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~ AD HOC REPORT~
Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Vets
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Chairman Joseph Cavo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Committee members Philip Curran and Thomas Saadi. Also present were Les Pinter, Corporation Counsel; David St. Hilaire, Finance Director; and Brendan Sniffin, Korean War Veterans Association President.

Chairman Cavo introduced everyone present at the meeting and briefly explained the purpose of the meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee was formed to discuss Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Vets which was submitted to the Committee.

Mr. Pinter provided a summary noting new legislation increases from two times to three times the base exemption for 100% disabled veterans by the Assessor. Mr. St. Hilaire noted the cost analysis comes to \$3,200 total at the current number (approximately 11) claiming the exemption to date, although more could potentially apply.

Councilman Saadi noted the disability rating is determined by the Department of Veterans' Affairs on an individual basis, and he commended the Mayor for lobbying to provide the maximum benefit, which the City of Danbury does. He urged veterans to update and reapply every year. Chair Cavo commented that there are other veterans' benefits that may be combined.

A motion was made by Councilman Curran and seconded by Councilman Saadi, to recommend the Council of the Whole approve the Ordinance change as discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee, and that it move on to a Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Saadi and seconded by Councilman Curran, that the Ad Hoc Committee be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cavo, Chairman

Thomas Saadi

Philip Curran



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2014

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

That the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered 18-15.1, which said section reads as follows:

18-15.1. – Additional exemption from property tax for one hundred percent disabled veterans.

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 12-81g(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes the City of Danbury hereby provides for an additional exemption from property tax for one hundred per cent disabled veterans.
- (b) In lieu of the additional exemption prescribed under subsection (a) of C.G.S. section 12-81g, any person entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with subdivision (20) of C.G.S. section 12-81, reflecting any increase made pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. section 12-62g, who has a disability rating of one hundred percent, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, shall be entitled to an additional exemption from such tax in an amount equal to three times the amount of the exemption provided for such person pursuant to subdivision (20) of C.G.S. section 12-81, provided such person's total adjusted gross income as determined for purposes of the federal income tax, plus any other income not included in such adjusted income, excluding veterans' disability payments, individually if unmarried, or jointly with spouse if married, during the calendar year ending immediately preceding the filing of a claim for any such exemption, is not more than twenty-one thousand dollars if such person is married or not more than eighteen thousand dollars if such person is not married or such amounts as may be set forth in such income limitations as specified in Section 12-81g.
- (c) Said additional exemption shall be effective for the assessment year commencing on October 1, 2014, and for each assessment year thereafter.