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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 5th day of January 2018.

Attested to by:

Deborah W. Reid Clerk of the Council PUBLIC NOTICE

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South Windsor CT Code of Ordinances
DIVISION 13. Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission
Amendment to Ordinance #141

Sec. 2-396 – Establishment and composition

- (1) An Agricultural land preservation advisory commission is established consisting of 12 members to be appointed by the town council as follows:
 - (a) 2-4 residents of the town who are either farmers or are otherwise associated with the agriculture industry.
 - (b) A member or alternate of the South Windsor inland-Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission.*
 - (c) A representative from the South Windsor Land Trust.
 - (d) A resident of the town, preferably with experience in, or knowledge of, real estate transactions or investments.
 - (e) A resident of the town employed by or associated with a banking or other financial institution.
 - (f) 3-6 persons, at large, who are residents of the town.
- (2) The members of the commission shall be appointed for a term of three years. All members shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

(Ord. No. 141, Sec. 1, 2-3-97, Amended, 1/ /18)

Sec. 2-397 - Organization

- (1) The agricultural land preservation advisory commission shall elect, annually, its own chair, secretary and vice-chair, who shall act in the place of the chair in the event of the chair's absence or incapacity. However, the chair, vice-chair, and secretary shall continue to hold such offices until their successors are elected.
- (2) The commission shall establish its own rules and procedures for the conduct of its business. Otherwise, it shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, New Revised, where applicable and not in conflict with its own adopted rules and procedures.
- (3) The commission shall establish a schedule of regular meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time, with a 24-hour notice by the chair, or upon written request of any FIVE members with a 24-hour notice. FIVE members shall constitute a quorum.

(Ord. No. 141, Sec. 2, 2-3-97, Amended, 1/ /18)

Sec. 2-398 Purpose

The purpose of the agricultural land preservation advisory commission shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the town council by establishing farmland preservation priorities for the town and conveying these priorities to the town council with specific recommendations as to what the town council, town agencies and/or the town government administration can or should do to maintain and promote a viable agriculture industry within the town in accordance with such priorities.

(Ord. No. 141, Sec. 3, 2-3-97)

Sec. 2-399 - Duties

The duties of the agricultural land preservation advisory commission shall be as follows:

- (1) Inventory and develop information and maps that show active and inactive farmland, prime important farmland and farms in relation to zoning, inland wetlands, drainage basins surface water and groundwater, flood hazard areas, aquifers, and recharge areas, and any other environmentally or resource sensitive areas.
- (2) Conduct surveys to gather information from farmers and others in the agriculture industry concerning attitudes, conditions, and opinions about the future of farming and related activities and what actions would be required to maintain or enhance agriculture within the town.
- (3) Promote the use of local agriculture products through displays, fairs, farmers market, agritourism, or any other method deemed appropriate by the commission.
- (4) Sponsor an agriculture day or days to educate local citizens concerning the multiple benefits of a local agriculture industry and encourage the participation in such events by schools, farmers, and community organizations.
- (5) If the town, at any time, establishes an agricultural land preservation fund, pursuant to C.G.S. 7-131q, act as an advisory to the town council regarding that fund.
- (6) Keep records of its meetings and its activities and submit an annual report to the town council.
- (7) Appoint advisors and/or liaisons to other town commissions and committees dealing with farmland preservation and to assist them in the fulfillment of their duties. (Ord. No. 141, Sec. 4, 2-3-97, Amended, 1/ /18)

Secs. 2-400 - 2-420. Reserved