

DRAFT of March 10, 2025

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Be it ordained by the legal voters of the Town of Sterling and those property owners qualified to vote in Town Meetings pursuant to Section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes that Chapter 7 Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Sterling shall be repealed as of April 1, 2025, and the following shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE I Economic Development Commission [Adopted_____]

§ 7-1. Statutory authority; establishment.

- A. The Development and Industrial Commission, which was established by an ordinance adopted on September 13, 1962, shall be abolished as of the end of the day on June 30, 2025. However, all official decisions of the Development and Industrial Commission made prior to that time shall have the same validity thereafter as though the decisions were made by the Economic Development Commission established hereunder. Any such decisions that may lawfully have been modified or rescinded by the Development and Industrial Commission may be modified or rescinded by the Economic Development Commission.
- B. The Town of Sterling accepts the provisions of C.G.S. § 7-136, as it may be amended, and establishes an Economic Development Commission to commence and take office on July 1, 2025. The heading of Chapter 7, Article I of the Code of Ordinances shall be changed from Development and Industrial Commission to Economic Development Commission. The purpose of the Economic Development Commission shall be to promote the development of business and industrial resources for the Town of Sterling.
- C. The Economic Development Commission shall conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in the Town of Sterling, shall make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies of the Town regarding action to improve its economic condition and development, shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development and may advertise and may prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgment will further its official purposes.
- D. The Economic Development Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to the legislative body of its municipality a report of its activities and of its recommendations for improving such economic conditions and development.

§ 7-2. Membership; appointment.

The Economic Development Commission shall be composed of eight (8) members and two (2) alternate members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with § 7-3, below.

§ 7-3. Terms of members.

On or after July 1, 2025, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint one member for a term to expire on June 30, 2026, one member for a term to expire on June 30, 2027, two members for a term to expire on June 30, 2028, two members for a term to expire on June 30, 2029, and two members for a term to expire on June 30, 2030. The Board shall also appoint two (2) alternate members, each for a term to expire on June 30, 2030. Upon the expiration of the term of appointment of any member or alternate, the Board of Selectmen shall make a new appointment, or shall reappoint the same member or alternate, for a new term of five years commencing on the day after the expiration of the previous term. If the position of any member or alternate should become vacant before the expiration of the term for which that member or alternate was appointed, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a member or alternate to complete that existing term.