terms of office of members of the board of assessment appeals appointed pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall commence immediately upon being appointed and duly sworn into office and shall terminate when all matters decided by the board of assessment appeals for any year in which a revaluation becomes effective and for the assessment year following such year of revaluation shall have been finally decided with no further right to court appeal.

APPROVED: 1-30-2001 PUBLISHED: 2-1-2001 EFFECTIVE: 2-15-2001

BANTAM LAKE AUTHORITY

Resolved that the Town of Morris in the pursuance of Public Act #682 of the 1967 Session of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut hereby joins with the Town of Litchfield in the creation of the Bantam Lake Authority consisting of six members, three from the Town of Litchfield and three to be appointed from the Town of Morris, the Committee shall be elected from the floor at this meeting and shall serve until the next Annual Town Meeting. Then the members to be elected to serve: one for 1 year; one for 2 years; and one for 3 years.

Upon the expiration of each term, each new member will serve for a term of three years.

In the event a vacancy occurs or elected members are unable to serve, the Board of Selectmen are empowered to fill such vacancy.

Said Authority shall prepare a budget annually and submit the same to the Board of Finance of each Town for inclusion in the annual budget of each Town and shall submit a report of its activities and expenditures to the Board of Selectmen of each Town not later than September 1 of each year.

BANTAM LAKE AUTHORITY - ADDITIONAL POWERS

An Ordinance granting additional powers to the Bantam Lake Authority as set forth in Sec. 7-151a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

To grant the Bantam Lake Authority the powers to (1) control and abate algae and aquatic weeds in cooperation with the State Water Resources Commission, (2) to study water management including, but limited to, water depth and circulation and make recommendations for action to its member Towns, (3) shall have the power to enforce any Town Ordinance affecting said body of water, (4) the Lake Authority shall have no jurisdiction and shall in no way conflict with responsibilities of the Connecticut Fish and Game Board.

This Ordinance to be effective 15 days after publications.

BEACH AND RECREATION COMMISSION

ORDINANCE CREATING A BEACH AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CREATING A BEACH AND RECREATION COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS IN MEETING ASSEMBLED:

That the Ordinance Creating a Beach and Recreation Commission adopted on April 27, 1984 is hereby amended as follows:

1. To establish a Beach and Recreation Commission within the Town of Morris, which shall have all powers to enforce the present and future regulations governing the Morris Town Beach, Harry Weik Recreation Area and Whittlesey-Harrison Recreation Field (together the "Recreation Facilities"). To make such regulations as may be necessary to promote health, safety and recreational activities for the residents of Morris or others using the Recreation Facilities.

The Commission shall have the right to accept donations of money and/or property, and to expend or dispose of the same for any lawful purpose designated by the donor. Funds allocated to the Beach and Recreation Commission by the Town of Morris shall be expended for: the maintenance, repair and improvement of facilities; personnel;

operations; and programs approved by the Commission. The Commission shall have the right to impose and collect appropriate fees for programming and permitting.

The Commission shall act as agent for the Town of Morris in the employment of a Recreation Director.

The Commission shall approve all programming proposed by the Recreation Director prior to its inception.

2. The Commission shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be electors of the Town. The members of the said Commission to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows: as of the effective date of this Ordinance

One (1) member for a term of five (5) years,
One (1) member for a term of four (4) years,
One (1) member for a term of three (3) years,
One (1) member for a term of two (2) years,
Three (3) members for a term of one (1) year,

and annually thereafter to fill each vacancy as terms expire. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint members to serve for a period of five (5) years from the date of their appointments or until their successors shall have been appointed and shall have qualified.

3. PARK USE AND BEACH SAFETY RULES FOR THE RECREATION FACILITIES
 - A. Recreation Facilities closed at Sunset, except by permit.
 - B. Any local organization wishing to use any of the Recreation facilities for special events should send a letter to Beach and Recreation Commission for permission, date, permit, and field use regulations.
 - C. Recreation Facilities speed limit is 10 M.P.H.
 - D. No pets on beach. Pets must be leashed off beach and all solid animal waste must be removed.
 - E. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult unless under the supervision of member of their family 16 years of age or over.
 - F. Swim at your own risk. No lifeguard on duty.
 - G. Glass of any kind, metal cans or toys capable of inflicting injury are prohibited on the beach area.
 - H. The lifeline surrounding the swimming area is there for your protection. Swimmers are not permitted to hang on it or the buoys.
 - I. Littering is prohibited. Please keep your Recreation Facilities clean.
 - J. Use or possession of alcohol is strictly prohibited at all Recreation Facilities.

- K. No open fires. All fires must be extinguished before leaving.
- L. All motor craft and skiers must be kept out of the restricted area.
- M. No motor craft may be operated in excess of 5 M.P.H. within 150 feet of the shore.
- N. No launching of motorized vessels from the Morris Town Beach.
- O. No recreational trailers in the Morris Town Beach parking lot.
- P. No golf.

4. This Amendment to Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 4-27-1984 PUBLISHED: 5-5-1984

REVISIONS ADOPTED : 3-17-1999 PUBLISHED: 3-19-1999 EFFECTIVE: 4-3-1999

AMENDED 4-13-2010 PUBLISHED 4-21-2010 EFFECTIVE 5-6-2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MORRIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION, ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE

1. The Town of Morris hereby establishes a Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 7-131a of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. The Conservation Commission shall consist of five (5) regular members and one (1) alternate member who shall be appointed by the First Selectman.
3. The initial members and the initial alternate member of the Conservation Commission shall be appointed for the following terms:
 - 2 regular members for a 3-year term;
 - 2 regular members for a 2-year term;
 - 1 regular member for a 1-year term;
 - 1 alternate member for a 1-year term.

After the appointment of the initial members and alternate member of the Conservation Commission as set forth above, all members and alternate members shall serve 3-year terms

5. This ordinance shall become effective 15 days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Approved: July 15, 2009 Published: July 21, 2009 Effective: August 4, 2009

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING OF

Section 1. Establishment

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-136 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revised to January 1, 2001, the Town of Morris accepts the provisions of section 7-136

and establishes an economic development commission for the promotion and development of the economic resources of the Town of Morris.

Section 2. Membership

The Town of Morris Economic Development Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

- One (1) member to serve for a term of five (5) years;
- One (1) member to serve for a term of four (4) years;
- Two (2) members to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- Two (2) members to serve for a term of two (2) years; and
- One (1) member to serve for a term of one (1) year;

thereafter all members shall serve for a term of five (5) years or until their successors are appointed and duly qualified. The provisions of Section 9-167a CGS concerning minority representation shall apply to all appointments.

Section 3. Vacancies

Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 4. Removal

Any member may be removed by the Board of Selectmen for cause and, on request of such member, after public hearing.

Section 5. Compensation

The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Section 6. Duties

The Town of Morris Economic Development Commission shall conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in the Town of Morris, shall make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies of the Town of Morris regarding action to improve the Town's economic condition and development, shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development and may advertise and may prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgment will further its official purposes.

Section 7. Reports

The Town of Morris Economic Development Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to the Town Meeting of the Town of Morris a report of its activities and of its recommendations for improving such economic conditions and development.

ADOPTED: September 26, 2002 Published: September 28, 2002 Effective: October 12, 2002

BOARD OF FINANCE
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ALTERNATE MEMBERS
FOR THE BOARD OF FINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

- 1.** CREATION. There shall be two (2) alternate members of the Board of Finance who shall be electors and taxpayers of the Town of Morris and shall not be an employee of the Town of Morris.
- 2.** ORGANIZATION. The two (2) Alternate Members of the Board of Finance shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ordinance to serve until the 2007 regular biennial town election and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- 3.** ELECTION. At the 2007 regular biennial town election, one (1) alternate member of the Board of Finance shall be elected for a term of four (4) years until the 2011 regular biennial town election and until a successor is elected and qualified and one (1) alternate member of the Board of Finance shall be elected for a term of six (6) years until the 2013 regular biennial town election and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Commencing with the 2013 regular biennial town election and at each regular biennial town election thereafter, there shall be elected as many alternate members of the Board of Finance as there are alternate members whose terms then expire, such newly elected alternate members to serve a term of six (6) years until the next applicable biennial town election and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- 4.** VACANCIES. Any vacancy in the alternate members of the Board of Finance shall be filled by the Board of Finance within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such vacancy until the next regular biennial town election, when the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the electors of the Town.
- 5.** NO COMPENSATION. No alternate member of the Board of Finance shall receive any compensation from the Town for his or her services in that capacity.
- 6.** EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.
Adopted at Town Meeting on: November 16, 2006
Published: November 18, 2006 Effective Date: December 2, 2006
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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE MORRIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY TO THE MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

1. The Town of Morris hereby changes the name of The Morris Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (constituted pursuant to an ordinance adopted at Town Meeting on January 18, 1965, as amended at an October 2, 1972 Town Meeting, and an ordinance adopted at Town Meeting on September 25, 1979) to the Morris Inland Wetlands Commission and revokes and rescinds all of its statutory powers as a conservation commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-131a. The Inland Wetlands Commission shall continue to exercise all the powers, duties and responsibilities to carry out the provisions of §§22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, including the promulgation of such regulations, in conformity with the regulations adopted by the commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to §22a-39 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as are necessary to protect the wetlands and watercourses within the territorial limits of the Town of Morris.
2. The Morris Inland Wetlands Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three (3) year terms. The present Morris Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency members shall serve the remainder of their respective terms on the Morris Inland Wetlands Commission. Any vacancy among the members or alternate members of the Morris Inland Wetlands Commission shall be filled for the balance of the term by the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs.
3. There shall be one (1) alternate member of the Morris Inland Wetlands Commission who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve a three (3) year term.
4. The Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Morris Regulations previously adopted by the Morris Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency through and including the revisions adopted on June 25, 2008 shall continue to govern all actions and decisions of the Morris Inland Wetlands Commission until such time as the Morris Inland Wetlands Commission amends said regulations or promulgates new regulations in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
5. This ordinance shall become effective 15 days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Approved: May 13, 2009 Published: May 28, 2009 Effective: June 9, 2009

**ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MERGER OF LITCHFIELD
HILLS COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND
NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris legally assembled:

Resolved: that the Town of Morris hereby ratifies the action of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials at their meeting of July 12, 2013 to join the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, effective January 1, 2014, and toward that end, the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials' formal adoption of Sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Adopted: 12-10-1985 Published: 12-13-1985 Effective: 12-28-1985
AMENDED: 8-14-2013 PUBLISHED: 8-16-2013 EFFECTIVE: 8-30-2013

MORRIS HOUSING AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (revised 1958), Section 8-40, the Town of Morris declared the need for a Housing Authority.

RESOLVED: Whereas, Connecticut General Statutes (Revised 1958), Section 8-40, as amended created a housing authority in each municipality.

WHEREAS, such housing authority may not transact business or exercise its powers until the governing body of the municipality, by resolution, declares that there is a need for the housing authority in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes (Revised 1958), Section 7-148(c)(4)(1), as amended, authorizes each municipality to provide for the financing, construction, rehabilitation, repair, improvement or subsidization of housing for low and moderate income persons and families; and

WHEREAS, such municipality may not engage in such housing activities until the municipality authorizes such activities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morris hereby finds that there is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the Town of Morris available to persons, families and senior citizens of moderate income as rentals they can afford; and

WHEREAS, there is presently no agency, board or commission exercising the powers of a housing authority in or for the Town of Morris

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: There is hereby declared to be a need for a housing authority in the Town of Morris.

This resolution was seconded and SO VOTED.

Motion that the housing authority be known as Morris Housing Authority. Motion seconded and SO VOTED.

The Morris Housing Authority may transact all business and exercise all the powers of a municipal housing authority as authorized by Chapter 128, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 8-41 as amended, the Morris Housing Authority shall consist of five(5) commissioners, each to serve for a term beginning July 1, 1987:

One commissioner to serve until July 1, 1988,

One commissioner to serve until July 1, 1989,

One commissioner to serve until July 1, 1990,

One commissioner to serve until July 1, 1991,

One commissioner to serve until July 1, 1992,

or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

Thereafter, each successor shall serve for a term of five (5) years. Any vacancy arising during said term shall be filled by the remaining commissioners until the expiration of said term. Once the Morris Housing Authority has constructed a housing project, at least one commissionship shall be a tenant who has resided in such housing project for at least one (1) year, who shall be qualified to vote on all matters except the establishment or revision of rents.

No commissioner may hold any other public office in the Town of Morris. A commissioner may be removed for cause in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 8-43.

The Chairman of the Morris Housing Authority shall be chosen by town meeting from the commissioners initially elected and thereafter, the Chairman shall be chosen by the commissioners themselves.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 128, as amended, the Morris Housing Authority is empowered to adopt by-laws, rules and regulations governing its operations.

This Ordinance was seconded and SO VOTED.

ADOPTED: 6-30-1987

ALSO SEE: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITATION PROCEDURES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS.

PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At a Special Town Meeting, April 14, 1975, the Town of Morris established a Pension Plan. Within the Plan were the provisions to establish the Pension Trustee, in particular under Summary of the Plan Item O: Administration of the Plan.

A Board of Trustees consisting of three (3) members will be appointed by the unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen to administer the Plan. The Trustees will be appointed for three (3) year terms except initially they shall be appointed for three, two and one year terms. Employees who are participants shall not serve as Trustees.

ADOPTED: 4-14-1975 EFFECTIVE: 7-1-1975

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ALTERNATES

Ordinance establishing Planning and Zoning Commission and Manner of Election:

Section 1.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, there is hereby established a Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Morris which shall have and exercise all of the powers and duties of such Commission as are provided by law.

Section 2.

Said Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of nine (9) regular members and three (3) alternate members, all of whom shall be electors of the Town of Morris and shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Regular Members: Nine (9) regular members of said Commission shall be elected at a Special Election to be held for that purpose to serve until the next biennial election of town officials and until their successors in office shall have been elected and qualified. Said terms of service shall be as follows:

One member of said Commission shall be elected to serve until the next biennial election of town officials.

Three members of said Commission shall be elected to serve until the biennial election of town officials in November 1977.

Two members of said Commission shall be elected to serve until the biennial election of town officials in November of 1979; and

Three members of said Commission shall be elected to serve until the biennial election of town officials in November of 1981.

As each term of an elected or appointed member shall expire, the vacancy shall be filled at the regular town election next succeeding such expiration for regular terms of six (6) years each.

Section 3.

Vacancies shall be filled by the Commission for the unexpired portion of any term as provided by Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 126, Section 8-19, as amended.

Section 4.

All current regulations heretofore promulgated by the Planning Commission prior to effective date of this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect until modified, repealed or superseded.

Section 5.

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall elect a chairman and secretary from its members, shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and shall keep a public record of its activities and shall promulgate regulations as authorized by Statute.

Section 6.

Any member of the Commission who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission and such vacancy shall be filled by election for the unexpired term at a town meeting duly warned for that purpose except in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements of this section.

Section 7.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon two (2) successive publications in a newspaper having a circulation within the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 11-25-1974 EFFECTIVE: 11-30-1974

ALSO SEE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITATION PROCEDURES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS.

Section 1.

As authorized by Chapter 124, Section 8-1 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, three (3) electors of the Town of Morris shall be elected as alternate members of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Morris with the powers and duties when seated, as set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes or any Special Act or Ordinance.

One alternate member shall be elected at a special election to serve until the regular biennial election for town officers in November 1975.

One alternate member shall be elected at a special election to serve until the regular biennial election for town officers in November 1977.

One alternate member shall be elected at a special election to serve until the regular biennial election for town officers in November 1979.

Section 2.

At the expiration of the above terms of said alternate members, all elected alternate members shall be elected at the regular town elections and serve six (6) year terms expiring on the dates of subsequent regular town elections.

NOTE: Amendment to Section 2 as Section 2a: See below.

Section 3.

Any vacancy resulting for any reason shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Commission as provided in Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-19.

Section 4.

This ordinance shall become effective upon two (2) successive publications in a newspaper having circulation with the Town of Morris.

Page 12-13 Adopted: 11-25-1974 Effective: 11-30-1974

Amendment to the Ordinance passed November 1974 providing for the election of alternate members to the Planning & Zoning Commission by adding the following as Section 2a: "Any alternate member of the Commission who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission and such a vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Commission as per Section 3.

PAGE 12-13 & PAGE 126 ADOPTED: 1-29-1979 PUBLISHED: 2-14-1979 & 2-15-1979 EFFECTIVE: 2-16-1979

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ALTERNATES, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING

Section 1.

A Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby established and shall consist of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members also referred to as "the panel of alternates", all of whom shall be electors of the Town of Morris and shall not be members of the Zoning Commission and shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

A. Regular Members

Five (5) regular members of said Board shall be elected at a special election duly warned for the purpose as follows:

Two members for terms ending at the 1975 November election.

One member for a term ending at the 1977 November election.

Two members for terms ending at the 1979 November election and thereafter, said members to be elected to serve for a term of six (6) years at regular town elections, provided, that each regular member so elected shall continue to serve until his successors in office shall have been elected and qualified.

B. Alternate members ("the panel of alternates"):

At the special election noted in "A" above, three (3) alternate members of said Board shall be elected as follows:

One member for a term ending at the 1975 November election.

One member for a term ending at the 1977 November election.

One member for a term ending at the 1979 November election and thereafter, one alternate member for a term of six (6) years shall be elected at regular town elections, provided, that each alternate member so elected shall continue to serve until his successor in office shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 2.

Said regular members and said alternate members shall be elected at regular town elections duly warned for that purpose and in conformity with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-5 and subject to the provisions of Section 9-167a in respect to minority representation, and shall have and exercise all the powers and duties conferred upon such regular members and alternate members by said Chapter 124 and any and all other provision of the law.

Section 3.

Any vacancy in the office of any regular member or alternate member shall be filled by election for the unexpired term at a town meeting duly warned for that purpose.

Section 4.

Any regular member or alternate member of the Board who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Board and such vacancy shall be filled by election for the expired term at a town meeting duly warned for that purpose except in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements of this section. Any regular or alternate member of said Board of Appeals may be removed therefrom by the Board when, in the opinion of said Board, after due notice and public hearing, any such member has been or is guilty of misconduct, material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of this office.

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon two (2) successive publications in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Morris.

PAGE 12-13 ADOPTED: 11-25-1974 EFFECTIVE: 11-30-1974

NOTE: A copy of the Planning Commissions Regulations may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Clerk's Office. These Regulations covering the Subdivision of land were adopted on June 7th, 1957 and became effective June 25, 1957.

NOTE: ZONING became effective January 15, 1979. Copies of Regulations may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. These regulations were adopted December 13, 1978 and became effective January 15, 1979.

SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

NOTE: This commission was reconstituted 8-20-1991-See Reconstituted Sandy Beach.

BEING IT ENACTED under the authority of Chapter 98, of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended the following Ordinance:

The Town of Morris hereby established jointly with the Town of Litchfield the Sandy Beach Commission consisting of six members, three from each Town to be appointed by the respective Boards of Selectmen of said Town. Said Commission shall have the power to operate, conduct, and maintain the premises known as "Sandy Beach" as a recreational facility in accordance with a lease or leases between said Towns and The White Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the same term or terms as said lease or leases including, but without limitation, the power to establish rules, regulations, and fees for the use of said Sandy Beach.

Members shall be appointed for the following term:

All members' terms initially shall run from date of appointment to December 31, 1972, and, thereafter:

- One member from each Town for one year;
- One member from each Town for two years;
- One member from each Town for three years;

Said Commission shall have the power to receive, hold and expend funds given, appropriated to it, received from the operation of Sandy Beach, or otherwise, and to receive, hold and transfer real estate or personal property or interests in either.

Said Commission shall annually prepare a budget and properly submit the same to the respective Boards of Finance for both Towns for inclusion in the annual budget of each and shall annually submit a report of its activities and income and expenditures to the respective Board of Selectmen of each Town on or before the 15th day of October of each year.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

This Ordinance shall become fully effective as provided by law fifteen days after publication in some newspaper having circulations in the Town of Morris.

PAGE 353 ADOPTED: 2-7-1972 PUBLISHED: 2-17-1972 EFFECTIVE: 3-3-1972

ORDINANCE RECONSTITUTING THE SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

(Adopted jointly by the Towns of Litchfield and Morris)

RESOLVED: Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Revised to 1991, Section 7-148(c)(6), as amended, the Ordinance establishing the Sandy Beach Commission adopted by the Town of Morris on February 7, 1972 is hereby amended as follows:

Said Commission shall consist of ten (10) members, i.e., five (5) from each Town to be appointed by their respective Boards of Selectmen as follows:

Section 1.

Those present members of the Sandy Beach Commission for the Town of Morris appointed under the terms of the original ordinance passed at Town Meeting of February 7, 1972 shall continue to serve for the remainder of their terms or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

Section 2.

The Commission shall be comprised of:

One (1) member from each town to serve until December of 1992.

Two (2) members until December 1993.

Two (2) members until December 1994, and thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint members for three year terms; provided, however, that each member of the Commission shall continue to serve until his successor is duly appointed and qualified.

Section 3.

Any Vacancy in the Sandy Beach Commission shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Towns of Litchfield and Morris.

The Amendment to the Sandy Beach Commission Ordinance which was adopted June 12, 1991 is hereby repealed.

ADOPTED: 8-20-1991 PUBLISHED: 8-23-1991 EFFECTIVE: 9-06-1991

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MORRIS SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION

Section 1.

The Town of Morris, acting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (Rev to 1991), Section 7-148(c)(6), hereby establishes the Morris Senior Center Commission for the purpose of supervising the use, operation and maintenance of the Morris Senior Center located at 109 East Street, Building 21, Rt. 109, Morris, Connecticut.

Section 2.

The Commission shall consist of six (6) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be a resident of the Morris elderly housing project, appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

Two (2) members to serve for a term of three (3) years;

Two (2) members to serve for a term of two (2) years;

Two (2) members to serve for a term of one (1) year.

Thereafter all members shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successors are appointed and duly qualified.

Section 3.

The Board of Selectmen shall fill any vacancy occurring in any term of any member.

Section 4.

The provisions of Connecticut General Statutes (Rev to 1991), Section 9-167a, concerning minority representation, shall apply to such appointments

Section 5.

Upon advice of the Senior Center Commission, the Board of Selectmen may remove any member for cause, including failure to regularly attend the meetings of the Commission.

Section 6.

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 7.

The Commission shall, at its initial meeting, and thereafter, at its annual organizational meeting, choose from its members a chairperson and a secretary, who shall serve for the ensuing year and who shall be entitled to participate and vote as all other members of the Commission. Three (3) members present and voting shall constitute a quorum of the Commission.

Section 8.

In addition to supervising the use, operation and maintenance of the Morris Senior Center, the Commission shall annually recommend a budget of income and expenditure for the operation of the Senior Center to the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year; however, the Commission's authority in all fiscal matters shall only be advisory to the Board of Selectmen.

ADOPTED: 3-10-1992 PUBLISHED: 3-24-1992 EFFECTIVE: 4-07-1992

SEWER COMMISSION

ORDINANCE CREATING A SEWER AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN OF MORRIS TO BE KNOWN AS THE SEWER COMMISSION

In accordance with Section 7-246 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958 the Town of Morris, hereby creates a commission and designates same as the Sewer Authority for said town.

Section 1.

The said Sewer Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be electors of the Town of Morris.

Section 2.

Said five (5) members shall be elected at a Special Town Meeting held for that purpose.

Section 3.

Members shall be elected for the following terms:

Two members for an initial term of one (1) year each.

Two members for an initial term of two (2) years each, and

One member for an initial term of three (3) years.

All original terms shall commence on the date of election. All members, other than the original members, shall be elected at the Annual Town Meeting proceeding the expiration of the original terms for terms of three (3) years.

Section 4.

In the event of a vacancy among the members of the Commission, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a new member to said Commission to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term of any such members.

Section 5.

Any member of the Commission who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings and any intervention duly called special meeting shall be filed as provided by Section 4 of this ordinance, except that the Commission may vote to waive the requirements of this section in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances makes it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements of this section.

Section 6.

The members of said Commission shall so serve without compensation.

Section 7.

The Sewer Commission of the Town of Morris shall have all rights and powers conferred upon it by Section 7-247 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The members of the Sewer Commission shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its members and shall adopt rules for the transaction of business. The secretary shall keep a public record of its activities and be custodian of its books, papers and documents.

Section 8.

This ordinance shall become effective on its passage.

VOL. 25 PAGE 98 PUBLISHED: 1-4-1978 EFFECTIVE: 1-10-1978

SEWER AUTHORITY - AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATES

To adopt an ordinance amending the Ordinance creating the Morris Sewer Authority to provide for alternate members.

Section 1.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-246, Revision of 1958, the "Ordinance Creating a Sewer Authority for the Town of Morris", Effective January 10, 1978 (Vol. Jan. 1974, Page 98) is amended as follows:

Section 2.

The said sewer commission shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members who shall be electors of the Town of Morris. Unless otherwise provided, the term 'member' when used in this ordinance shall be deemed to include alternate members."

Section 3.

Said five (5) members and two (2) alternate members shall be initially chosen at a special town meeting called for that purpose."

Section 4.

Members shall be elected for the following terms:

Two (2) members and one (1) alternate member for an initial term of one (1) year each;

Two (2) members and one (1) alternate member for an initial term of two (2) years each; and

One (1) member for an initial term of three (3) years.

All original terms shall commence as the effective date of this ordinance. All members, other than the original members, shall be elected at the Annual Town Meeting preceding the expiration of the original terms of three (3) years."

ADOPTED: 8-18-1987 PUBLISHED: 8-22-1987 EFFECTIVE: 9-6-1987

ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ORDINANCES ENTITLED SHEPAUG-BANTAM RIVER BOARD AND THE SHEPAUG-BANTAM RIVER BOARD AS RIVER PROTECTION COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED by legal vote of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

1. The ordinance entitled Shepaug-Bantam River Board adopted on October 24, 1979 is hereby repealed.
2. The ordinance entitled Shepaug-Bantam River Board as River Protection Commission adopted on February 2, 1989 is hereby repealed.
3. These repeals shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

Approved: 9-25-08 Published: 9-28-08 Effective: 10-12-08

STATE BUILDING CODE

To adopt the State Building Code, as the same exists on this date, to be effective on September 25, 1970.

PAGE 336 9-10-1970

ORDINANCE CONCERNING BUILDING PERMIT FEES AS AMENDED:

Section 1.

Pursuant to the Connecticut State Building Code, and the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 29-263, as amended, the Building Official of the Town of Morris shall collect and remit to the Town Treasurer fees for building permits as per the following schedule for the estimated cost of construction, erection, alteration, placement, moving, dismantling or demolition of any building, structure or sign as determined by the Building Official:

Twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for the first One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost or fraction thereof: and Eight Dollars (\$8.00) for each additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of estimated cost or fraction thereof.

The penalty fee for commencing work for which a building permit is required prior to issuance of a building permit or proper notification to the Building Official shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in addition to the fees set forth in subsections A. and B. of this section.

Section 2.

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Building Official with respect to the amount of any permit fee calculated hereunder may file a written appeal within thirty (30) days with the Building Code Board of Appeals for the Town of Morris pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 29-266, as amended.

Section 3.

The Board of Selectmen may, in its discretion, waive any permit fee due with respect to any application wherein the owner and applicant is the Town of Morris, or any of its Boards, Commissions, Authorities or non-profit organizations, and the Regional School District #6.

Section 4.

- a. The fee for the issuance of a Residential Certificate of Occupancy shall be Twentyfive Dollars (\$25.00). and shall be payable at the time of issuance.
- b. The fee for the issuance of a Commercial Certificate of Occupancy shall be Fifty Dollars \$50.00 and shall be payable at the time of issuance.
- c. The fee for the issuance of a Certificate of Approval Ten Dollars \$10.00 for Pellett/wood stoves, etc. shall be payable at the time of issuance.

Section 5:

Fees for permits shall be calculated using the following estimated cost of construction schedule:

1. Residential living space: \$80.00/sq.ft.
2. Residential basement unfinished: \$15/sq.ft.
3. Residential accessory building, garages, freestanding or attached and/porches, decks: \$25.00/sq.ft.
4. HVAC, electrical, plumbing: \$3.00/Sq.ft. of living space
5. Stove and decorative appliances: estimated cost of value.
6. Other than Residential: estimated cost of value

Section 6.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 10-23-1991	PUBLISHED: 10-26-1991	EFFECTIVE: 11-10-1991
AMENDED: 10-28-1998	PUBLISHED: 11-1-1998	EFFECTIVE: 11-15-1998
AMENDED: 3-23-2000	PUBLISHED: 3-25-2000	EFFECTIVE: 4-8-2000
AMENDED: 8-14-2013	PUBLISHED: 8-16-2013	EFFECTIVE: 8-30-2013

ORDINANCE CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES

Pursuant to Section 9-185 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority and discretion to appoint a constable or constables in lieu of constables to have been elected under Section 9-200. Each appointment shall be on terms satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen, except that the period of which said constable or constables shall be appointed shall not exceed that period for which said constable or constables would have been eligible to serve if elected. The purpose of this ordinance is to confer upon the Board of Selectmen the sole power to fill the office of constable and during the period that this ordinance is in effect, no constable shall be elected.

Appointments shall be made by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with State Statutes regarding certification.

This Ordinance shall be effective fifteen days after publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Morris.

PAGE 263 PUBLISHED: 12-31-1983 EFFECTIVE: 1-15-1984

DOGS-REDEMPTION

Be it ordained that pursuant to the authority of Public Act 86-284, the redemption fee for redeeming any dog captured or impounded under the provision of Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 435 is hereby fixed at \$15.00. In addition to the herein prescribed redemption fee, the owner or keeper of such dog, or his or her agent, shall pay all cost of advertising incurred under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, S22-332, and shall further pay the full cost of detention and care of such impounded dog, hereby determined to be \$6.00 per day.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 1987; PUBLISHED: MAY 1, 1987; EFFECTIVE: MAY 16, 1987

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE REGARDING DOG REDEMPTION FEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris in meeting assembled:

Section 1.

That the ordinance regarding dog redemption fees adopted on April 28, 1987, is hereby amended by changing the second sentence to read as follows: "In addition to the herein prescribed redemption fee, the owner or keeper of such dog, or his or her agent, shall pay all cost of advertising incurred under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, S22-332, and shall further pay the full cost of detention and care of such impounded dog, hereby determined to be \$10.00 per day, commencing 24 hours after impoundment."

Section 2.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

APPROVED: MAY 17, 1995; PUBLISHED: MAY 26, 1995; EFFECTIVE: JUNE 10, 1995

ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECYCLING WITHIN THE TOWN OF MORRIS

Resolved: Pursuant to Sections 7-148(c)(4)(H), 22a-220, 22a-220a and 22a-241c, as amended of the Connecticut General Statutes, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Town of Morris, at a Town Meeting duly assembled:

1 Statement Of Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Morris as part of a comprehensive program to:

- A Provide for the safe and sanitary disposal of solid waste generated within the Town;
- B To ensure compliance by the Town's residents and solid waste collectors with the requirements of Chapter 446d of the Connecticut General Statutes, providing for the separation, collection, processing and marketing of recyclable solid waste; and
- C To authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish, and revise as necessary, fees for the use of the municipal solid waste facility, including but not limited to the depositing of solid waste, bulky waste, demolition waste and recycling material.

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this Ordinance the following words and phrases have the following meaning:

- A "Recyclable Materials" means those items designated by the Board of Selectmen for segregation from the municipal solid waste stream which shall include but not be limited to cardboard, glass, food and beverage containers, leaves, metal food containers, office papers, newspapers, storage batteries, waste oil and scrap metal.
- B "Apartment Complex" means a multi-family structure of four (4) or more dwelling units grouped into one (1) or more buildings.
- C "Commercial Establishment" means any enterprise engaged in a non-manufacturing or non-processing business including but not limited to stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, shopping centers and theaters.
- D "Condominium Complex" means any group of dwelling units, which are covered by Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 825, as amended.

- E “Industrial Establishment” means any establishment engaged in manufacturing or processing, including but not limited to factories, foundries, mills, processing plants, refineries and the like.
- F “Institutional Establishment” means any establishment engaged in service to persons, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, schools and universities.
- G “Residential Establishment” means any premises used primarily as a domestic dwelling, including but not limited to single and multiple family homes, apartments and condominiums.
- H “Town” means the Town of Morris.
- I “First Selectman” means the First Selectman of the Town or his duly appointed designee.
- J “Recycling Facility” means the Tunxis Regional Processing Center located in Berlin, Connecticut.
- K “Solid waste” means unwanted or discarded solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous material, including, but not limited to, demolition debris, material burned or otherwise processed at a resources recovery facility or incinerator or material processed at a recycling facility.
- L “Solid waste facility” means any solid waste disposal area, volume reduction plant or transfer station.
- M “Recycling” means the processing of solid waste to reclaim material there from.

3 Refuse Disposal Site

- A The Town of Morris Refuse Disposal Site/Transfer Station/Bulky Waste site, located at 254 Lakeside Road, Morris, Connecticut, hereinafter referred to as the Town Refuse Disposal Site, shall be for Morris residents and taxpayers only, and only for refuse generated in Morris. No other municipality or any regional program shall be allowed, unless the people of this Community vote to allow such a program at a Town Meeting.
- B The Town Refuse Disposal Site shall be open at the following times.
 - Saturday 8 A.M. to 4:15 P.M.
 - Sunday (May to Oct) 9 A.M. to 12 NOON
 - Wednesday 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- C All vehicles entering the Town Refuse Disposal Site shall display a sticker or authorization pass furnished by the Town.

- (1) A distinctive sticker (color to be determined from time to time by the Board of Selectmen) will be issued to all authorized users of the Town Refuse Disposal Site, a listing of which will be kept in the Town Clerk's office.
 - (2) Registered refuse collectors in accordance with Section 6 shall have their permit conspicuously displayed on the left front of the body of the vehicle or Dumpster licensed.
- D Wood and brush, excluding tree stumps or logs, shall be deposited in the area indicated by Town signs.
- E Appliances that may contain Freon (including but not limited to refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners) shall be deposited in the area so indicated by Town signs.
- F Stoves, dryers and other metal items, excluding motor vehicles, shall be deposited in the roll-off container marked "metal only".
- G Bulky waste and demolition waste shall be deposited as directed by the assigned custodian. No more than the amount that may be contained in a 1-ton pickup truck may be deposited by a household on any one day.
- H Materials required to be recycled will be deposited in the proper container.
- I No person shall deposit any substance injurious to health, nor shall any person deposit the cleaning from any cesspool, cistern or septic tank or any other hazardous material.
- J Entrance to the Town Refuse Disposal Site will be only through the main gate located on Lakeside Road.
- K All persons using the Town Refuse Disposal Site shall comply with the directions of the assigned custodians.

4 Fee Authorization

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to establish, and revise as necessary, fees for the use of the Town Refuse Disposal Site, including, but not limited to, the depositing of solid waste, bulky waste, demolition waste and recycling material. Said fees shall be effective only after publication of notice, a public hearing no sooner than five (5) days thereafter and publication of the fee schedule in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Morris. Said fees shall be reasonable, based upon the Town's cost of operations, and used to defray the cost of operation of the Town Refuse Disposal Site.

5 Source Separation And Recycling

- A Each person, business or institution that generates solid waste shall separate from other solid waste, designated recyclable materials as defined above and by such rules as may be adopted by the Board of Selectmen.
- (1) All persons, businesses or institutions who/which generate solid waste with the Town are required to separate recyclable material from solid waste.
 - (2) Solid waste placed for collection, which contains recyclable materials, shall neither be collected by refuse collectors, nor accepted for disposal at any refuse processing facility.
 - (3) For premises serviced by private refuse collection, recyclable materials shall be separated from refuse and placed for collection in a separate container on the designated day.
 - (4) Apartment and condominium complexes as well commercial, industrial and institutional establishments shall provide, or require, their refuse collector to provide for the separation of municipal solid waste and each recyclable material accumulated on the premises.
- B Registered haulers and residents who have received residential permits in accordance with Section 9, shall deposit recyclables at the Town Refuse Disposal Site in the following manner.
- (1) Clean, unsoiled newspapers, magazines and white paper may be packed in paper grocery or shopping bags or deposited untied in the indicated container and shall not be co-mingled with other recyclables or solid waste.
 - (2) Clean regular corrugated cardboard shall be deposited in the indicated container. ("Shiny" cardboard is not recyclable.)
 - (3) Glass and Plastic (#1 & #2 only) food and beverage containers, and metal food and beverage containers shall be rinsed out and placed in the indicated container.
 - (4) Leaves, waste oil, storage batteries, used anti freeze and any other recyclables designated by the Board of Selectmen shall be separated from solid waste and other recyclables and deposited as the assigned custodian directs.
- C Except as otherwise provide in Section 9, businesses shall use a Town-registered hauler to collect said designated materials for recycling or shall be required to deliver designated materials as defined by the Board of Selectmen to any Town drop off center.

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of all Commercial, Industrial and institutional establishments, and Apartment and Condominium complexes to provide, at their own expense, for the storage, collection and transportation of recyclables. All recyclables generated by such establishments and complexes shall be separated from other solid waste and segregated by category of recyclable as provided in Subsection (b) of Section 5 of this Ordinance. Such operations shall be carried out in such a manner as to avoid the creation of a public nuisance.
- (2) Persons or establishments whose solid waste is not collected by contractors are responsible for the compliance with recycling provisions of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-241b, as amended. Compliance shall be monitored by all Refuse Collectors and Refuse Facility operators. Suspected violators shall be reported to the First Selectman's office for appropriate action.
- (3) The quantities and destination of these designated recyclables (non-residential) not delivered to a municipal designated facility or drop-off shall be reported by the Contractor or responsible parties to the Town on a monthly basis as prescribed by the Board of Selectmen.
- (4) It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person other than a municipality registered Hauler or municipal employee to collect, pickup or cause to be collected or picked up, such materials from the curb or other designated point of collection or municipal drop-off center. Each unauthorized collection in violation hereof shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. This subsection shall not apply to any non-profit, charitable organization who sponsor a municipal recycling collection (e.g. newspapers) with prior approval of the Board of Selectmen.

D All private refuse collectors servicing customers within the Town shall provide their customers, at reasonable cost or security deposit, a sufficient number of containers for their customers' recyclables. The containers shall be durable, securable and of adequate capacity. They shall be labeled with the names and addresses of the customer and collector and the type of recyclable to be contained. The containers shall be maintained, handled and used in a safe, secure and sanitary manner. The theft or misappropriation of collector's or customer's recyclable containers shall constitute a violation, punishable under Section 13 and 14 of this Ordinance.

6 Registration Of Refuse Collectors

- A Any hauler providing solid waste collection is hereby required to register with the First Selectman's office on or before April 15th of each year, and apply for a permit to haul solid waste or to collect recyclables.

- B Any hauler will be required to provide recycling collection to any customers receiving solid waste collection and is further required to register with the First Selectman's office as is prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-241b, as amended. The Board of Selectmen shall be the licensing and registration authority of refuse collectors engaged in the collecting or transporting of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials within the Town. It shall administer the issuance and revocation or suspension of permits and registrations as set forth in this Ordinance.
- C Additional rules may be adopted by the Board of Selectmen, from time to time, consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- D Following the filing of a proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, the First Selectman shall grant such license(s) as hereinafter set forth for refuse collectors, vehicles and dumpsters within a reasonable time unless he finds one or more of the following conditions to exist:
 - (1) The applicant has been irresponsible in the conduct of solid waste collection and transportation operations based upon previous suspensions of license or violations of state statutes or municipal ordinances, whether of this Town or any other municipality.
 - (2) The applicant lacks suitable equipment, personnel or liability insurance with which to collect solid waste in a safe, nuisance-free manner in compliance with this Ordinance.
- E Each permitted refuse collector shall obtain a separate registration for each vehicle he operates within the Town of Morris. Registration shall not be transferable from vehicle to vehicle.
- F All permits shall be issued for a period not to exceed one (1) year, and shall be renewable on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of April of each year. The permit fee shall be \$25.00 per vehicle.
- G The permit issued shall be conspicuously displayed on the left front of the body of the vehicle or Dumpster licensed, or as may otherwise be directed by the licensing authority.
- H Each Permittee shall display at all times on the doors of each vehicle his name and a local phone number.
- I Permits are not transferable. When any Permittee shall sell or transfer all or part of his route to any other refuse collector, he shall first notify the First Selectman in writing of his intent to sell, and the transferee shall, simultaneously make application for the appropriate permits to operate in Town.

- J As a prerequisite to the issuance of renewal of any permit, a refuse collector must, along with this permit/renewal application, furnish the First Selectman the number of customers within the Town that such refuse collector intends to services as well as the names of other municipalities serviced.
- K Applicant must maintain public liability operations and motor vehicle insurance on each vehicle in an amount not less then One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit.

7 Revocation Of Permit

- A A permit to engage in refuse collection and to use any waste disposal and/or processing facilities provided by the Town is a privilege, not a right. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be grounds for revocation or suspension by the First Selectman of any permit or registrations issued hereunder, in addition to any other penalty imposed by law.
- B Revocations or suspension shall only become effective five (5) days after receipt of written notice from the First Selectman.
- C If a refuse collector objects to the First Selectman's action described in this Ordinance to revoke or suspend his permit or registration, he may, within five (5) days of receipt of notice, file a written request with the Town Clerk for review by the Board of Selectmen. Failure to file such request in a timely manner shall render the First Selectman's action final and binding upon the refuse collector.
- D Timely filing of such request for review shall operate as an automatic stay of the Selectman's action.
- E The Board of Selectmen shall act as an appeals board, and said Board shall, within fifteen (15) days hear and decide the matter. The decision of such Board shall be final and binding upon the collector.

8 Collection

It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person other than a Town registered refuse collector to pickup, collect or interfere with the picking up or collecting of recyclable materials placed for collection at the curbside or designated recycling center. Each act of scavenging shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance. All items, which are designated for collection as stated in this Ordinance, shall be set out for collection no earlier than 6:00 P.M. on the evening prior to the scheduled collection day. Emptied containers shall be removed from the curbside no later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of collection.

9 Residential Permits

Residents of the Town who wish to dispose directly of their own solid waste and recyclables at the Town designated recycling center must apply to the Town Clerk's

office for a sticker to be able to dispose of refuse or recyclable materials at municipal facilities. The sticker shall be displayed in such a manner as the First Selectman may prescribe. Such permit may be revoked or suspended as set forth in this Ordinance, and appeals there from may be taken in the manner set forth in this Ordinance.

10 Refuse Collections

- A Each refuse collector shall deliver all refuse collected within the territorial limits of the Town at such place or places as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time designate and may not commingle such refuse with refuse collected in other Towns without the prior consent of the Board of Selectmen.
- B Each refuse collector must collect recyclable materials from each of its customers in the manner prescribed in the Ordinance.
- C All vehicles registered to collect and transport refuse shall be maintained free of obnoxious odors and accumulated refuse.
- D Refuse collectors shall furnish to his customers upon request, a list of rates for the various services provided.
- E Each refuse collector shall keep and maintain records of the quantity, type of recyclable waste, date of delivery and location of disposed site. These reports shall be filed with the First Selectmen's office on such schedule as the Board of Selectmen may decide.

11 Severability

In the event any provisions, sections, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair any remaining part of this Ordinance, it being the intent that such remainder shall remain in full force and effect. Sections and captions contained herein are intended only for the purpose of convenient reference and do not convey the legislative intent of the Town.

12 Inspection

The Town reserves the right to inspect solid waste placed at curbside or delivered to the municipal drop off center to determine compliance with this Ordinance.

13 Violations

The Town also requires registered collectors or haulers to report any violations to this Ordinance to the First Selectman.

14 Fines

Any person, business or institution who violates or neglects to comply with this Ordinance or any rules adopted pursuant hereto, shall upon conviction hereof, be punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), except that the maximum fine for failure to comply with Sections 6, 7 and 8 hereof shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

15 Cancellation

This Ordinance cancels and supersedes the following Town of Morris Ordinances:

- A Sanitary Landfill Ordinance approved at Town Meeting held April 1, 1970;
- B Ordinance Concerning the Municipal Solid Waste Facility approved at Town Meeting held February 1, 1989;
- C An Ordinance Implementing Recycling Within Town of Morris approved at Town Meeting held December 27, 1990.

APPROVED: 10-25-2000 PUBLISHED: 02-01-2001 EFFECTIVE: 02-16-2001
AMENDED: 5-14-03; APPROVED 5-14-03; PUBLISHED: 5-16-03; EFFECTIVE 5-31-03

ORDINANCE CONCERNING LAND USE APPLICATION FEES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS LEGALLY ASSEMBLED:

That Section 2 of the Ordinance Concerning Land Use Application Fees adopted on May 26, 1993 and amended on 10/28/98, 10/24/01, 12/29/03, and 12/14/05 is hereby rescinded and the following Section 2 is hereby adopted:

2. Application Fees

Pursuant to the authority of Connecticut General Statutes section 8-1c, a schedule of fees for the processing of applications to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby established. The following schedule of fees shall apply to cover the cost of processing land use applications. The fees set forth below are the minimum fees required. When the actual cost of processing an application exceeds the minimum fees established on this schedule, the Town of Morris will bill the applicant for the actual excess amount.

A. Zoning

- (1) Zoning Permit \$45.00
- (2) Application for a change of non-conforming use or expansion of legally existing non-conformity \$100.00
- (3) Site Plan Application \$70.00
- (4) Special Exception under Section 52 (excluding Special exception applications provided for in Subsection 8 below) \$140.00
- (5) Special Exception under Section 53 (excluding Special exception applications provided for the Subsection 8 below) \$140.00
- (6) Special Exception under Section 63 (excluding Special exception application provided for in Subsection 8 below) \$150.00

- (7) Zone Change Application \$150.00
- (8) Special Exception Application for any tower with a top elevation in excess of 50 feet above grade \$10,000.00
 Upon final determination of any such Special Exception tower Application by the Planning and Zoning Commission or, if applicable, by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining balance, if any, of the application fee shall be refunded to the applicant.
- B. Planning
 - (1) Subdivision or Re-subdivision \$150.00 per lot
 - (a) Subject to a minimum fee of \$150.00
- C. Inland Wetlands & Watercourses
 - (1) Regulated activities \$80.00
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals
 - (1) Application for variance \$240.00
 - (2) Appeal \$240.00

E. State Fee – C.G.S. 22a-27j
 All applications for approvals required by chapters 124, 126, 440 and 444 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be charged the fee required by Connecticut General Statutes 22a-27j which is in effect at the time the application is filed.

F. In addition to the fees set forth in Sections 2.A. and 2.B. above, the following schedule of fees shall apply to cover the cost of processing applications before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

For a Site Plan Application, Special Exception application, or Subdivision application, where the Planning and Zoning Commission determines the application review requires the services of a professional engineer, an additional fee based on the hourly rate and other expenses for engineering review shall be required.

At the time an application is received, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall determine whether a consulting engineer’s services are necessary or desirable for assistance in reviewing the application.

The initial estimate of the fee and any other expenses for consulting engineering services shall be set based upon the number of hours and any other expenses estimated by the Commission’s consulting engineer and the hourly rate for engineering services approved by the Commission.

The fee shall be paid at the meeting where the application is received. This fee shall be held by the Town in an escrow account and drawn down only for payment of bills submitted by the Commission’s consulting engineer. Any funds remaining upon payment of all the Commission’s consulting engineering bills shall be returned to the application.

This Amendment to the ordinance shall become effective 15 days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 5-26-1993 PUBLISHED: 9-2-1993 EFFECTIVE: 6-17-1993
REVISED: 10-28-1998 PUBLISHED: 11-1-1998 EFFECTIVE: 11-15-1998
REVISED: 10-24-2001 PUBLISHED: 10-26-2001 EFFECTIVE: 11-16-2001
REVISED: 12-29-2003 PUBLISHED: 12-31-2003 EFFECTIVE: 01-15-2004
REVISED: 12-14-2005 PUBLISHED: 12-16-2005 EFFECTIVE: 12-30-2005
REVISED: 5-13-2009 PUBLISHED: 5-28-2009 EFFECTIVE: 6-09-2009

MOTOR VEHICLE AND PARKING REGULATIONS

ORDINANCE CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE ON FROZEN SURFACE OF A BODY OF WATER

Passed at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Morris, January 15, 1957.

No person shall cause any motor driven wheeled vehicle or tractor to be brought or to remain upon the frozen surface of any public body of water or part thereof, lying within the territorial limits of the Town of Morris, and no person shall allow any such vehicle or tractor owned by him to be brought or to remain upon the frozen surface of any public body of water or part thereof, lying within the territorial limits of the Town of Morris.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Morris, may in discretion, for a proper purpose waive the provisions of this ordinance, in individual instances, in writing, conditioned that the Town of Morris shall not be liable for any damage or injury which may occur to any person or property because of any motor driven wheeled vehicle or tractor being brought upon or remaining upon the frozen surface of the public body of water or part thereof, lying within the territorial limits of the Town of Morris. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more that \$100.00.

EFFECTIVE: 1-15-1957

PARKING ORDINANCE

In accordance with Sec 14-307 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen, all members being present, voted to restrict parking on Pitch Road commencing at the south end of a stone wall at Pitch Reservoir Dam and extending some 500 feet north to the end of stone wall. There shall be "No Parking" at any time on either side of the road.

VOL. 25 PAGE 392 EFFECTIVE: 6-3-74
SEE ORDINANCE "MORRIS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY"

PARKING REGULATIONS

Commencing at the intersection of the Alain White Road and East Shore Road and going west from said intersection, "No Parking" on the left side of the East Shore Road to a bridge culvert known as the Cattle Pass, thence shifting to the opposite side of the road continuing to SNET pole No. 1407 or approximately 509 feet from the entrance to Marsh Point. No parking on the right side of East Shore Road going west from intersection commencing near a large stone at the side of said road, stone being approximately 70 feet east of SNET pole No.

602 to within 75 feet of the entrance to Sandy Beach. The Selectmen shall erect "No Parking" at these points.

VOL. PAGE 119 EFFECTIVE: 4-5-54

See Ordinance "Morris Traffic Authority"

Board of Selectmen held on September 17, 1979 at 7:00P.M. in the Community Hall, the following motion was adopted:

TO AMEND the existing parking regulation on Palmer Road to include "No Parking on both the north and south side of the road in addition to establishing a "tow away zone" between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

VOL. 25 PAGE 144 EFFECTIVE: 9-17-1979

The following ordinance was adopted by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting held on December 1, 1971:

ORDINANCE CONCERNING SNOW REMOVAL

Motor Vehicles shall not be parked on Town Roads so as to obstruct snow removal operations from November 1st to April 1st. Cars obstructing the clearing of snow will be towed away at the owner's expense. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days from enactment.

PUBLISHED: 12-8-1971 EFFECTIVE: 1-7-1972

See Ordinance "Morris Traffic Authority"

MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Resolved: That the following Ordinance be and hereby is enacted: An Ordinance designating the Board of Selectmen as the Municipal Traffic Authority for the Town of Morris.

Section 1.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby designated as the Municipal Traffic Authority of the Town of Morris pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Sec 14-297, and it shall possess all the powers and duties of a Municipal Traffic Authority provided in Chapter 249 as may from time to time be amended.

Section 2.

The Municipal Traffic Authority of the Town of Morris shall be known as the "Morris Traffic Authority" or "M T A".

Section 3.

Any traffic control actions previously taken by the Board of Selectmen or traffic control devices previously erected within the Town "Per Order of Selectmen" pursuant to state statute or municipal ordinance shall henceforth be under the jurisdiction of the Morris Traffic Authority.

Section 4.

This Ordinance replaces and repeals, as of its effective date, those Parking Ordinances adopted April 5, 1954, June 3, 1974 and September 17, 1979 and recorded in the Morris Town Ordinances; however, all actions taken thereunder shall remain in effect pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 9-29-1988 PUBLISHED: 10-20-1988 EFFECTIVE: 11-4-1988

ROAD ENCROACHMENT ORDINANCE

1 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote public safety along Town highways and to minimize highway maintenance costs by requiring the issuance of road encroachment and driveway access permits and by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to adopt written procedures governing the issuance of such permits.

2 Permit Applications

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-148, Revision of 1958, as amended, no person shall encroach upon Town property or upon the Town's highway right-of-way by any construction, reconstruction, or modification without first having obtained from the Board of Selectmen a permit authorizing the same. An application must be filed with the Board of Selectmen, signed by the owner of the adjacent property and his contractor, describing the nature and schedule of work to be performed and accompanied by a plan or sketch showing the location and extent of construction in relation to the Town's property or right-of-way boundary, existing highway, guardrail and drainage structures, utility poles (by number) and any traffic, sight lines or drainage such as intersections, other driveways, curves, hills, shoulder banks and gullies, walls, ledge outcropping, trees and shrubbery. The Board of Selectmen are authorized to establish a nonrefundable fee sufficient to cover the costs of administration, inspection and supervision.

3 Issuance of Permits

The Board of Selectmen may authorize the First Selectman to receive and review all permit applications, and conduct site inspections. Failure to render a decision within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the application shall be deemed a denial. In the event of an emergency, a temporary permit may be issued provided that a formal permit application is filed within three (3) days thereafter.

4 Permit Conditions

The Board of Selectmen is authorized to adopt and publish written procedures governing permit applications, issuance, conditions, and revocation, including, but not limited to, surety bond performance and maintenance requirements, liability insurance protection for the Town, reimbursement of expenses for corrective work, traffic safety, sight line and drainage requirements, and soil sedimentation and erosion control measures. In no event shall an applicant be required to pave his driveway for a distance greater than that from the edge of the highway pavement to his front property line. The normal paving requirement shall be fifteen (15) feet from the edge of the highway pavement unless special conditions dictate otherwise. Permits issued shall not be assigned or transferred without the consent of the Board of Selectmen.

5 Permit Revocation

All work to be performed under the permit must be satisfactorily completed to the Town's specifications within one (1) year from the date of the permit. If the applicant fails to do so, the Board of Selectmen may, upon fifteen (15) days written notice to the applicant and his surety, complete the work to the Town's specifications and bill the applicant and his surety the Town's actual cost of doing so. Failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, procedures adopted hereunder, or any permit conditions shall, after notice and a hearing, constitute grounds for revocation of any permit granted.

6 Relationship to Other Permits

No building permit for construction on property to be served by a driveway subject to this ordinance shall be issued by the Building Official until a driveway permit has been issued. No certificate of occupancy for any structure on such property shall be issued until the Board of Selectmen have certified in writing to the Building Official that all work required under the driveway permit has been performed to its satisfaction. In lieu of such certification and at the sole discretion of the Board of Selectmen, the applicant may execute an agreement and file a cash bond with the Board of Selectmen to secure completion of the work to be performed under the driveway permit.

7 Appeal

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Selectmen acting pursuant to this ordinance may, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice of decision, appeal such decision to the Building Code Board of Appeals which shall hear said appeal within thirty (30) days from its receipt. The Board of Appeals shall have the authority to grant, to grant with conditions, or to deny the appeal.

8 Severability

The invalidity of any part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

9 Prior Ordinances

The "Street and Road Ordinance" of September 26, 1955, as amended May 1, 1967, is further amended as provided by this ordinance.

10 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication hereof in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: APRIL 22, 1986; PUBLISHED: APRIL 26, 1986; EFFECTIVE: MAY 26, 1986
AMENDED:5-14-03;APPROVED: 5-14-03; PUBLISHED: 5-14-03; EFFECTIVE: 5-14-03

STREET AND ROAD ORDINANCE

Section 1.

No street or passing shall be accepted as a town road, until the grade, layout, drainage, location, width and improvements of such street or passway have been approved by the Selectmen of the Town of Morris in writing. Such approval shall be based on specification for Town aid road as then in use by the State Highway Department as well as other factors affecting the efficient and economical maintenance of such roads.

Section 2.

No street or passway less than 50 feet in width shall be accepted as a town road.

Section 3.

No street, passway or driveway shall be opened from Town Highways without first obtaining written permission and specifications from the Board of Selectmen.

Section 4.

The Board of Selectmen may delegate their authority but not their responsibility, in this matter to any qualified and competent person or persons selected by them.

TOWN MINUTES PAGE 134 EFFECTIVE: 9-26-1955

STREET AND ROAD AMENDMENT

RESOLVED: That the Ordinance entitled "A Street and Road Ordinance" of September 26, 1955, be and is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

A private road in existence as of the first day of October, 1966, may be constructed and accepted as a town road under the following conditions.

- A There exists an Incorporated Association of the property owners whose land abuts or is serviced by said private road.
- B Said Association by majority vote petitions the Town of Morris to accept said private road as a town road. Said Association furnishes a 50' right-of-way, a survey of said road and obtains all easements running to the Town of Morris, which the Town of Morris considers necessary.
- C Any such acceptance shall be contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds from the unimproved Town Aid Road Fund.

- D Said Association secured agreements, as prescribed by the Town of Morris, by which the signees agree to pay one-third of the cost of construction of the road, including one-third of the interest on any borrowed money used for such construction, payment to be made in agreed installments beginning three months after completion of said road.
- E The Town of Morris informs the signees in writing of the completion of said road to start said three months period.

TOWN MINUTES BOOK PAGE 294 EFFECTIVE: 5-1-1967

STREET NUMBERS

"An Ordinance providing for the assignment and affixing of Street numbers."

1 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote public safety and convenience by providing a street numbering system whereby addresses may be readily identified to provide for prompt response of emergency services.

2 Assignment of Street Numbers

Pursuant to Section 7-148(c)(6)(C) of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, the Office of the Assessor shall assign street numbers to all building, parts of buildings, and house lots fronting on any street or highway within the Town and may change numbers, if necessary, to have a more orderly numbering system. When new streets are laid out, the Office of the Assessor shall promptly assign numbers to each lot on said street. The Office of the Assessor may assign numbers to streets or highways, all or portions of which have not been accepted by the Town or which pass through private property. Such assignment of numbers shall not be construed as acceptance of such streets or highways or any portion thereof. Whenever the Office of the Assessor has assigned a street number to a property, the Office of the Assessor shall promptly notify by mail the owner or the agent of record, of the property affected, and shall also notify the occupant, if known, of any building or part thereof to which a number has been assigned. The Office of the Assessor shall maintain maps showing the street numbers assigned to each property. Such maps and records shall be open for public inspection.

3 Affixing of Street Numbers

Each owner, agent or occupant shall affix to said building or part thereof, or to some object appurtenant thereto, the street number or numbers assigned by of Office of the Assessor. All numbers shall be affixed so as to be clearly visible from the street or highway. Numbers shall be affixed within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice from the Office of the Assessor.

4 Penalty

Any person who, after written warning, fails to comply with the requirements of this ordinance within thirty (30) days, shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.)

5 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication hereof in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 4-22-1986 PUBLISHED: 4-26-1986 EFFECTIVE: 5-11-1986

MAGAZINE SOLICITATION

This Ordinance located Vol. 25, Page 266 and in effect October 5, 1964, has been repealed and replaced by Peddlers/Hawkers, Canvassers/Solicitors and Vendors effective November 4, 1988.

PEDDLERS/HAWKERS, CANVASSERS/SOLICITORS, AND VENDORS

At a Special Town Meeting held September 29, 1988, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the following ordinance be, and hereby is enacted: An Ordinance defining, regulating and licensing of Peddlers/Hawkers, Canvassers/Solicitors, and Vendors.

1 Definitions

- A The word "Peddler" or "Hawkers", as used in this Ordinance, shall include any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from place to place in the Town selling, bartering, vending or peddling, or carrying for sale or barter, any goods, wares, or merchandise.
- B The word "Canvasser" or "Solicitor:", as used in this ordinance, shall mean any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from place to place in the Town, from house to house, or from street to street obtaining or attempting to obtain, orders for the sale of any goods or services, which goods or services shall be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposed for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether the individual is collecting advance payments or not. Also, any person, who hires, occupies, or uses any place within the Town for the sole purpose of exhibiting samples and taking the Town for the sole purpose of exhibiting samples and taking orders for future delivery.
- C The word "Vendor", as used in this Ordinance, shall mean any person, whether principal or agent, who shall engage in a temporary or transient business in the Town selling goods, wares and/or merchandise, and who for the purpose of carrying on such activities and/or business, shall hire, lease or occupy any building or structure for the exhibition and sale of such goods, wares and/or merchandise.

- D The word "person", as used in this Ordinance, shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, association, club, organization and/or group.
- E The word "non-profit", as used in this Ordinance, shall mean recognized by the Internal Revenue Service and/or the State of Connecticut. (Refer to Section 2, Subsection d.)
- F The word "Town", as used in this Ordinance, shall mean the Town of Morris.
- G The word "applicant", as used in this Ordinance, shall mean or refer to peddlers, hawkers, canvassers, solicitors and/or vendors.
- H The term "public and/or private street(s) shall include all areas within the Town's street rights-of-way or street lines, whether public or private, or within the street line or right-of-way of any State highway other than a limited access highway. For the purpose of this Section, the judgment of any Town or State Police Officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the public is impeded or inconvenienced or the public safety impaired.

2 Exemptions And Exclusion From Licensing Under This Ordinance

The following persons and activities shall be exempt from licensing under the regulations provided by this Ordinance.

- A Salespersons selling goods to authorized retail and/or wholesale establishments.
- B Sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce from their farms and gardens or the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffee, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods.
- C Sales on approval or conditional sales of merchandise for future delivery when full payment is not required at the time of solicitation as provided in Section 21-37 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- D Persons exempted by the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapters 407 and 408, or persons who act for, and on behalf of any recognized non-profit organization, political, charitable, civic social service, volunteer fire, religious, or school sponsored organization of the Town.
- E Sales at any event conducted either by the Town or any organization described in Subsection (d) of this Section.
- F Newspaper carriers and/or vendors of newspapers.

3 License Required

Unless specifically exempted in Section 2, it shall be unlawful for any individual to engage in the business and/or activity as defined in this Ordinance, with the corporate limits of the Town without first obtaining a license as provided herein.

4 License Application And Accompanying Documents

All applications shall be requested between the hours of 9:00A.M. to Noon and 1:00P.M. to 4P.M. (except Wednesday). Applications for a license must file with the First Selectman or designated agent a sworn application in writing, in duplicate, on a form, which shall contain the following information:

- A Name, mailing and street address along with a description of the applicant and/or principal.
- B A brief description of the nature of the business including services to be rendered and the goods to be sold.
- C If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials establishing the exact relationship.
- D The length of time for which the request to conduct business is desired.
- E Upon request, a photograph of the applicant, taken within sixty (60) days immediately prior to the date of the filing of the application which picture shall be two (2) inches by two (2) inches. Clearly showing the head, shoulders and other distinguishing features of the applicant.
- F All applications shall be sworn to by all persons required to sign same. Applications shall be signed by the applicant, as an individual, by all partners, if a partnership, and by the President, if a corporation.
- G Before any license shall be duly issued, the applicant shall file a cash bond in the sum of \$500.00 or in lieu thereof, an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank with an office or branch in Litchfield County, Connecticut. A surety bond issued by a Surety Company authorized to enter into such bonds in the State of Connecticut may be accepted at the sole discretion of the First Selectman. This bond applies to Section 1(b).]
- H The First Selectman or designated agent shall have the authority, as vested by this Ordinance, to waive the requirements under Subsection f and g of this Section for good cause shown.

5 Investigations, Issuance, Denial Of License.

A Investigation

Upon receipt of such application, the First Selectman may cause investigation into the business conduct of the applicant as deemed necessary for the protection of the public welfare. Upon a finding that the facts stated in the application are true and

complete and in the absence of any ground set forth in Subsection (c) of this Section, the First Selectman or designated agent shall issue a dated and signed license to be valid, subject to revocation as hereinafter provided.

B Issuance

The license shall include the full name of the applicant and of the principal, a picture of the applicant and a statement that the issuance of such a license does not constitute an endorsement by the Town of Morris of the applicant, product or service of the applicant. Such license shall be carried on the applicant and shall be exhibited to any individual requesting to see the same at any time while said applicant is engaged in the business and/or activity authorized by such license or at any time at the request of any law enforcement officer or any member of the Board of Selectmen. The License shall bear the words either "licensed peddler" or "licensed vendor". No license issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be used by any person other than the one to whom it is issued.

C Denial

The First Selectman may deny an application for license for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The applicant has violated any of the required prohibited practices as set forth in this Ordinance.
- (2) An applicant's previous license has been revoked for any reason.
- (3) The applicant's failure to act in the past or refusal to act in the future in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (4) The applicant's failure to obtain and exhibit upon request other licenses required by the State of Connecticut.
- (5) The applicant's failure to provide the required information for the above application.

6 Certain Acts Prohibited To License Holders

No license holder shall:

- A Imply that having a license constitutes an endorsement or recommendation from the Town. No person shall advertise in any manner that they have obtained a license from the Town.
- B Use any false or deceptive inducements.
- C Fail to conduct themselves in an orderly manner or fail to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- D Fail to exhibit the license at all times.

E Transfer said license to any other person, firm, corporation or organization.

7 Suspension And Revocation Of License

Any license issued under the provisions of this Ordinance may be suspended and/or revoked, after notice and hearing by the First Selectman for violation of this Ordinance or any other Ordinance of the Town or for any other violation of the Connecticut General Statutes or Regulations of the State Agencies or for any of the following reasons:

- A Upon receipt by the First Selectman or designated agent of a complaint verified by a reliable person or persons concerning false advertising or misrepresentation by such licensee during the course of conducting specified business and/or activity.
- B Upon a finding that the license should not have been issued because of any fact unknown to the Town at the time of issuance of the license.
- C Fraud of false statements made either in the application of license or in the conduct of the permit holder's business and/or activity.
- D Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
- E Conducting specified business activities in an unlawful manner, or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.
- F Every suspension or revocation of a license shall be in writing and state the reason for such suspension or revocation and be dated. A notice in writing shall immediately be sent by the First Selectman by certified or registered mail to the licensee and to the principal address shown on the application. Such suspension or revocation shall be effective as to the time of sending such notice; provided; however, that the person whose license has been suspended or revoked may within five (5) days after sending of such notice, appeal to the Board of Selectmen for reinstatement, by a request in writing for such relief directed to the Board. The Board of Selectmen shall give the individual so appealing a hearing within fourteen (14) days after receipt of such request. Failure to hold such hearing within such time shall cause an automatic reinstatement of said license.

8 Application Fees

- A At the time of filing an application for license as required by this Ordinance, the applicant shall pay a nonrefundable license fee of twenty-five (\$25.00), payable to the Town to cover the cost of investigation and processing of said application.
- B Veterans Exemption:
Any resident of the State of Connecticut who has resided within the State for two(2) years preceding the date of application for a license and who is a veteran with an

honorable discharge who served in time of war as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes shall be exempt from said application fee required under this Section of this Ordinance.

9 Expiration And Renewal Of License

- A All licenses issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall expire one(1) year following the date of issuance. Upon expiration, the license may be renewed by the applicant upon request made to the First Selectman or designated agent, and upon payment of the yearly license fee provided herein; the fact of renewal shall be indicated on the applicant's license showing the new expiration date thereof.
- B If a license is not renewed within one (1) year of expiration, the applicant will be required to submit a new application and comply with all the requirements of such new application including an application fee as set forth in Section 8.

10 Use Of Public And/Or Private Streets

Unless otherwise permitted by the Connecticut General Statutes or Ordinances of the Town of Morris, No applicant shall:

- A Have an exclusive right to any location on or any area abutting and/or adjoining any public or private street.
- B Be permitted a stationary location on any public or private street.
- C Be permitted to operate on any street where the business and/or activity might impact, impede or inconvenience the public or impair the public safety and/or transit.
- D An applicant holding a valid license under this Ordinance shall be presumed to have a stationary location if:
 - (1) Such individual remains in the general location while not in the act of selling; or
 - (2) Such individual is in one general location for more than two (2) hours per day.

11 Use Of Town Property

Unless otherwise permitted by the Connecticut General Statutes or Ordinance of the Town of Morris, no applicant shall have use of any Town property other than as permitted by this Ordinance to conduct business. Any person who acts for or on behalf of any non-profit organization, political, charitable, civic, social organization, volunteer fire, religious, service or school - sponsored organization or any person who transacts business at an event conducted by such organization or by the Town, shall be exempt from the prohibition of this Section, provided such person received that prior authorization of the First Selectman.

12 Use Of Private Property

No license shall be issued for conducting business and/or activity on private property without the written consent of the property owner affected and the certification of the Town Zoning Enforcement Officer that the use complies with all applicable Zoning Regulations of the Town of Morris.

13 Records

A complete listing of all individuals and/or applicants issued licenses shall be made available by the First Selectman or designated agent to the Town Clerk for public inspection.

14 Penalty

Any person found to be violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per transaction. Each transaction or sale shall be deemed a separate offense.

15 State License Prerequisite To Issuance

Prior to being eligible for issuance of the license required by this Ordinance, all applicants must have fulfilled all of the requirements of the Connecticut General Statutes and hold in possession all applicable State licenses.

16 Prior Licenses

Licenses in effect on the effective date of this Ordinance shall continue to be controlled by the Ordinance in effect at the time of issuance, but upon expiration, shall be renewed subject to the conditions of this Ordinance.

17 Repeal Of "Peddler's License"

This Ordinance effectively replaces and hereby repeals, the Ordinance concerning magazine solicitation adopted October 5, 1964 and recorded in the Morris Town Meeting Books VOLUME 25 PAGE 266.

18 Severance Clause

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any Section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining Sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall Stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

19 Permit Fee Schedule

A	<u>APPLICATION FEE</u>	\$25.00
	Non-refundable	
B	<u>PEDDLERS/HAWKERS FEE</u>	\$200.00
	One (1) year renewable	

- C CANVASSER/SOLICITORS FEE \$250.00
 One (1) year renewable
 Bond of \$500.00 required - Section 4 (h)
- D VENDORS FEE \$150.00
 One (1) year renewable
- E BOND \$500.00
 Required only on (c) above
- F TEMPORARY VENDORS WEEKEND PERMIT ..\$15.00

A temporary weekend permit for vendors may be issued by the First Selectman or designated agent for a fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars.

All other requirements in this Ordinance shall apply. Only one (1) permit of this type shall be issued to said applicant during any calendar Year.

20 Effective Date And Manner Of Publication

This Ordinance and Permit Fee Schedule shall take effect 15 days after publication of a summary of this Ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Morris as provided by Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-157(b).

ADOPTED: 9-29-1988 PUBLISHED: 10-20-1988 EFFECTIVE: 11-4-1988

OPEN BURNING

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Morris legally assembled:

RESOLVED:

- A No person shall burn in the open within the boundaries of the Town of Morris unless He has first obtained a written permit from the Open Burning Official in accordance with the provisions of Section 22a-174-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- B The Open Burning Official will not issue permits on days where the State Forest Fire Warden determines that the forest fire danger is high or extreme. Burning must be done in a safe place, and the fire must be attended at all times. The fire must be fully extinguished before it is left.
- C The Open Burning Official or Fire Chief (or Fire Marshal in his absence) may order any fire extinguished if the fire is considered to be a danger to life, limb or property.

D Anyone violating this ordinance may be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) by a citation issued by the Open Burning Official or the Fire Marshal.

E This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 3-17-1999 PUBLISHED: 3-19-99 EFFECTIVE: 4-3-1999

REASONABLE NOISE

Amplifiers in the Town of Morris featuring either, or both musical and sound effects, shall be lowered to a reasonable volume at the hour of 11:00 P.M. prevailing time. This Ordinance shall not effect vehicles on emergency call. Any person or persons, who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$25.00 for each offense.

PAGE 274 EFFECTIVE: 7-15-1965

SELECTMEN'S AUTHORIZATION TO SELL

To enact an Ordinance authorizing the Selectmen to sell certain Town property, which reads as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MORRIS LEGALLY ASSEMBLED:
"Pursuant to Section 7-148(c)(3)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes,
IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

Section 1.

The Selectmen may, by majority vote, sell items of personal property, owned by the Town free of any trust or restriction, provided that the value of any item, at the time of sale, shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)

Section 2.

The Selectmen shall, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such sale, advertise the time, place and terms of sale, together with a description of the items offered, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town.

Section 3.

No item of historical value to the Town shall be sold without prior written notice to the Morris Historical Society.

Section 4.

The Town Treasurer shall receive the proceeds from any sale of Town property and deposit such monies in the General Fund, reporting such proceeds as revenue to the Town in the annual report. The Selectmen shall issue a receipt to each purchaser and shall maintain a record of each item sold, the name and address of the purchasers and the amount paid.

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town.

ADOPTED: 4-22-1986 PUBLISHED: 4-26-1986 EFFECTIVE: 5-11-1986
REVISED: 5-04-2005 PUBLISHED: 5-11-05 EFFECTIVE: 5-25-2005

SOLAR ENERGY HEATING, COOLING, PASSIVE

SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS

The Town of Morris hereby authorizes the property tax exemption for Solar Energy Generating Systems in accordance with Section 12-81(57)(a),(b) and (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after date of publication.

PAGE 197 ADOPTED: 10-28-1981 PUBLISHED: 11-3-1981 EFFECTIVE: 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION

PASSIVE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

The Town of Morris hereby authorizes the property tax exemption for Passive Solar Energy Systems in accordance with Section 12-81 (62), (a), (b) and (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after date of publication.

PUBLISHED: 11-3-1981 EFFECTIVE: 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION

SOLAR ENERGY HEATING OR COOLING SYSTEMS

The Town of Morris hereby authorizes the property tax exemption for Solar Energy Heating and Cooling Systems in accordance with Section 12-81 (56), (a), (b) and (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after date of publication.

VOL. 25 PAGE 80 PUBLISHED: 4-23-1977 EFFECTIVE: 5-23-1977

SPECIAL ACTS

Incorporating the Town of Morris

VOL. 5 PAGE 290 6-15-1859

Incorporating Deer Island Association, Inc.

VOL. 20 PAGE 790 SPECIAL ACT NO. 254 5-8-1929

AMENDED - SPECIAL ACT 393, PAGE 325 6-23-1955

AMENDED - SPECIAL ACT 453, PAGE 525 8-5-1957

AMENDED - SPECIAL ACT 670, PA 96-17

Authorizing appropriations to the Berkshire Hills Ambulance Association, Inc.
PAGE 859 - SPECIAL ACT 65 4-27-1949

Incorporating Straits Turnpike Lane, Inc.
PAGE 342 - SPECIAL ACT 336 7-1-1965
AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISAIAH SMITH LANE, INC. TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ON ISAIAH SMITH LANE.
PAGE 399 - SPECIAL ACT 331

Incorporating Trotta Lane Assoc., Inc.
SPECIAL ACT 57 5-21-1971

Incorporating East Morris Lane Association, Inc.
SPECIAL ACT 51 6-12-1975

TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT

ORDINANCE CONCERNING SEPTIC SYSTEM, WELL AND SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

1 Septic Permits

No dwelling, building or other structure which requires on-site septic disposal shall be constructed, enlarged or its use changed or intensified, on any property which is not serviced by a public sewer line, without obtaining a permit from the Torrington Area Health District prior to the issuance of a building or zoning permit by the Town of Morris. Activities subject to this Ordinance include, by way of illustration but not limitation, construction of a new dwelling or commercial building, addition or creation of a new room in an existing dwelling or commercial building, addition of customer or tenant space in any commercial or multi-family building, conversion of any dwelling or building from seasonal to year-round use, or the addition of new uses to an existing dwelling or building, whether or not a septic system already exists on the property.

2 Well Permits

No drinking water or industrial water supply will be dug, drilled, deepened or "worked" on any property without obtaining a permit from the Torrington Area Health District, prior to the issuance of any building or zoning permit by the Town of Morris.

3 Swimming Pool Permits

No above-ground or below-ground swimming pool of a structurally permanent nature shall be constructed or located on any property without obtaining a permit from the Torrington Area Health District, prior to the issuance of any building or zoning permit by the Town of Morris.

4 Requirements Additional

The requirements of this Ordinance shall be in addition to, and shall not alter or supplant, any other requirements of the Town of Morris or the Connecticut State

Building Code. Failure to comply with this Ordinance may result in revocation or suspension of any permits issued by the Town of Morris with respect to such property and/or an action for enforcement of this Ordinance. In the event an action for enforcement is brought by the Town of Morris or the Torrington Area Health District for any violation of this Ordinance, the subject party shall be liable to the Town for its attorneys fees and court costs.

5 Authority; Repealer

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 7-148(c)(7)(A) and (H) and the State Public Health Code, Section 19-13-B100. The requirements of this Ordinance supersede the Ordinance concerning "Sewerage Disposal Permits" adopted September 10, 1970 as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

6 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication, or a summary thereof, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Morris as provided by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-157(b).

ADOPTED: 5-22-1991 PUBLISHED: 5-26-1991 EFFECTIVE: 6-10-1991

SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PERMITS

Permits on sewage disposal of any nature shall be obtained from the Regional Health District (Torrington Area Health District), prior to obtaining a building permit from the Town of Morris for a new dwelling or additional bedrooms or bathrooms.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Morris.

ADOPTED: 9-10-1970 PUBLISHED: 9-17-1970

REGULATION AVAILABLE IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A copy of the Planning Commission Regulations may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office. These Regulations covering the Subdivision of land were adopted on June 7th, 1957 and became effective June 25, 1957.

Zoning became effective January 15, 1979. Copies of Regulations may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. These regulations were adopted December 13, 1978 and became effective January 15, 1979.

TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

To provide for a four year term for Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters by ordinance according to Public Act 494 of the 1971 session of the General Assembly effective at next elections.

(EFFECTIVE AFTER THE NOV. 1971 ELECTION) PAGE 345 - 10-4-1971

TOWN CLERK COMPENSATION

In accordance with authorization of Section 7-34b of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Clerk of the Town of Morris shall receive a salary in lieu of all fees and other compensation provided for in the Connecticut General Statutes from and after the effective date of this ordinance. The fees and other compensation provided by the General Statutes to be paid to the Town Clerk shall be collected by the Town Clerk and shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Town on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month. This Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 1980.

The Salary of the Town Clerk shall be established from time to time by the legislative body of the Town of Morris but shall be established at Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the fiscal year 1980-1981. The Town Clerk shall receive all the fringe benefits received by all other employees of the Town.

PAGE 160 5-14-1980 PUBLISHED: 5-1-1980 EFFECTIVE: 7-1-1980