

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Confirming the City of New Haven's commitment and participation in a Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. (Submitted by: Mark DeCola, CFO of Public Works)

REPORT: **1571-12**

ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, as agent for the South Central Regional Council of Governments and participating municipalities, has undertaken the permitting, construction and operation of a regional facility for the collection of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generator business waste at its headquarters at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven. Since 1990, New Haven has provided its residents with a safe way to properly dispose of household chemicals by being a member of the HazWaste Central (HWC) program. HWC is Connecticut's first permanent household hazardous waste collection center and is located at the Regional Water Authority's headquarters in New Haven. It has served 16 communities, including New Haven, for almost 30 years.

New Haven's current commitment resolution to participate in HWC expires June 30, 2020. A new three-year commitment resolution for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 is needed to ensure New Haven residents can continue to bring their household hazardous waste to the facility.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Improper disposal of household chemicals can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Allowing New Haven residents to safely dispose of household chemicals complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan Goals:

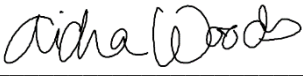
New Haven Vision 2025, Sec. VII-17:

"The City will require a continued commitment to sustainable environmental policy ...to further improve air quality and ensure a high quality environment."

ADVICE

The Commission recommends approval and advises to the Board of Alders to consider if incorporating language regarding residential drop off hours in the final Resolution is warranted and, if included, whether that language is binding.

ADOPTED: August 19, 2020
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department