

D. Director of Civil Preparedness and Emergency Management

For the protection of life and property from weather, technical, and hazardous materials emergencies within the Town, the Mayor shall appoint, and may remove, in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes, a local director of civil preparedness and emergency management. The Director of Civil Preparedness and Emergency Management shall have those powers and duties provided in the General Statutes, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, and shall have such other powers and duties as the Town Council may prescribe by ordinance or resolution.

The Director of Civil Preparedness and Emergency Management shall report to the Director of Public Safety, and shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the Town emergency operations plan.

The Director of Civil Preparedness and Emergency Management will work with the Administrator of Emergency Services, Public Safety Commission, industry representatives, and other agencies in the Town to establish a local emergency planning committee to address emergency response issues within the Town.

E. Public Safety Commission

The Public Safety Commission shall be responsible for advising and assisting the Director of Public Safety in the planning and budgeting of public safety services for the Town. The Commission shall consist of nine members and include the: Town Fire Marshal; Ledyard Fire Company chief; Gales Ferry Volunteer Fire Company chief; Chief of Police; Director of Civil Preparedness and Emergency Management; Director of the Ledyard Volunteer Emergency Squad or the executive officer of any other organization licensed or certified to provide emergency ambulance service in Ledyard; Administrative Supervisor of the Ledyard Regional Visiting Nurse Agency; one school safety member nominated by the Board of Education; and the Administrator of Emergency Services.

SECTION 8. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Department of Public Health shall be responsible for the preservation and promotion of the public health and shall perform such functions and shall have such powers and duties as are imposed by law on directors of public health and such other powers and duties as the Town Council may prescribe by ordinance.

Director of Public Health

The Mayor, subject to the provisions of the General Statutes relating to the appointment of directors of public health, shall appoint a Director of Public Health or contract with an entity (e.g., a health district) to provide public health services to the Town of Ledyard.

SECTION 9. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Social Services shall have all the powers and responsibilities for the administration of social and human services and resources in the Town in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution of the Town Council.

There shall be a Social Services Board consisting of a minimum of six (6) members appointed by the Mayor.

The Board, if so established, shall advise the Mayor regarding the appointment and removal of a Director of Social Services. The Board shall advise and assist the Director who shall be the administrative head of the Department.

The Director of Social Services shall be charged with the creation and implementation of policies and programs to fulfill the responsibilities of the Department of Social Services and as may be prescribed in the Connecticut General Statutes.

SECTION 10. DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SERVICES

There shall be a Nursing Services Board consisting of at least the minimum number of members mandated by Town ordinance, appointed by the Mayor. The Board shall implement the programs of the local, State and Federal departments of health, in cooperation with the Director of Health.

The Nursing Services Board shall have such powers and duties as prescribed by law and by ordinance of the Town Council.

The Board shall advise the Mayor who in turn shall appoint, and may remove, the Administrative Supervisor of the Ledyard Regional Visiting Nurse Agency, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted pursuant to the provisions of this Charter. The Board shall advise and assist the Administrative Supervisor who shall be the administrative head of the Department.

SECTION 11. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have such powers and duties as are or may be imposed or vested by the General Statutes, upon zoning boards of appeal.

There shall be five (5) members and three (3) alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Members in office on the effective date of this Charter or revision thereto shall be continued in office until their term expires.

Thereafter, the Mayor shall fill vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals from whatever cause arising, in the manner, for the terms, and with all the powers and duties, not inconsistent