

Introduced by: Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor

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AND
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTIONS 15-32, 15-33 and 15-34 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF HARTFORD concerning the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

March 10, 2025

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 15, Sections 15-32, 15-33 and 15-34 of The Municipal Code of Hartford be amended to the extent that they are hereby deleted in their entirety and in their place is substituted a new Section 15-32 as follows:

Sec. 15-32. - Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

a. Statement of Purpose

Pursuant to Section 7-273aa of the Connecticut General Statutes Annotated, which provides that any two or more Connecticut municipalities may, by concurrent ordinances of their legislative bodies, create a regional solid waste authority under the provisions of Sections 7-273aa to 7-273oo, inclusive (“Chapter 103b”), as amended from time to time, to jointly manage solid waste and recycling services on behalf of its members, the purpose of this Ordinance is to create such a regional authority to be known as the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (“CCSWA”). Upon adoption of this Ordinance by two (2) or more municipalities, CCSWA shall be created.

b. Creation of the Regional Solid Waste Authority

CCSWA is hereby created as a regional authority under the provisions of Chapter 103b and shall have all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of a regional authority pursuant to Chapter 103b and Chapters 446d and 446e of the Connecticut General Statutes Annotated, as amended from time to time.

c. Designation of Regional Solid Waste Authority

The City of Hartford (the “Municipality”) hereby designates CCSWA as its regional solid waste authority, including its regional resource recovery authority, and adopts the provisions of Chapter 103b in connection with this election to become a member of CCSWA; provided, however, that this designation and membership election shall not constitute a commitment of the Municipality’s solid waste, food waste/organics, and/or recycling streams, and provided further that the Municipality agrees that it shall take no action, now or in the future, contrary to its currently existing legal obligations and commitments, including, without limitation, making any pledge of its municipal solid waste, food waste/organics, and/or recycling streams to a disposal, diversion, or recycling option chosen through CCSWA which has an effective date commencing prior to the expiration date of any currently existing waste stream commitment to another disposal, diversion, or recycling arrangement. By adopting this Ordinance, the Municipality shall not be obligated now or in the future to make any such commitment of its solid waste, food waste/organics, and/or recycling streams, or to commit any funding toward CCSWA, without further express authorization by its legislative body.

d. Purpose of the Authority

The purpose of CCSWA shall be to collaboratively explore, coordinate, and implement solid waste, food waste/organics, and recycling disposal, diversion, and management, including education and outreach, programs, services, funding opportunities and related activities on behalf of its municipal members in conjunction with CTDEEP, CCSMM, and other public/private stakeholders.

e. Principal Address of the Authority

The principal address of CCSWA shall be the principal place of business of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

f. Members of the Authority

The members of CCSWA shall be the municipalities, including each Municipality which adopts this Ordinance. Each member municipality shall be assigned to one of the sub-regions of CCSWA: (1) the Northwest Sub-Region, (2) the Naugatuck Valley Sub-Region, (3) the Greater Capitol Sub-Region, (4) the Shoreline Sub-Region, or (5) other sub-regions as may be added or amended from time to time.

g. Voting System for Meetings of the Authority's Full Membership

The number of votes to be cast by each municipal member of CCSWA at any meeting of the Authority's full membership shall be determined in accordance with the current CCSWA Bylaws.

h. Appointment, Removal, and Term of Office of a Municipal Member Representative

Each municipal member shall appoint one (1) representative to CCSWA, which shall be the current chief elected official of the municipality or that official's designee(s). Such representative(s) shall exercise the voting powers established for that municipal member as set forth in this Ordinance and in the CCSWA By-Laws, as may be amended from time to time. As long as the method of appointment and removal and the term of office of each municipal member representative shall be consistent with the first sentence of this section, the details of such appointment, removal, and term of office shall be as determined by the appointing municipality.

i. Annual Meeting and Bylaws of the Authority

There shall be at least one (1) Annual Meeting of all municipal members of CCSWA, to elect the members of the Executive Committee and enact such other business as shall be deemed advisable at such meeting, all as provided in the CCSWA By-Laws to be adopted after its formation. It shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all CCSWA municipal members to enact the authority By-Laws or adopt any amendments thereto, such vote to take place at a duly called meeting of the full membership of CCSWA.

j. Prohibition Against Member Monetary Compensation

The members and member representatives of CCSWA shall receive no monetary compensation solely for their service as members and member representatives of CCSWA.

k. Executive Committee of the Authority

The full membership of CCSWA shall elect an Executive Committee to manage the operations of CCSWA; provided, however, that the specific division of responsibilities for such management between the Executive Committee, the full membership of CCSWA and any other body or officer of CCSWA shall be consistent with the CCSWA By-Laws, as adopted and/or amended from time to time. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one (1) vote, consistent with the Bylaws and by this Ordinance for meetings of the authority's full membership. The members of the Executive Committee shall constitute an odd number and shall be elected consistent with the provisions of the CCSWA Bylaws, as amended from time to time.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.