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### Minutes of the Legislative Council Ordinance Committee DRAFT-DRAFT-DRAFT

The Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Newtown Municipal Center at 6:30 pm. Chairman Jacob called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Present: Ms Jacob, Mr. Bolinsky, Mr. Capeci, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Girgasky, Mr. Merola and one member of the press.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None noted.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Bolinsky made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Girgasky; all in favor.

**AN ORDINANCE FOR CONTROLLING FELINES:** Chairman Jacob explained to the membership that this ordinance was almost completed in October but questions arose concerning what belongs in policy documents vs. what should be in the ordinance itself. Time ran out to complete the ordinance so it was left as unfinished business for the new Legislative Council to complete. Ms. Jacob volunteered to continue to steer this legislation through the process since she had been responsible for it on the last Ordinance Committee. She would take it upon herself to go through the document and remove the parts covered by policy for review by the Committee at the next meeting. Mr. Merola expressed concern that policy references should either be broad or if they are specific, the existence of the policy should be determined. Mr. Bolinsky asked if there was an ordinance controlling the euthanizing of dogs. Ms. Jacob noted that Land Use Director, George Benson should be contacted before the ordinance is finalized.

**ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE:** Chairman Jacob explained that the previous Ordinance Committee had barely scratched the surface of this ordinance and suggested there was not enough time to do any substantive work on it tonight and that all members should read the draft to familiarize themselves with the issues surrounding this potentially controversial piece of legislation.

**AMENDING ORDINANCE §79 TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL TO INCLUDE NEWTOWN UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE (NUSAR) VOLUNTEERS:** Chairman Jacob explained this Ordinance was amended by the previous Legislative Council to add Newtown Underwater Search and Rescue (NUSAR) to the ordinance as an eligible volunteer emergency services provider. During fact finding, it was learned that the impetus of the ordinance was to create an incentive for volunteers who risk their lives for the safety of the community. It was also learned that volunteers for the Ambulance Association and possibly others who do not go out on calls were participating in the benefit. The previous

Council referred the ordinance to this Council to make sure the language provides for only those who the ordinance was originally intended for. One section of the ordinance that may need to be reviewed is paragraph B under Eligibility.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None noted.

**AJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Capeci and seconded by Mr. Bolinsky, all in favor. Chairman Jacob adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff Capeci