



**CITY OF NEW LONDON**

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 14, 2013  
**TO:** Mayor Daryl Justin Finizio  
**FROM:** Jane Glover, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Police Department K-9 Program

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This memo is written in consideration of the authority of my position, which was established in accordance with Section 39.d(b) of the City of New London Charter:

(b) The budget shall provide for a chief administrative officer who shall be the principal managerial aide to the mayor. The chief administrative officer shall be unclassified employee of the city and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Said chief administrative officer shall be appointed on the basis of substantial executive and administrative experience, qualifications and knowledge.

As your Chief Administrative Officer, it is my duty to respond to the issue of the ordinance regarding the K-9 program at the Police Department. As such, I cannot recommend that you sign the ordinance for the following reasons:

- 1) The law director has declared the ordinance to be legally invalid and in my opinion you should not sign a document that is both improper and illegal;
- 2) The Police Administration has the right to determine whether such a program is essential and/or to determine the management of the K-9 program. In establishing this ordinance the City Council is reaching beyond its authority to micro-manage a department that is under the authority of the Mayor.
- 3) For the City Council to establish an ordinance that directly affects an issue that is collectively bargained undermines my authority as Chief Administrative Officer during a time when we are in contract negotiations. Further, approving this ordinance would adversely affect the City's ability to collectively bargain with any union going forward, as the same interference could occur with other Bargaining Units.

Therefore, I strongly recommend that you consider vetoing this ordinance.