## TOWN OF VERNON



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## **Town of Vernon Pilots New Office Hours**

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – The Town of Vernon is piloting new office hours this summer for certain town departments.

Effective July 5<sup>th</sup>, employees in the Town Clerk's office, Finance Department, Building Department, Fire Marshal's office, Administration and administrative staff in the Water Pollution Control Department will work longer hours Monday through Thursday. Those employees will not work on Fridays.

Employees' total work hours will not change.

New public office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday. The Social Services Department and Probate Court, both in Town Hall, will remain open Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Opening earlier will increase access to town offices and aligns with an analysis of residents' use of town services. The move also makes Vernon more competitive in attracting talent for town jobs.

"Enhancing the work-life balance is important, especially when it comes to recruitment and retention of our valued employees," Town Administrator Michael Purcaro said. "A four-day work week is attractive to potential employees and helps us remain competitive with other municipalities that have moved to this schedule."

Town Administration will continue to analyze and work collaboratively with non-union employees and bargaining units on potential schedule changes as long as any change is consistent with the needs of the public.

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