## ENGAGING HEAVEN MINISTRIES INC. – TAX EXEMPT STATUS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT, PROVIDING FOR ENGAGING HEAVEN MINISTRIES INC. TO RECEIVE TAX EXEMPT STATUS AS OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Stonington recognizes the inherent good and benefits that non-profit organizations provide to the surrounding community and the citizens of the Town; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Stonington desires to allow Engaging Heaven Ministries Inc. to enjoy tax exempt status as of May 12, 2015, the date that said organization acquired real property within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes 12-81b provides that the Town may pass an ordinance to accomplish this goal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Tax Exempt Status As Of The Date Of Acquisition.

The property tax exemption authorized by subsection (15) of §12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be effective as to Engaging Heaven Ministries Inc. as of the date of acquisition of the property, being May 12, 2015, for property acquired at 82 Elm Ridge Road, Pawcatuck, Connecticut.

Section 2. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions of applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance and the various applications thereof are declared to be severable.

Section 3. Conflict With Existing Ordinances.

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective following approval of Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation within the Town of Stonington.

Approved: Sept. 20, 2016 Effective: Oct. 13, 2016