

**THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 7

**AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CONTROL OF SEWAGE AND GARBAGE
DISPOSAL IN THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH**

**Adopted August 16, 1961
Amended January 13, 1965
Amended January 6, 2016**

IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH,
RHODE ISLAND, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

No person shall dump or deposit at any place in the Town of West Greenwich any sewage or contents of any cesspool or privy from any place outside of the Town of West Greenwich.

Section 2.

No person shall dump or deposit any sewage or contents of any cesspool or privy from any place in the Town of West Greenwich within a distance of three thousand feet from any dwelling house or structure used as a place of abode of any person nor within one thousand feet of any public highway or natural stream of water or pond in the Town of West Greenwich.

Section 3.

No person shall dump or deposit any sewage or contents of any cesspool or privy in the Town of West Greenwich without immediately thereafter treating such sewage or contents of cesspool or privy with a suitable chemical to properly neutralize the harmful bacteria and odor of the same, and also immediately thereafter plowing under the soil such sewage or contents of cesspool or privy.

Section 4.

No person shall transport over any public highway in the Town of West Greenwich any sewage or contents of any cesspool or privy between the hours of six o'clock P.M. and six o'clock A.M. except on approval of the Town Health Officer.

Section 5.

No person shall engage in the business of cleaning or taking out the contents of cesspools or privies in the Town of West Greenwich without first obtaining a license for such purpose from the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich; and the fee for every such license is hereby

set at twenty-five dollars per year; and every such license shall expire by limitation one year after the date of issue.

Section 6.

Every person licensed under the provisions of Section 5 of this Ordinance shall obey the following rules, viz.;

- a) Every vehicle used in the operations of pumping or taking out and transporting the contents of cesspool or privy shall be a tank truck or vehicle designed to keep the contents tightly covered when being transported; and every such vehicle when being used in said operations shall be kept in a reasonably sanitary condition and in good working order, and shall be used so that the contents shall not spill out on to any public highway, and shall not be offensive to persons on any public highway;
- b) Every vehicle used in said operations shall be made available for inspection by any police officer of the Town of West Greenwich or the Health Officer or the Town of West Greenwich at any time.

Section 7.

Any license issued under the provisions of Section 5 of this Ordinance may be revoked or suspended by the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich for any violation of this Ordinance or of the rules hereinbefore set forth.

Section 8.

No person shall engage in the business of collecting or picking up garbage and/or rubbish in the Town of West Greenwich without first obtaining a license for such purpose from the Town Council and the fee for every such license shall be prescribed by the Town Council; and every such license shall be valid from December 1st through November 30th of the year in which it is issued.

Section 9.

Every person or business licensed under the provisions of Section 8 of this Ordinance shall obey the following rules:

- a) Every vehicle used in the operations of collecting or picking up garbage and/or rubbish shall be equipped with a reasonable covering to keep the contents of such vehicle tightly covered; and every such vehicle when being used in said operations shall be kept in a reasonably sanitary condition and in good working order, and shall be used in said operations so that the contents shall not spill out on to any public highway, and shall not be offensive to persons on any public highway;

- b) Every vehicle used in said operations shall be made available for inspection by any police officer of the Town of West Greenwich or the Health Officer of the Town of West Greenwich at any time; and
- c) Every person or business licensed pursuant to Section 8 of this Ordinance shall provide the DPW Director with a written report by the tenth business day of each month; such report shall contain the gross weight of garbage and the gross weight of recyclables picked up within the Town of West Greenwich during the preceding calendar month.

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This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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