

**ORDINANCE 1849**  
**ADOPTED 10/16/2023**  
**PUBLISHED ON 10/18/2023**

**AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA, INC. FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8 HARLAND HEIGHTS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE**

**WHEREAS**, that certain property located at 8 Harland Heights, Norwich, Connecticut was purchased by The Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc. on May 17, 2023 to be used as the dwelling house of the Priest; and,

**WHEREAS**, said property since May 17, 2023 has been used for the dwelling house of the Priest by the Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc.; and,

**WHEREAS**, said property was not considered to be tax exempt on the Grand List of October 1, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(b) provides that any municipality may, by ordinance, provide that the property tax exemption authorized by any of subdivisions (7-16), inclusive, of section 12-81 shall be effective as of the date of acquisition of the property to which the exemption applies and shall, in such ordinance, provide procedure for reimbursement of the tax-exempt organization for any tax paid by it for a period subsequent to said date; and,

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(15) provides that real property, used by officiating clergymen as dwellings, shall be exempt from taxation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc. subsequently filed an M-3 application with the Norwich Assessor for the real property located at 8 Harland Heights to be eligible for the exemption based on its' use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Assessor has approved the exempt status based on its current use; and,

**WHEREAS**, taxes on the October 1, 2022 Grand List, which covers the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 were \$6,290.06; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc. has paid the first half of the real estate taxes on the October 1, 2022 Grand List for the property located at 8 Harland Heights in the total amount of \$3,172.84; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc., owned the property located at 8 Harland Heights for a period of 136 days on the October 1, 2022 grand list; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc. would be entitled to a reimbursement in the amount of \$2,343.28.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH** that such property at 8 Harland Heights be and hereby is exempted from the payment of any real estate taxes, interest or penalty due on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 from the date of purchase,

May 17, 2023, as approved by the City Assessor, or until said premises are no longer used by The Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc. as the dwelling house of the Priest and the City of Norwich shall reimburse The Orthodox Church of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, Inc. for any City of Norwich real estate taxes paid by it on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 for the period subsequent to May 17, 2023; which reimbursement shall be in the sum of \$2,343.28 for real estate taxes paid to the City of Norwich.

Mayor Peter Albert Nystrom  
President Pro Tem Joseph A. DeLucia  
Alderman Bill Nash