

Town of Montville Explanatory Text For March 8, 2016 Referendum

At its regular meeting on January 11, 2016, the Montville Town Council adopted Ordinance 2016-01, entitled “Ordinance Establishing the Montville Police Department” (the “Ordinance”). The Ordinance creates a Montville Police Department independent of the State Police to operate as a department of the Town of Montville under terms and conditions prescribed by the Ordinance. Among other things, the Ordinance would result in the creation of the position of Montville Chief of Police. On February 12, 2016, a legally sufficient petition to overrule the Ordinance compiled pursuant to Montville Charter § C803 was filed with the Montville Town Clerk. Upon the filing of a legally sufficient petition, Charter § C803, requires that the question of the overrule of an ordinance be referred to a Town Meeting, to be scheduled by the Town Council and to be held within 20 days of the filing of the petition. At a Special Town Council Meeting on February 16, 2016, the Town Council scheduled a Special Town Meeting to be held on February 24, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers to consider the petition for overrule. Also at that Special Meeting, pursuant to authority granted it by General Statutes § 7-7, the Town Council removed the vote on the petition to a referendum which it scheduled to be held at Fair Oaks School, 836 Old Colchester Road, Oakdale, CT, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., on March 8, 2016, and directed the Town Clerk to prepare an “Explanatory Text,” as authorized by General Statutes § 9-369b.

The question that will appear on the Ballot at the referendum shall be:

Shall Ordinance No. 2016-01, entitled “Ordinance Establishing the Town of Montville Police Department,” be overruled, meaning that an independent Town of Montville Police Department will not be established?

A voter who does not wish there to be an independent Town of Montville Police Department should vote “YES,” to overrule the Ordinance.

A voter who wishes the Ordinance to become effective, meaning that an independent Town of Montville Police Department will be established as a department of the Town, should vote “NO,” against the overrule of the Ordinance.

Copies of the Ordinance and of this Explanatory Text, as well as copies of the Agenda of the Special Town Council Meeting of February 16, 2016 and of the Notice of the Special Town Meeting of February 24, 2016, are all available on the Town’s website at www.townofmontville.org and are on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 310 Route 32, Montville, CT 06382, during the Town’s regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and copies will be available to persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot at the referendum.