

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS** pertaining to Dirt Bikes and All-Terrain Vehicles incorporating the provisions of CGS Public Act 13-154 (Alderspersons Elicker, Perez, Colon, Hausladen, Holmes, Stopa, Castro, DeCola, Morrison and Rodriguez).

REPORT: 1481-15

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board of Aldermen is an Order to Amend the Code of Ordinances incorporating provisions of the recently enacted Public Act 13-154 of the Connecticut General Assembly in order to better regulate the use of dirt-bikes and all- terrain vehicles. This is a perennial issue in the City that intensifies as soon as the weather warms in the spring. The Board of Aldermen originally enacted legislation in 2005. The Board of Aldermen held a public hearing (November 11, 2012) on this matter where a mounting concern about reckless operation of these types of vehicles, in parks, on sidewalks and in city streets was described. The present Order incorporates provisions of the new State legislation into the City Code of Ordinances. (See attached letter of June 19 2013 for more details).

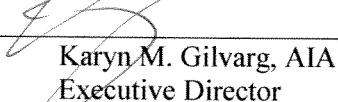
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Code of Ordinances amendments will help promote better neighborhood quality of life by giving Police and other enforcement personnel stronger laws to enforce proper use of these vehicles and keep them out of the parks and off public roads and sidewalks. The effective date of the Ordinance Amendments is proposed to be October 1, 2013.

FINDING AND ADVICE:

The Commission finds the recommended changes will help to regulate use of dirt-bikes and all-terrain vehicles, preventing undue noise, reckless use of the public ways, destruction of public property and avoiding danger to life and limb and therefore recommends Approval.

ADOPTED: July 31, 2013
 Edward Mattison
 Chair

ATTEST: 
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 Executive Director