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December 12, 2017

Ms. Kathryn M. Bukovsky
Mr. Scott Burns
Councilwoman, Michelle A. Lyons, D-134th
City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Bukovsky, Mr. Burns & Councilwoman, Lyons:

In accordance with the Charter of the City of Bridgeport, Chapter 5, Section 11, the following resolution #71-16 was approved by the City Council of the City of Bridgeport on November 6, 2017, and does not require Mayoral signature; said approval effective as of December 1, 2017.

WHEREAS, the City Charter of the City of Bridgeport, Chapter 2 – Officers and Elections, requires that all officers of the city, elected or appointed under the provisions of the charter, shall be residents and registered voters of the City of Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, there have been allegations raised as to the residency of elected officials in the city in the immediate past; and

WHEREAS, there has been a lapse in the re-appointment of board and/or commission members in recent years, with no re-verification of residency; and

WHEREAS, it is important to city residents to trust that each elected or appointed officer of the city resides in the city or appropriate district during their entire term of office or service; and

WHEREAS, such information is regularly provided to the public by comparable Connecticut municipalities; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED: By the City Council of the City of Bridgeport that the Bridgeport Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.02 – Administrative Regulations Generally, is hereby amended to add new Section 2.02.080 – Residency reporting of all municipal elected officials, board and commission members as follows:

(NEW)

2.02.080 Residency reporting of all municipal elected officials, board and commission members.

All municipal elected officers, as well as board and commission members (mayoral-appointed or otherwise), are required to provide their current residence street address of record to the town clerk's office by January 31st of each year of service. Any change of residence address during service as an elected officer or board member must be reported to the town clerk's office within 30 days of such residency change.

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Failure to abide by section 2.02.080 by an elected official may result in the filing of a formal complaint by the town clerk to the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission.

Failure to abide by section 2.02.080 by a board or commission member (mayoral-appointed or otherwise) may result in referral to the Mayor and City Council for removal pursuant to the Charter of the City of Bridgeport, Section 17. – Removal of Certain Officers.

Exceptions to this section may be made at the discretion of the City Attorney's Office when public disclosure of the current residence street address of record of an elected official or a board or commission member (mayoral-appointed or otherwise) poses a proven risk of significant danger to the elected official, board or commission member.

Attest:



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