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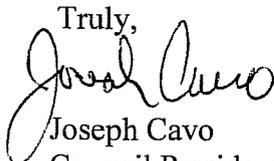
Dear Fellow Council Members:

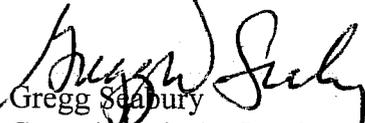
We write to request the appointment of a City Council Leadership Ad Hoc Committee to draft an ordinance restricting private businesses from receiving commercial and/or residential sewage for processing. This includes, but is not limited to, the separation of solids from liquids and/or treatment of solids and/or liquids unless such process is pursuant to a bona fide operating agreement with the City of Danbury.

This is a necessary step to prevent companies from constructing and operating such facilities which are likely to have a significant negative impact on surrounding homes and businesses. Under current regulations such facilities are permitted as a special exception use in certain zones and, if approved, could be a close as 50 feet from residential homes. Additionally, municipal sewers bills are based on the type of facility and volume of water used and not the number of gallons of sewage produced. This billing approach is reasonable for typical commercial operations in Danbury. However, a private sewage processing/treatment facility would use minimal metered water while dumping tens of thousands of gallons of untreated sewage into Danbury's sanitary sewer system at a rate of only pennies, or less, per gallon leaving the City's sewer rate payers stuck with the bill to treat this waste. This seems fundamentally unfair to residents and businesses, sewer rate payers and taxpayers and an undue burden on the City.

Therefore, we request the appointment of a leadership ad hoc committee to address this issue.

Truly,


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Council President


Gregg Seabury
Council Majority Leader


Jack Knapp
Majority Legislative Leader


Thomas J. Saadi
Council Minority Leader


Fred Visconti
Minority Legislative Leader