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## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND **ZONING APPEALS**

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October 24, 2008

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

> Re: City Council Bill #08-0162 - State Obligations Pledge for Westport Waterfront Development District

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill # 08-0162 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the pledge by the City of Tax Increment Revenues and Special Tax Revenues (as such terms are defined herein); subject to appropriation, to the payment of debt service on State Obligations (as defined herein), issued from time to time and in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$160,000,000, the replenishment of any reserves and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs. For the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements including, without limitation, street and road improvements. site removal, and acquisition of land, the construction of buildings that will provide units of affordable housing and certain other infrastructure improvements permitted by Acts (as defined herein); authorizing the execution and delivery by the City of a of a contribution agreement or other such agreement providing for such pledge; authorizing the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve the method and sources of such pledge, the details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with such pledge, and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with such pledge; and providing for a special effective date.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and is in support of the concept of this legislation. However, this legislation has no impact on





zoning and is not affected by it. Therefore, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill #08-162.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner Executive Director

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C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations Legislative Reference