

Human Services.

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May 12, 2005.

ADMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
ESTABLISHING THE NEW HAVEN FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, all citizens of the City of New Haven should have access to nutritious, culturally appropriate, affordable, regionally and sustainably grown food; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven recognizes the need for a coordinated, collaborative approach to address the complex issue of community food security; and

WHEREAS, the City should be a model advocate for increasing access to affordable, healthy food; strengthening the local economy by supporting local, small-scale farms and other producers; and promoting sound land-use and tax policies supporting farmland preservation and a regional, sustainable food system; and

WHEREAS, the City would benefit from informed, engaged community members appointed to the New Haven Food Policy Council to advise the City by reviewing and commenting on legislation impacting the food system and creating an annual report about its activities and findings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN that the New Haven Food Policy Council be established and composed of eleven (11) members, ten (10) appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Alderman, and one (1) aldermanic representative elected by the Board of Alderman. At its initial formation, three (3) members shall serve for a one-year term, four (4) shall serve for a two-year term, and four (4) members shall serve for a three-year term. Subsequent council members, in addition to the aldermanic representative, will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Alderman for a three-year term that may be renewed. The Council may recommend prospective appointees to the Mayor and Board of Alderman. The ten (10) members of the council appointed by the Mayor shall include: one (1) member of the department or organization administering the council; six (6) members of the community personally engaged in the production and distribution of food, or in the effects of food on the local economy and health of city residents. Members may be chosen from the following fields: hunger relief, nutrition, businesses in the food sector, farming, and institutional food management; three (3) of the members of the council shall be selected from the public at large. Additionally, for the council's initial formation, two (2) temporary members will also be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Alderman for a one-time, three-year term, to participate in the establishment of council goals and objectives. The two (2) temporary members of the council shall include: one (1) member of the community personally engaged in food production, distribution, or in the effects of food on the local economy and health of city residents and one (1) member selected from the public at large. Three years after its initial formation and every three years thereafter, the Board of Aldermen will evaluate the council on the basis of previous annual reports. As long as the council meets its goals or makes reasonable progress toward them, the council will be reauthorized for another three years.