

AN ORDINANCE
CONCERNING LIABILITY PERTAINING TO
FIRST RESPONDERS PROVIDING
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard: *“An Ordinance Concerning Liability Pertaining To First Responders Providing Emergency Assistance”* is hereby enacted.

Section 1: Authority

Pursuant to provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 52-557(b) “Good Samaritan Law”.

Section 2. Exempt from Liability

The Good Samaritan Law exempts the Town of Ledyard from liability; and its agents from liability, including paid and volunteer firefighters, police officers, emergency medical services personnel in providing emergency services to people in need.

This includes protection from civil liability for damages as a result of forcible entry believing that a person inside is in need of assistance or first aide.

Section 3 . Severability.

If any section, or part of a section, of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 4. Effective Date

In accordance with the Town Charter this ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after such publication following its final passage.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

Kevin J. Dombrowski,-Chairman

Approved / Disapproved on: _____

Fred B. Allyn, III, Mayor

Published on:

Effective Date:

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Background: There has been some incidents for which the Town received a bill for damages due to the breaching of a home in responding to an Emergency 911 Call and concern for the wellness of the individual and concern that the individual could have been unconscious and laying on the floor.

In accordance with the “*Good Samaritan Law*” the town decided to adopt an Ordinance to clearly state that the town as a non-profit and their agents were exempt from liabilities.