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**CITY OF DANBURY**  
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Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
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Re: Police Services Fee Recovery  
Sports contests/Public amusement events/C.G.S. Section 7-284

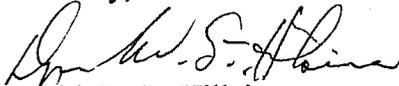
Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

The Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-284, provides for the recovery of fees for services provided by municipal police departments to places of public amusement, including sporting events and related activities. While the statute affords the Chief the discretion to provide or not provide the services and at what level, once provided, there is frequently a problem with collecting the cost of the services from the proprietor or promoter of the event. Any subsequent fee collection activity can be lengthy and expensive. Unfortunately, this leaves the Police Department in the difficult position of providing services with the risk of no payment, or not providing services with the risk of incidents of damage or injury at such events.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that an Ad hoc Committee be formed to review a possible ordinance proposal providing for a combination of required permitting and/or pre-payment, or the posting of a bond/security to ensure payment in those instances contemplated by the Connecticut statutes. The Office of the Corporation Counsel will prepare a proposed draft ordinance which will be available prior to and at the Committee meeting for discussion of a solution(s).

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me, or the Office of the Corporation Counsel with any questions.

Sincerely,



David W. St. Hillaire  
Director of Finance

cc: Alan Baker, Police Chief  
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