

AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING THE  
APPLICABILITY OF PEDAL CAB REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS the Town of West Hartford adopted ordinances in 2008 which require operators of pedal cabs to be registered and to have their vehicles inspected and licensed; and

WHEREAS the scope of the Town's ordinances was deliberately broad to capture a number of possible business models; and

WHEREAS Cycling Without Age is a volunteer program which makes free rides available to the elderly in our community on pedal-powered vehicles which are similar to commercial pedal cabs; and

WHEREAS Cycling Without Age is not the type of activity which the Town intended to regulate through its pedal cab ordinance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT section 53-5 of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

For purposes of this article, a "pedal cab" is defined as a multiwheeled vehicle propelled by human power, capable of transporting passengers other than the operator thereof and which is made available to the public for hire as a mode of transportation, ~~whether at set, negotiable or voluntary rates~~. A pedal cab shall be deemed to be a type of bicycle for purposes of this chapter and for purposes of the application of Connecticut laws applicable to the use of bicycles on public highways.

(Added text is underlined. Deleted text is bracketed.)

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Approved as to Form and Legality:

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