City of Chester

Deliberative Meeting Agenda

City Council

One 4th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Monday, August 12, 2024 **2:00 PM** **Council Chambers**

ORDINANCE (To be voted on):

First Reading of Bill No. 4, entitled " Sale of Defective Fire Extinguishers Prohibited"

- Repealing Article 1545 entitled "Fire Control Measures" in its entirety, and enacting new Article 1545 entitled "Sale of Defective Fire Extinguishers Prohibited" to ensure any fire extinguisher sold, traded, loaned or given away is in proper working order.

First Reading of Bill No. 5, entitled Fire Protection Equipment Contractor Licensing Requirement"

- Repealing Article 1551 entitled "Licensing Fire Protection Equipment Installers and Contractors" in its entirety, and enacting new Article 1551 entitled "Fire Protection Equipment Contractor Licensing Requirement" to ensure any contractor that designs, installs, modifies, performs maintenance on, inspects, tests, or in any other way services fire protection equipment within City limits meets a minimum certification requirement for licensing.

CONTRACT APPROVALS:

R- 84

Authorize approval for the execution of the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Affiliation Agreement with PA CleanWays, d/b/a Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful ("KPB"), a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our communities clean and beautiful.

Submitted by: Mayor Stefan Roots
Attachments: Resolution

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R – 85

Authorize approval for the implementation a Block Captain Program to help create safer neighborhoods throughout the City, by establishing a 3-person committee of active non-confrontational neighborhood residents to oversee and run the Block Captain Program.

Submitted By: Mayor Stefan Roots
Attachments: Resolution

R – 86

Authorize the installation a handicapped parking zones in the 3300 Block of Carter Lane, the 400 Block of Yarnell Street, and in the 2600 Block of Madison Street.

Submitted By: Andrew Hayman, Public Works Director
Attachments: Resolution

R – 87

Authorize approval for the installation of an honorary street sign to acknowledge the service and dedication of Bishop Samuel W. Ellis, along a portion of Pusey Street between Third Street and Fifth Street

Submitted By: Rosetta Carter, Director of Community Health Service
Attachments: Resolution

R – 88

Authorize approval for the appointment of Michelle Jackson, as member of the City of Chester Zoning Hearing Board, to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Worrell, term to expire December 31, 2024.

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BILL NO. 4

1st READING 8/14/2024

PASSED

NO. , 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ARTICLE 1545, ENTITLED "FIRE CONTROL MEASURES", IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 1545 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, ENTITLED "SALE OF DEFECTIVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS PROHIBITED" TO ENSURE THAT ANY FIRE EXTINGUISHER SOLD, TRADED, LOANED OR GIVEN AWAY IS IN PROPER WORKING ORDER; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Article 1545 entitled "FIRE CONTROL MEASURES", is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. A new Article 1545, entitled "SALE OF DEFECTIVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS PROHIBITED" is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1545.01 Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to ensure that, to the best of its ability, that any fire extinguisher sold, traded, loaned or given away is in proper working order.

1545.02 Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(A) "PERSON" means a natural person or any company, corporation, or other business entity.

1545.03. Requirements for Licensing.

A person shall not knowingly sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not in proper working order, or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the fire code, or which is not approved by the fire code official. The requirements of this Section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or

damaged equipment for junk when such units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk.

1545.99 Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this Article shall upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be fined not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days. Each instance shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specially repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this_____day of _____, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 5

1st READING 8/14/2024

PASSED

NO. , 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ARTICLE 1551, ENTITLED "LICENSING FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT INSTALLERS AND CONTRACTORS", IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 1551 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, ENTITLED "FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT" TO ENSURE ANY CONTRACTOR THAT DESIGNS, INSTALLS, MODIFIES, PERFORMS MAINTENANCE ON, INSPECTS, TESTS, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY SERVICES FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT WITHIN CITY LIMITS MEETS A MINIMUM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Article 1551 entitled "LICENSING FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT INSTALLERS AND CONTRACTORS", is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. A new Article 1551, entitled "FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT" is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1551.01 ADOPTION AND PURPOSE

The City of Chester does hereby adopt this article for the purpose of ensuring that any contractor that designs, installs, modifies, performs maintenance on, inspects, tests, or in any other way services fire protection equipment within the limits of the City of Chester meets a minimum certification requirement for licensing.

1551.02 ADMINISTRATION

Contractors that designs, install, modify, perform maintenance on, inspect, test, or in any other way service fire protection equipment within the limits of the City of Chester

are required to obtain a license from the City of Chester Fire Department annually (January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year).

1551.03 DEFINITIONS

(a) "Employee" means a licensee or a person who is currently employed by a fire equipment distributor or fire sprinkler contractor licensed under this Article whose full or part-time duties include servicing, recharging, hydrotesting, installing, maintaining, or inspecting fire protection equipment.

(b) "Fire Protection Equipment" means any portable or fixed fire extinguishing/suppression device, fire alarm or water-based fire sprinkler system under the Fire Protection Equipment Contractor Licensing Article.

(c) "Fire Equipment Distributor" means any person, company or corporation that services, recharges, hydrotests, inspects, installs, maintains, alters, repairs, replaces, or services fire equipment for customers, clients, or other third parties.

(d) "Fire Sprinkler Contractor" means any person, company or corporation that services, inspects, installs, maintains, alters, repairs, replaces, or services water-based fire sprinklers for customers, clients, or other third parties.

(e) "ICC" means the International Code Council.

(f) "NAFED" means the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors.

(g) "NICET" means the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies.

(h) "Person" means a natural person or any company, corporation, or other business entity.

1551.04 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING

(a) Portable Fire Extinguishers: All employees that install, inspect, service, recharge, hydrostatically test or maintain all types of portable fire extinguishers are required to be an ICC/NAFED Certified Portable Fire Extinguisher Technician *or* equivalent.

(b) Pre-Engineered Systems – Commercial Cooking: All employees that install, modify, inspect, service, recharge, hydrostatically test or maintain all types of commercial cooking systems for cooking operations in buildings and mobile and temporary cooking operations are required to be an ICC/NAFED Certified Kitchen Fire Extinguishing System Technician *or* equivalent.

(c) Pre-Engineered Systems – Industrial: All employees that install, modify, inspect, service, recharge, hydrostatically test or maintain all types of industrial suppression systems are required to be an ICC/NAFED Certified Industrial Fire Extinguishing System Technician *or* equivalent.

(d) Special Hazard Suppression Systems – Installation, Service & Maintenance**:** All employees that install, inspect or modify special hazard fire suppression systems are required to be NICET II certified or higher *or* equivalent.

(e) Special Hazard Suppression Systems – Design**:** All employees designing special hazard fire suppression systems are required to be NICET III or higher certified *or* a licensed Public Engineer in Pennsylvania *or* equivalent.

(f) Fire Alarm – Installation, Service & Maintenance: All employees that inspect, install or modify fire alarm systems are required to be NICET II certified or higher, *or* ESA Certified Fire Alarm Technician Level 2, *or* possess a certificate of training from the alarm manufacturer *or* equivalent.

(g) Fire Alarm – Design: All employees designing fire alarm systems are required to be NICET III certified or higher *or* ESA Certified Fire Alarm Designer Level 3 *or* a licensed Public Engineer in Pennsylvania *or* equivalent.

(h) Fire Sprinkler Systems – Installation, Service and Maintenance: All employees that inspect, install or modify fire sprinkler systems are required to be NICET II certified or higher, *or* ASSE 15010, *or* NFPA 25 ITM *or* equivalent.

(i) Fire Sprinkler System – Design: All employees designing fire sprinkler systems are required to be NICET III certified or higher *or* a licensed Public Engineer in Pennsylvania *or* equivalent.

1551.05 FEE

The fee for the licensing of Fire Protection Equipment Contracts shall be set forth in the City's adopted fee schedule.

1551.06 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Insurance in the amount of $1,000,000.00 each occurrence naming the City of Chester as the certificate holder, proof of workman's compensation insurance, an insurance declaration page, and a list of all employees must be supplied at the time of submission for the license. The insurance certificate must contain a clause stating the policy will not be canceled until the City of Chester is provided with a 30-day written notice prior to cancelation.

1551.07 NONLIABILITY

This Article creates no legal liability to the City of Chester other than to ensure proper compliance.

1551.99 PENALTY

Any person that installs, modifies, performs maintenance on, inspects, tests, or in any other way services fire protection equipment within the limits of the City of Chester without meeting all requirements for license shall, upon conviction, be fined not to

exceed one thousand ($1,000) and costs or imprisoned for not more than thirty days. Each instance shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specially repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this_____day of _____, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. 84 - 2024

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby approve the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Affiliation Agreement with PA CleanWays, d/b/a Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful ("KPB"), a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our communities clean and beautiful by establishing goals and objectives that meet our community's needs and priorities.

FURTHER, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

EVEN FURTHER, said Agreement is contingent upon final review and approval of the City Solicitor.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 14th day of August, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. 85 - 2024

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby implement a Block Captain Program to help create safer neighborhoods throughout the City, by establishing a 3-person committee of active non-confrontational neighborhood residents to oversee and run the Block Captain Program.

The two primary goals of the Block Captain Program are to:

1. Help lead regular block/neighborhood clean-up efforts; and
2. Help with 2-way communication between residents and City Hall

The Block Captain Committee will meet regularly to plan clean-up events; communicate with and coordinate Block Captains; track and report on Block Captain Program activities; and complete requirements to maintain Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful ("KPB") affiliate status.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 14th day of August, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. 86 - 2024

WHEREAS, the following individuals have requested a handicapped parking zone:

1. Laura Robinson, 3321 Carter Lane, Chester, PA 19013;
2. Alethea Davis-Moses, 448 Yarnall Street, Chester, PA 19013; and
3. Howard O. Crews, 2626 Madison Street, Chester, PA 19013

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation by the Department of Public Works, it has been determined the aforementioned individuals have met all of the required criteria and have a need for said handicapped parking zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to install a handicapped parking zone in the 3300 Block of Carter Lane, in the 400 Block of Yarnall Street, and in the 2600 Block of Madison Street, in the City of Chester.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 14th day of August, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. 87 -2024

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the City of Chester for the installation of an honorary street sign to acknowledge the service and dedication of Bishop Samuel W. Ellis, along a portion of Pusey Street between Third Street and Fifth Street; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Samuel W. Ellis, Pastor Emeritus of First Pentecostal Holy Church in Chester, Pennsylvania, was the second pastor in the church's 99-year history and served as a faithful and dedicated leader of the congregation for over 38 years. During his tenure, he established the First Pentecostal School of Ministry and Precious Seed Christian Day Care Center; brought forth Pentecostal Square affordable housing for senior citizens; the Samuel W. Ellis Medical Center; and the First Pentecostal Community Center.

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis served in several prominent positions in the United Holy Church of America, Inc. He served as District Elder of the Delaware Sub-District, on the Board of Elders; served as Vice President of the Northern District Convocation of the United Holy Church of America, Inc.; and in May 2012, he was elevated to the office of Bishop at the United Holy Church General Convocation.

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis was an active participant with the Delaware Valley Renewal Ministry and Prayer Summit; the 6 A.M. Monday Morning Prayer Group of Chester; is a member of the Ministerial Fellowship of Chester and Vicinity; and formerly served with the Crozer-Chester Medical Center Hospice Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize the installation of an honorary street sign, renaming the portion of Pusey Street between Third Street and Fifth Street – Bishop Samuel W. Ellis Street, as tribute to his compassion, integrity and for being an inspiration within our community.

FURTHER, it does authorize the Department of Public Works to order and install the aforementioned sign.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 14th day of August, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. 88 - 2024

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby appoint Michelle Jackson, as member of the City of Chester Zoning Hearing Board, to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Worrell, term to expire December 31, 2024.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 14th day of August, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK