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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church St, 2nd Fl
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN UPDATING THE PROCESSES FOR ANTI-BLIGHT

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The Director of the Livable City Initiative submits the attached proposed amendment to Section 9-51, the City's Anti-Blight and Property Maintenance Ordinance.

The primary purpose of the proposal is to amend the citation procedure for anti-blight violations to align with current state statutory requirements, including 1) to allow for the citations to be served and enforced by first class mail and 2) to increase penalties for violations to the maximum authorized by state statute. Section. 9-51 currently requires citations for anti-blight violations be sent by certified mail, which renders enforcement virtually impossible against property owners whose mailing address is a P.O. Box. State statute CGS Sec. 7-152c allows citations to be mailed by first class mail. By amending the housing code ordinance to align with state statute, the City will be better able to address blight in our communities by enforcing the anti-blight ordinance against property owners with a P.O. Box.

This amendment will not have a fiscal impact on the City in terms of personnel.

The proposed amendment also proposes other minor clarifications to the process and updates the language to accommodate gender neutrality.

I urge your favorable review and action on this matter. If you have any questions or if you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Very Truly yours,
Sinclair Williams, Assistant Corporation Counsel, LCI