



May 19, 2016

Senator Clark J. Chapin, Co-Chair
Representative Brian Becker, Co-Chair
Regulations Review Committee, Room 011
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: *Request to Withdraw Regulation 2016-002 - Concerning Parking Fees at Connecticut State Parks*

Dear Senator Chapin and Representative Becker:

On May 2, 2016, pursuant to section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I resubmitted for your consideration and approval a proposal to amend the Department's regulation concerning the fee charged for vehicle parking at Connecticut State Parks. The regulation package has been given the LRRC designation number 2016-002. This regulation package had previously been rejected without prejudice by your committee, with technical corrections noted. Those corrections were made, and the regulation package was resubmitted.

The proposal was intended to streamline the collection of applicable parking fees at Connecticut State Parks where a parking fee is charged by "rounding up" the parking fees to the next whole dollar, inclusive of the sales tax, as a way to speed transactions and limit the traffic back-ups that can occur at our park entrances. We are aware the General Assembly has approved a state budget that would repeal the sales tax on parking fees at state parks. Given that fact, we would request to withdraw the regulation package at this time.

One issue that was evident during the discussion about the regulation package is that our current regulations do not reflect subsequently adopted statutory changes to our fees. As you know, this fact has caused significant confusion in the consideration of this regulation. To remedy this situation, we intend to resubmit this regulation package in the coming weeks with the parking fee amounts corrected to reflect the current, statutorily mandated fee level.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if there are any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Rob LaFrance, the Department's Legislative Liaison, at (860) 424-3401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Klee", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Klee
Commissioner