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Deleting The Check

New Norwich policy gives people with criminal records a fairer chance to prove they have changed for the better. That is good news not only for them, but for all of society.

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to consider past conduct as part of a full evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for the position.

No one expects the city to hire an applicant for the finance department with a past record of fraud, but should someone who, as an older teen, foolishly went for a joyride in a stolen car be excluded from driving a snowplow? Probably not.

Norwich becomes the first municipality in the state to adopt such a policy, which covers only city workers, not school employees. We expect other communities will be keeping a close eye on how it works. They should. ■

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READER'S COMMENTS

Posted - 12/3/2008 4:00:20 PM
Hey Norwich.. Thanks to you, all of the criminals will move out of my town and into yours!! HAHAAHAHA!!! Suckers!!

Will Colchester
- 12/3/2008 5:17:59 PM

Posted - 12/3/2008 3:47:36 PM
Norwich has just become the preferred destination of every degenerate criminal and/or ex-con in the State of CT who is looking for easy work. Look for the crime rate to skyrocket in the Rose City due to an influx of out of work criminals. In the very near future we'll be wringing our hands trying to understand how some child molester or drug dealer got a job with the recreation department supervising children, or how someone on a road crew broke into someone's home, or some other such story. This action by the geniuses on our city council is so completely stupid that it's beyond words.

Stan Norwich

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- Spaces Danbury & Greenwich passed laws that sex offenders can't walk on the beach or in parks, yet arsonists are allowed to work for the fire department. The time to think of consequences is before NOT after you do time. BRuce
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- Does this mean that it no longer makes sense to destroy someone's lifetime job opportunities because they got arrested with a dime bag of marijuana at age 18? My God! Maybe there is intelligent life out there. Amused
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- The mother of all stupid ideas... and of course Dems are behind it. How about adjusting it instead of throwing it out, sunset the time period sooner or make the severity of the crime a requirement, minor monetary crimes, fraud,embezzlement etc can be ignored but I want to know if a murderer or rapist or such is working in my governmentAnd Ms. Caron don't forget the thank all the Ex-Cons and criminals standing behind you.... they are very happy... the first person that is impacted by this stupid decision falls on your head too. Edward Jones
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- A second chance may be good for some of these applicants.... a criminal records check will still be done. rpl
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- This doesn't allow the applicant to hide their past, it just allows them to be on equal playing field for the initial part of the hiring process. My husband has a criminal background, and he tried to better himself by going back to school. He started at NE Tech, for HVAC then I discovered that he will never be able to get a license in that field(or any other) So now, it's back to menial jobs, and paying back student loans that were a COMPLETE WASTE of money. Once you do the time, you should be able to get on with your life!!! UNFAIR! You always carry a stigma. JW
Stonington, CT
- 12/3/2008 11:15:54 AM
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- As if there weren't enough criminals in government jobs... Abe
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- We would like to thank ABWF,CABYN, LARCC, GHLA,Clean Slate New Haven Ever Green of New Haven ans all the Residents of Norwich who came out and supported this ordinance and the Norwich City Council for looking "Beyond The Box" and voting unanimously on this historic ordinance. We look forward to continuing to work with you on future issues. Jacqueline Caron, Founder / Chairwoman Connecticut Pardon Team, Inc. P.O. Box 807 ~ 307 Main Street Norwich, Connecticut 06360 Toll-free: 1-866-251-3810 Local (Norwich): 1-860-823-1571 <http://www.connecticutpardonteam.com> Jacqueline Caron
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- 12/3/2008 8:20:16 AM
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- is the City that hard up for job candidates? Brian
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