

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**, Amend Code of Ordinances to delete Chapter 26: steam, electrical and refrigeration equipment as outdated and redundant, replaced by state licensing and inspection services (Chief Administrative Officer).

REPORT: 1459-13

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board is a proposed Ordinance Amendment removing an outdated section Chapter 26: Steam, Electrical and Refrigeration Equipment from the New Haven Code of Ordinances. The Section originated in 1929 when a local Board of Examiners of Engineers was established to license and monitor engineers to assure that steam, electrical and refrigeration units operated in a safe manner. At the time most equipment was operated manually where now technology has advanced so that most equipment is operated and monitored electronically.

In the process of reviewing the Ordinances, it was determined that this section was unnecessary and overlapping with a State licensing program instituted in 1966 to assure statewide consistency. Through this program the State collects fees and hires engineers to monitor equipment operators and equipment to insure safe operations statewide.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Chief Administrative Officer has met with the Building Inspector and with the current chair of Board of Examiners of Engineers and all have agreed the Board is no longer necessary. New Haven is the last municipality in the State to have such Board remaining.

ADVICE

The Commission believes elimination of Chapter 26 is in the best interest of the City and recommends approval of this Ordinance Amendment to remove it.

ADOPTED: December, 21, 2011
 Edward Mattison
 Chair

ATTEST: 
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 Executive Director