

# **Chapter 24: Citations**

## **Article I: Zoning Violations**

[Adopted 4-23-2008]

### **§ 24-1 Authority; service of citation.**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 8-12a and 7-152c, the Zoning Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue citations for violations of the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Ridgefield to the extent and in the manner provided by this article. Any such citation may be served either by hand delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person named in the citation. If the person named in the citation which has been sent by certified mail refuses to accept such mail, the citation may be sent by regular United States mail.

### **§ 24-2 Violations for which citation may be issued.**

A citation may be issued for any violation of the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Ridgefield.

### **§ 24-3 Amount of fine.**

The fine for each citation shall be \$150, payable to the Town of Ridgefield.

### **§ 24-4 Time period for payment of uncontested fine.**

A person named in the citation shall be allowed a period of 30 days from the date of his or her receipt of the citation to make an uncontested payment of the fine specified in the citation. If the citation has been sent by regular mail pursuant to the provisions of § 24-1 above, the day of receipt of the citation shall be deemed to be three business days after the day of mailing of the citation.

### **§ 24-5 Hearing to contest citation.**

Any person issued a citation shall be entitled to a hearing to contest the citation. In order to receive a hearing, the person named in the citation must deliver or mail a written request for a hearing to the Zoning Enforcement Officer within 30 days of his or her receipt of the citation. The request must be received by the Zoning Enforcement Officer within the thirty-day period. The procedures for hearing, disposition and enforcement shall be as is set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-152c, Hearing procedure for citations, as the same may be amended from time to time.

### **§ 24-6. Selection of citation hearing officers.**

The First Selectman shall appoint one or more citation hearing officers to conduct the hearings necessary pursuant to this article. The Zoning Enforcement Officer, Building Official or any employee or member of the Ridgefield Planning and Zoning Commission may not be appointed as a hearing officer pursuant to this section.

## **ARTICLE II: Conservation Violations**

[Adopted 5-xx-2016]

### **§ 24-7 Authority; Service of Citation.**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-152c, 7-148(10)(A), 7-148(c)(6)(A)(iv), 7-148(c)(7)(F)(iv), and Chapter 262-20A of the Ridgefield Code of Ordinances. The Conservation Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue citations for violations of the Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Ridgefield to the extent and the manner provided by this article. Any such citation may be served either by hand delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person names in the citation. If a person named in the citation has been sent by certified mail refuses to accept such mail, the citation may be sent by regular United States mail.

### **§ 24-8 Violations for which citation may be issued.**

A citation may be issued for any violation of the Conservation Ordinance and/or Regulations of the Town Ridgefield.

### **§ 24-9. Amount of fine.**

The fine for each citation shall be \$250, payable to the Town of Ridgefield.

### **§ 24-10. Time Period for payment of uncontested fine.**

A person named in the citation shall be allowed a period of 30 days from the date of his or her receipt of the citation to make an uncontested payment of the fine specified in the citation. If the citation has been sent by regular mail pursuant to the provision of § 24-7 above, the day of receipt of the citation shall be deemed to be three business days after the day of mailing of the citation.

### **§ 24-11. Hearing to contest citation.**

Any person issued a citation shall be entitled to a hearing to contest the citation. In order to receive a hearing, the person named in the citation must deliver a written request for a hearing to the Conservation Enforcement Officer within 30 days of his or her receipt of the citation. The request must be received by the Conservation Enforcement Officer within the 30-day period. The procedures for hearing, disposition and enforcement shall be as is set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes, § 7-152c, Hearing procedure for citations, as the same may be amended from time to time.

### **§ 24-12. Selection of citation hearing officers.**

The First Selectman shall appoint one or more citation hearing officers to conduct the hearings necessary pursuant to this article, other than Police Officers or employees or persons who issue citations, or employees or members of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission, to conduct the hearings authorized by this section.

### **§ 24-13. Recording Lien.**

In addition to the remedies set forth in Connecticut General Statutes 7-152(c), any unpaid civil penalty or other fine imposed pursuant to the provision of this chapter, and any and all costs and expenses by the Town for the enforcement of this chapter, shall constitute a lien upon the violator's real estate from the dates of such civil penalty or fine. Each such lien may be continued, recorded and released in the manner provided for in Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-14aa.

### **§ 24.14. Removal or remediation by Town.**

If the Hearing Officer determines the violator is liable for the violation, the Town may cause or take such action as is necessary to correct the violation. All costs and expenses of such corrective action shall be a lien upon the real estate of the violator. The Board of Selectmen shall cause a certificate of lien to be recorded in the Town Clerk's office within 60 calendar days after completion of such corrective action if all costs and expenses thereof are not reimbursed in full.

### **§ 24.15. Other Remedies.**

The provisions of this chapter are in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies available to the Town under the Connecticut General Statutes or other/applicable section of the Town Code.