



TOWN OF HARWINTON

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BLIGHT COMPLAINT FORM

***Pursuant to The Town of Harwinton, Book of Ordinances
Ordinance 150 Labelled Blight Ordinance****

1. LOCATION OF POTENTIALLY-BLIGHTED PREMISES

- a. Street Address: _____
b. Property Description (*i.e. red house on corner of Main Street*): _____

2. BASIS FOR COMPLAINT (*per Town Ordinance; check all that apply*):

(a) No owner/occupant of real property within the Town of Harwinton shall cause or allow any premises owned, leased, rented, possessed, controlled managed by such owner/occupant to become blighted, nor shall any owner/occupant allow the continued existence of such blighted premises. A blighted premises is identified as any principal building or structure, accessory building or structure, or any parcel of land, in or on which at least one of the following conditions exists:

- (1) It has been determined by the Building Official, Fire Marshal, Torrington Area Health District, or Zoning Enforcement Officer, or other appropriate official as designated by the Blight Commission that a condition exists that poses a serious or immediate threat to the health, safety or general welfare of the occupants or other persons in the Town; or
- (2) The Fire Marshal has determined that a building or structure is a fire hazard; or
- (3) The property is in a state of disrepair or is dilapidated; or
- (4) The property is attracting illegal activity due to its state of disrepair or dilapidation; or
- (5) Persistent occurrences of any of the following: violations of building, fire, zoning, housing or health codes; or



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(6) The property is not being adequately maintained, as evidenced by the following factors:

- a. Missing, broken or boarded up windows or doors; or
- b. Collapsing or missing walls and/or roof; or
- c. Seriously damaged or missing siding; or
- d. Unrepaired water or fire damage; or
- e. Rodent harborage and/or infestation; or
- f. Persistent debris, rubbish, garbage or accumulating refuse on the property; or
- g. Two (2) or more abandoned or unregistered vehicles; or
- h. Overgrown brush, shrubs, weeds and/or grass in the yard surrounding the dwelling or other buildings; *provided however*, failure to regularly mow one's lawn, in and of itself, is not considered to be blight without one or more of the other factors listed above.

(b) Agricultural or farming activities protected under the Harwinton "Right to Farm" Ordinance, if operated or carried on in accordance with the state's best management practices for agriculture, shall not be considered as evidence of blight on any premises operated, classified or registered as a farm with the Town of Harwinton or the State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture.

3. DETAILED NARRATIVE OF COMPLAINT *(Please provide specific details of alleged violation including dates, times, duration, etc. If additional space is required, attach additional sheets. Photos may also be attached.)*



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4. By signing this form, the complainant declares that all statements contained herein are accurate to the best of his/her personal knowledge, and that he/she is aware that under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, this completed form will remain on file in the Town of Harwinton and will be available for inspection by the public.

Additionally, by signing this form, the complainant further declares that he/she has read the Town of Harwinton Blight Ordinance and understands and agrees to the complaint process Section 6 – 19.

a. Printed Name of Person(s) Filing Complaint: _____

b. Address: _____ Best Phone: _____

c. Email: _____



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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand paragraph 4 above.

Signature of Complainant: _____

Date: _____

**(this form must be completed in full and signed in order for a complaint to be processed and acted upon.)*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW:

Date Received: _____

Received by: _____

Delivered How: _____

Delivered by Whom: _____

Printed by: _____