

**145. “AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT”  
(INITIALLY APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 2003,  
FINALLY APPROVED NOVEMBER 3, 2003)**

**1. SHORT TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Ledge Light Health District Ordinance".

**2. CREATION AND PURPOSE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 368f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the City of Groton united with the Town of Groton and created the Ledge Light Health District on October 5, 1992. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect, preserve, and improve the public health of the citizens of the municipalities of the Ledge Light Health District.

**3. LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT**

a. The affairs of the Ledge Light Health District shall be managed by a Board which shall have all the duties exercised or performed from the creation of the Ledge Light Health District by the Directors of Health of the constituent municipalities of the Ledge Light Health District.

b. The Ledge Light Health District Board shall exercise all the authority as to public health required of or conferred upon the constituent municipalities by law and shall have the powers set forth in Section 19a-243 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

c. **Appointment to Board.** The Council, Board of Selectmen, Mayor, or Board of Burgesses for each constituent municipality shall each appoint one person per municipality to be a member of such Board. In addition, if the population of any municipality exceeds 10,000 inhabitants, as annually estimated by the Department of Health Services, such municipality shall be entitled to one additional representative for each additional 10,000 inhabitants or part thereof provided no such municipality shall have more than five (5) representatives on the Ledge Light Health District Board. The Board shall initially consist of four (4) members from the Town of Groton and one (1) member from the City of Groton.

d. **Term of Office.** The term of office for members to the Ledge Light Health District Board shall be three (3) years and renewable in three-year intervals.

**4. DIRECTOR OF THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT**

a. **Appointment.** The Ledge Light Health District Board, after the approval of the Commissioner of Health Services, shall appoint a Director of Health for the Ledge Light Health District pursuant to the procedure and qualifications set forth in Section 19a-242 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The Board may also appoint an acting director of Ledge Light Health District to serve as the Director of Ledge Light Health District in his absence or if a vacancy exists, provided such acting director meets the same qualifications as the Director

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of Ledge Light Health District as set forth in Section 19a-242 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or such other qualifications as may be approved by the Commissioner of Health Services.

b. **Powers and Duties.** The Director of Ledge Light Health District shall perform all such duties as required by the Connecticut General Statutes or the Public Health Code. In addition, the Director of Ledge Light Health District shall enforce all ordinances of the constituent municipalities within said municipalities as long as said ordinances do not conflict with the Connecticut General Statutes or the State of Connecticut Public Health Code. In cases of conflict the Connecticut General Statutes and the State of Connecticut Public Health Code shall prevail over any conflicting municipal ordinance. Any provision of a municipal ordinance, which is stricter than the Public Health Code, shall not constitute a conflict and the provision of the municipal ordinance shall prevail.

c. **Removal.** The Director of Ledge Light Health District may be removed upon vote of a majority of the members of the Ledge Light Health District Board upon a finding of misconduct, material neglect of duty, or incompetence in the conduct of his office in accordance with Section 19a-242 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

**5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

a. **General Powers.** The Ledge Light Health District Board may make and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the promotion of general health within the district. Such rules and regulations shall not be in conflict with the State of Connecticut Public Health Code or any municipal ordinances of each constituent municipality. Any provision of a municipal ordinance, which is stricter than the State of Connecticut Public Health Code, shall not constitute a conflict and the provision of the municipal ordinance shall prevail. No such rule or regulation shall be adopted until the Board on the proposed rules or regulations has held a public hearing. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing shall be by publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in each constituent municipality at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

The powers of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following: To sue and be sued; to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the Ledge Light Health District; to make and from time to time amend and repeal bylaws, rules and regulations; to acquire real estate; and to have whatever other powers are necessary to properly carry out its powers as an independent entity of government.

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b. **Meetings, Chairperson.** The Board shall meet at least quarterly and at other times determined by the chairperson. At each fall meeting of the Board, it shall elect a chairperson, and the Ledge Light Health District shall furnish the necessary offices and equipment to enable the Board to carry out its duties.

c. **Fiscal Year, Budget.** The fiscal year of the Ledge Light Health District shall be from July 1 to June 30, and, by the thirtieth (30th) of January in each year, the Board shall estimate the amount of money required to pay the costs and expenses of the Ledge Light Health District during the ensuing fiscal year. Such Board shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget, two weeks' notice of which shall be given in a newspaper having a circulation in each constituent municipality of such district. From time to time the Board shall draw upon the treasurer of each town/city within the district a proportionate share of the expenses of such district, from such funds as may have been appropriated by each, to pay the cost of operating the Ledge Light Health District, such apportionment to be made equitably on a per capita basis as established by the most recent annual population estimate by the Department of Health Services. The Ledge Light Health District shall make timely applications to the State Department of Health Services for reimbursements for which it is entitled, as set forth in Section 19a-245 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The Ledge Light Health District shall provide said Department with all budgetary and other information necessary for the Ledge Light Health District to qualify for any reimbursements or other funding allowable under State or Federal law.

**6. SEVERABILITY**

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall be deemed valid and effective.

**7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance incorporates Ordinance #84 and Ordinance #86 which are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon final approval.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton united with the Town of Groton and created the Ledge Light Health District on October 5, 1992; and

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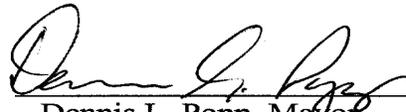
**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance was initially approved at the Mayor and Council meeting held on October 8, 2003; and

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**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance was published in *The Day*, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on October 14, 2003 and October 16, 2003;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council **finally** approve "An Ordinance Concerning the Ledge Light Health District".

Initially approved: October 8, 2003  
Finally approved: November 3, 2003

  
Dennis L. Popp, Mayor

  
Debra Patrick, City Clerk