



**Town of Mansfield  
Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*  
**CC:** Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Cynthia van Zelm,  
Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.;  
Kevin Deneen, Town Attorney  
**Date:** January 11, 2016  
**Re:** Proposed Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square

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**Subject Matter/Background**

Attached please find the Proposed Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square, as revised by the Town Council's Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee at its meeting on December 21, 2015.

The purpose of the ordinance is to provide guidance to those wishing to use the Town Square, as well as the means to protect and enhance this valuable public resource.

The ordinance subcommittee revised the draft initially presented to the Council this past October to specifically reference the rights secured in the First Amendment and the Connecticut Constitution, and to clarify responsibilities for adopting procedures for the use of the square.

**Legal Review**

The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved the form of the proposed ordinance.

**Recommendation**

The Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee recommends that the Town Council schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square.

If the Council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

*Move, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on January 25, 2016, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square.*

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square (redline)
- 2) Proposed Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square (clean copy)



**Town of Mansfield  
Code of Ordinances**  
"Ordinance Regarding the Mansfield Town Square"  
*January 11, 2016 Draft*

**Chapter 138. [New] Mansfield Town Square**

**Section 138-1. Title.**

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as "The Mansfield Town Square Ordinance."

**Section 138-2. Legislative Authority.**

This Article is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7-148, 8-188 and 7-152c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Section 138-3. Purpose.**

The Mansfield Town Square is intended to be a public forum in which the rights secured in the First Amendment and Connecticut Constitution are fully protected.

The Mansfield Town Council recognizes that as intended the Mansfield Town Square is a very valuable public resource. The Council is committed to maximizing the appropriate use of the Mansfield Town Square as a focal point of community activity in the best interests of the residents of the Town. The Town of Mansfield, acting through its Town Council, may enter into an operations agreement with a private entity to manage, operate, oversee, and develop procedures that will ensure the best use of the Mansfield Town Square and Storrs Center for all of the people of Mansfield, within the limits of public safety.

**Section 138-4. Mansfield Town Square Defined.**

The Town Square consists of the Mansfield Town Square and adjacent sidewalks bordering Dog Lane, Storrs Road, Royce Circle, and Bolton Road Extension.

**Section 138-5. Compliance with Ordinances, Policies and Procedures Required.**

All persons using land and facilities situated within the Mansfield Town Square shall comply with all ordinances, policies and procedures adopted and/or enacted by the Town. Said ordinances, policies and procedures shall be enforced by the police and by other agents, officials and employees of the Town of Mansfield designated in writing by the Town Manager. Violation of any such regulation may result in the issuance of a citation carrying a fine as set forth in the regulations which if not paid within ten days of issuance shall be doubled. Fines may be enforced and collected by way of Chapter 129 of the Code of the Town of Mansfield.

The use of tobacco products, including lit cigarettes, cigars, pipes and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited within the Town Square.

**Section 138-6. Adoption of Procedures.**

Pursuant to this Chapter, Town Council may develop and enact such ordinances, policies and procedures as may be necessary to ensure the fair, equitable, safe, orderly and frequent use of the Town Square and public places situated in the Mansfield Town Square for the enjoyment of the public.