

An Ordinance Changing the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Positions from Elected Officials to Appointed Position(s)

BE IT ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Canterbury at a duly warned meeting:

1. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-185 and Sec. 9-189, the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector positions shall hereby be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, rather than elected.
2. The first person so appointed to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position shall be appointed upon the expiration of the term of office of the official in office at the effective date of this ordinance or the occurrence of a vacancy in said office, whichever first occurs.
3. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen. During the period of any vacancy in the office of the Town Clerk or Tax Collector, the Board of Selectmen may appoint an interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector to serve until the Board of Selectmen appoints a person to fill the position(s).
4. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall have such duties as are prescribed by the General Statutes, and such additional duties as the Board of Selectmen may prescribe from time-to-time.
5. The Board of Selectmen shall enter into an agreement with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector setting out the terms of the duties, compensation, performance standards, and termination.
6. The Board of Selectmen may combine into one office the duties of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector.
7. This ordinance shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

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