

**Withholding Approvals/Delinquency
Committee as a Whole
Danbury City Council
25-Oct-12**

Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Council President, Joseph Cavo, called the meeting to order at 7:24pm in the Council Chambers.

Present were Council Members: Philip Curran, Michael J. Haddad Sr., Jack Knapp, Warren Levy, Gregg Seabury, Shay Nagarsheth, Michael Halas, Joseph Cavo, Fred Visconti, Stephen Darcy, Andrew Wetmore, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Paul T. Rotello, Joseph Scozzafava, and Mary Teicholz

PRESENT: 17 ABSENT: 4

Council Members Colleen Stanley, Philip Colla, and Thomas Saadi were attending to family matters. Councilmen Don Taylor had a work obligation.

Andrew Wetmore made a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments to Section 6-1(a) of the Code of Ordinances regarding withholding of building approvals for delinquent taxpayers. The motion was seconded by Gregg Seabury. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned 7:30pm



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2012

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

That Section 6-1 (a) of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-1. - Withholding building approvals where Applicant is delinquent for the property for which an application was made.

(a) ***Approval withheld.*** Pursuant to the provisions of section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and except when otherwise provided in subsection (b) hereof, the building official of the City of Danbury shall withhold approval of building and building-related applications and approvals when taxes or water or sewer rates, charges or assessments imposed by the City of Danbury are delinquent for the property for which an application was made.

(b) ***Exceptions.*** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) hereof, the building official may:

- (1) Issue a demolition permit;
- (2) Issue a permit to perform repairs to an existing structure which is unsafe within the meaning of the State Building Code if the building official determines that such repairs should be performed immediately to protect the safety of the public or of the occupants of the structure; or
- (3) Issue a permit to perform work to restore a structure damaged by fire, provided that the building official obtains evidence satisfactory to the City of Danbury that the city will receive the proceeds of a fire insurance policy in an amount sufficient to cover any such delinquency.