

**ORDINANCE #1696
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-3 OF THE NORWICH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO FURTHER DEFINE THE INTENDED EVENTS TO BE COVERED

WHEREAS, Section 8-3 of the Norwich Code of Ordinances presently makes it illegal to remove fire department equipment placed by the fire department in the course of performing its duties during a fire;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF NORWICH, that Section 8-3 of the Norwich Code of Ordinances be and hereby is amended as hereinafter set forth to further define the types of prohibited behaviors, and to expand on the definition of a fire event.

Section 8-3. Illegally destroying or removing fire department equipment or hindering an officer in the event of a fire or emergency requiring fire department response during a fire.

It shall be unlawful for any person to injure, deface or destroy any city fire apparatus or fire equipment, or to hinder or obstruct any fire department personnel or equipment passing along the streets of the city when any fire department or company is responding to or operating at a service call, a fire, or other emergency including any incident in which the fire department may be operating to protect life or property within the City of Norwich, or in any manner to hinder or prevent any officer or member of such department from operating when any fire department or company is responding to or operating at a service call, a fire, or other emergency including any incident in which the fire department may be operating to protect life or property within the City of Norwich. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or assist in removing any property or obstruction placed by the fire department in the course of its duties in, upon, or across any street or portion thereof or upon any premises under the control of such department during a fire when any fire department or company is responding to or operating at a service call, a fire, or other emergency including any incident in which the fire department may be operating to protect life or property within the City of Norwich.

Purpose: to clarify the types of behavior subject to sanction and expand the defined occurrence from a fire to include service calls or other emergencies.

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