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ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT

For a valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, hereinafter called Grantor, hereby grants to The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy, a specially chartered Connecticut corporation with offices in Berlin, Connecticut, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called Grantee, with WARRANTY COVENANTS (except for the matters described in Schedule A if such schedule is attached), the perpetual right to construct, maintain, replace, relocate, remove and rebuild on, across, over and under the land hereinafter described (Easement Area), an electric distribution system consisting of poles, guys, braces, wires, cables, conduits, transformers, transformer pads, pedestals, meters, structures for street lights and traffic signals, fixtures and other appurtenances useful for providing electric, communication, signal and streetlighting service (including wires, cables and conduits running from the poles, transformers and pedestals to any structures erected on the Grantor's lands); the right to provide electric, communication, signal and streetlighting service by means of the same; and the right to enter the Grantor's lands for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining or removing same and the right, after consultation with the Grantor when practicable, to trim and keep trim, cut and remove such trees or shrubbery as in the judgment of the Grantee are necessary to maintain its services.

Said Easement Area is located on the Grantor's lands on the Easterly side of Prospect Ridge Road in the City/Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, as more particularly described on a map entitled "Easement Map Depicting Easement Area to be Granted to The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy Across the Property of Town of Ridgefield 34 Halpin Lane & Prospect Ridge Road Ridgefield, Connecticut File No. W25150 Date: 08/27/2025 Scale: 1" = 30' by CCA Surveying" which map has been filed as map number 100 Town of the Town Clerk of said City/Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

The Grantor agrees, except with the written permission of the Grantee, and except for those improvements shown on the above-referenced plan; provided, however, that said improvements do not interfere with Grantee's access to or operation and maintenance of Grantee's facilities ("Permitted Improvements"), that: (i) no building, structure, or other improvement or obstruction shall be located upon, there shall be no excavation, filling, flooding or grading of, and there shall be no parking of vehicles or planting of trees or shrubbery upon the Easement Area or outside the Easement Area within five (5) feet from any facilities or appurtenance installed to provide services to any structures erected on the Grantor's premises; and (ii) nothing shall be attached, temporarily or permanently, to any property of the Grantee installed by virtue of this easement. The Grantee may, without liability to the Grantor and at the expense of the Grantor, remove and dispose of any of the aforesaid made or installed in violation of the above and restore said land to its prior condition. In the event of damage to or destruction of any of said facilities of the Grantee by the Grantor or agents or employees thereof, all costs of repair or replacement shall be borne by the Grantor. Grantor, its heirs, successors, assigns and agents, shall contact Call Before You Dig prior to commencing installation or maintenance of said Permitted Improvements.

The Grantee further agrees, by the acceptance of this deed, that as long as and to the extent that the electric distribution system together with all appurtenances, located on said land pursuant to this easement are used to provide electric, communication, signal or streetlighting service, the Grantee will repair, replace and maintain such facilities at its own expense (except as otherwise provided herein) and in connection with any repair, replacement or maintenance of said system the Grantee shall promptly restore the premises to substantially the same condition as existed prior to such repair, replacement or maintenance, provided, however, that such restoration shall not include the following: (a) any structures, other improvements or plantings made by the Grantor contrary to the provisions of this easement and (b) any damage to any Permitted Improvements resulting from the Grantee's exercise of its rights hereunder to access the Easement Area and/or to construct, maintain, replace, relocate, remove and rebuild Grantee's facilities.

If any portion of the above-described land upon or under which said facilities or appurtenances thereto shall be located, is now or hereafter becomes a public street or highway or a part thereof, permission, as set forth in Section 16-234 of the General Statutes of Connecticut relating to adjoining landowners, is hereby given to the Grantee and to its successors and assigns, to use that portion of the land for the purposes and in the manner above described.

Any right herein described or granted, or any interest therein or part thereof, may be assigned to any communication or signal company by the Grantee, and the Grantor hereby agrees to and ratifies any such assignment and agrees that the interest so assigned may be used for the purposes described therein for communication or signal purposes.

Conveyance Tax Stamp State: \$0.00 Town: \$0.00

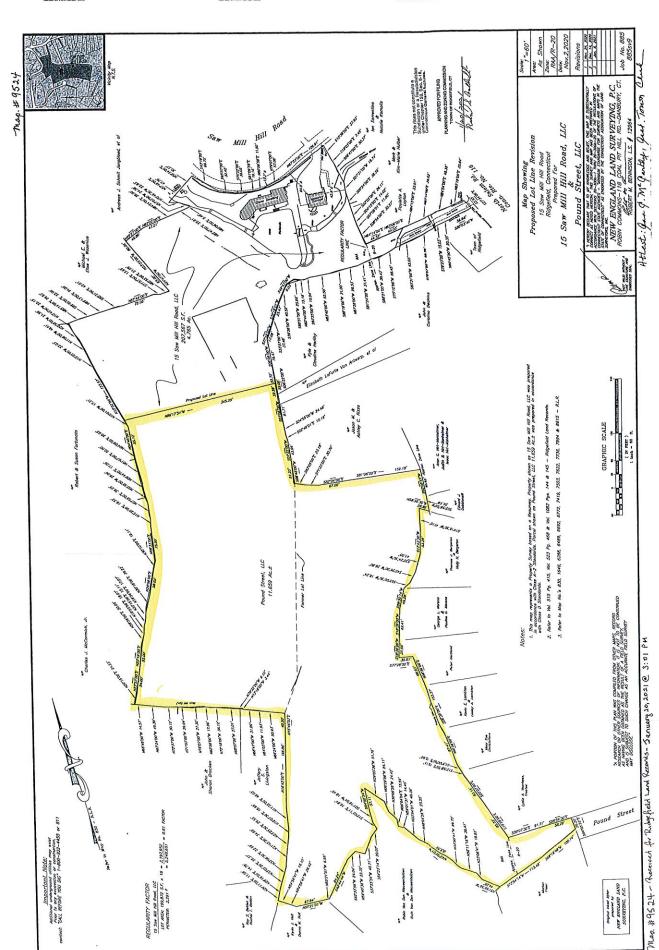
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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the premises unto it, the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set its hand and seal this 14th day of Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of: TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Name: Budy Marcon Its: First Selectman <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u> STATE OF CONNECTICUT s.s. Ridgefield COUNTY OF fairfield On this 14th day of 0000. 2025 before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Rudy Marconi who acknowledged him/herself to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they, being duly authorized to do so, executed the same for the purposes therein contained as his/her and said Grantor's free act and deed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the official seal. Notary Public - Seal Required My Commission Expires_7/ VICTORIA GASPERINO NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF CONNECTICUT MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 31, 2030

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RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

I,
RESOLVED: That the Town grant and convey to The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy a corporation chartered by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut and having its principal office in the Town of Berlin, in the State of Connecticut, its successors and assigns, permanent rights for the installation, maintenance and repair of electric lines over, under and across land of the Town situated in the City/Town of Ridgefield and State of Connecticut, as set forth in the proposed easement presented to this meeting, which is hereby ordered filed with the records of this meeting; and
RESOLVED: That Rudy Marconi , the First Selectperson of the Town be and he hereby is authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the Town an easement presented to this meeting and to do any and all other acts to effectuate the foregoing.
I FURTHER CERTIFY that the form of easement attached hereto is an exact copy of the aforesaid proposed easement presented at said meeting.
I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing resolutions are still in full force and effect as of this date.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the corporate seal of the Town to be hereunto affixed, duly attested by me this day of October, 2025.
Town Clerk
(Seal)

PLEASE RETURN UNRECORDED ORIGINAL TO ME FOR MY FILE

Town of Ridgefield Senior Tax Committee

October 9, 2025

First Selectperson Rudy Marconi Town of Ridgefield 400 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877

Re: Board of Selectpersons Meeting - October 22, 2025

Dear Rudy:

Please let me know if you want a PowerPoint presentation for the BOS meeting on 10/22/25 regarding the recommendations of the Senior Tax Committee or if this letter will suffice for the agenda that session?

I did an abbreviated presentation to the Board of Finance in September, which took approximately thirty minutes to present.

Regards:

Gary J. Roman - Chairperson

860-837-4156

Email: garyjroman@gmail.com

- 1. Current Senior Tax Recipients: Currently, 1,892 households receive the \$1,048 credit. The credit has not been adjusted for inflation since 2008.
- 2. Seniors Living Below the Poverty Level: No town program exists for this "fragile" group of senior homeowners.
- 3. Seniors Living in Ridgefield for 25 Years or More: To support the senior homeowners who have supported town and the school district for more than 25 years.
- 4. Seniors Requiring Financial Assistance to Pay for Major Home Repairs or Life issues: The current Elderly Deferment Program (EDP) income limit has not been changed since 2019.

Key Proposals for Expansion of Senior Tax Relief by the Senior Tax Committee (2025):

Here are the proposals under consideration as of October 2025, which includes adjustments to two existing Senior Tax Programs and two new proposed Senior Tax Credits:

- Non-Income-Tested Credit (Existing Credit): The current flat credit for seniors who
 meet age and residency requirements (but not means testing) is proposed to be raised. For
 FY 2027, from \$1,048 to \$1,200, and further to \$1,400 in FY 2028.
- 2) Supplemental Means Tested Tax Credit (New): In addition to the flat (non-means tested) credit, the Senior Tax Committee is recommending a supplemental (additional) tax credit that would be tied to income levels. Meaning seniors with lower incomes would receive a supplemental tax credit. The income level suggested sets a maximum Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) at \$65,000. The tax credits for qualifying homeowners will be an additional \$400 in FY 2027 and \$800 in FY 2028.
- 3) Supplemental Longevity Tax Credit (New): Same requirements as the Non-Income Tested Tax Credit (#1) for residency in Ridgefield. An additional tax credit will be granted with Homeowners who have owned residences in Ridgefield for over 25 years. The residency does not have to be in the same home or in consecutive years. The Supplemental Longevity Tax Credit proposed is \$100 in FY 2027 and \$200 in FY 2028.
- 4) Town Elderly Deferment Program (EDP) (Existing Programs): The existing program allows senior homeowners to defer the real estate taxes for a given year. Taxpayers have used the EDP to pay for major house repairs or for healthcare reasons, as examples. The deferred amount accrues interest payable at the time of conveyance of the real estate. The current maximum income allowed is \$65,000 and the Senior Tax Committee is recommending increasing the Modified Adjusted Gross Income be raised to \$85,000.

<u>Indexing for future increases</u>: To prevent benefit erosion over time, future increases in the senior tax credit are proposed to be indexed, either to tax rate growth in the town or adjustments tied to Social Security cost-of-living increases.

Fiscal Considerations & Community Impact:

While there is widespread support among seniors and advocates for more generous programs, there are also fiscal trade-offs. Some of the anticipated impacts include:

- The Town of Ridgefield currently supports Seniors and fully Disabled Veterans in FY
 2025 to the amount of approximately \$2.1 Million.
- The projected costs of implementing the proposals recommended by the STC would increase costs by approximately \$479,000 in FY 2027 and an additional \$572,000 in FY 2028.

Proposed Public Safety Building Facility Financial Impact on Seniors:

On November 4, 2025, voters in Ridgefield will vote on the proposed Referendum to approve the Project Budget of \$77,400,000 to construct the Public Safety Building. The impact of the Referendum will impact the annual tax bills for homeowners in Ridgefield, including the senior population.

The following chart includes the BOS estimate of potential tax increases for the Public Safety Facility by taxpayer level, which could be potentially offset by increases to the existing Senior Tax Credits in Ridgefield. Please note, the existing credit of \$1,048 has not been adjusted since 2008. Inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, would have increased the \$1,048 to approximately \$1,600 by 2025.

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\$	15,000	\$ 15,514.50	\$	515	\$	(1,048)	\$	(1,400)	\$	(163)	\$	(200)	\$ (38)
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\$	25,000	\$ 25,857.50	\$	858	\$	(1,048)	\$	(1,400)	\$	(506)	\$	(200)	\$ 306
\$	30,000	\$ 31,029.00	\$	1,029	\$	(1,048)	\$	(1,400)	\$	(677)	\$	(200)	\$ 477

Note: The estimates of tax increases in the chart above are from the Town of Ridgefield Public Information session presented on 9/27/25. The amount of taxes shown in the illustration do not take into account any potential changes in mill rate in future years due to both 1) changes in the Senior Tax Credit provided 2) other budget decisions impacting both expenses and revenues.

Illustration Explained: The Chart above shows the incremental increases as follows:

- a) The additional tax increase of annual property tax levels to carry the cost of the Public Safety Building. Example: The taxpayer paying \$15,000 would require future taxes of \$15,515, or an annual \$515 increase to carry the cost of the new facility.
- b) The existing Senior Tax Credit would be increased from \$1,048 to \$1,400 by FY 2028, if accepted. Decreasing the Public Safety Building increase to a net tax increase of \$163 for the \$15,000 taxpayer.
- c) The existing Senior Tax Credit would be increased from \$1,048 to \$1,400 by FY2 2028 and the proposed Longevity Tax Credit would add an additional \$200 of Senior Tax Credits to the \$1,400 Senior Tax Credit proposed. The combined tax credits for the Senior Tax Credit and the Longevity Tax Credit would offset proposed increases for the Public Safety Building and would result in a net tax decrease of (\$38) for the \$15,000 taxpayer.
- d) The Chart above does not account for the Proposed impact of Supplemental Means Tested Senior Tax Credit which would add an additional tax credit of \$800 by Fiscal Year 2028. This tax credit requires qualification based on income and is not reflected in the Chart above.

Summary:

The Senior Tax Committee recommends the modification to the non-income based Senior Tax Credit amount and the implementation of the Longevity Tax Credit and for the most at risked seniors, a Means Tested Tax Credit. Additionally, by increasing the income test for the Elderly Deferment Program (EDP), more seniors may be able to stay in their homes as they are challenged by health and financial challenges.

Regards:

Gary J. Roman - Chairperson

Committee Members:

Joseph Adams, Jr. Leonard Comberiate Carl Forcheski James Bertoluzzi Linda Massie Andrew Okrongly

Town of Ridgefield

Senior Tax Credit - Incremental Impact FY 2027 and FY 2028

Building
Public Safety
Tax Increase -
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STC compared to Tax

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STC	Increased	by \$352 by	FY 28

STC New Credit Incresaed by \$200 by FY 28