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Hon. Members of the City Council  
City of Danbury  
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Dear Council Members:

The current edition of the Danbury Code of Ordinances was compiled over fifty years ago and until now no comprehensive review of the code has ever been undertaken. Yet, over the past five decades, state and federal laws have changed, ordinances have become obsolete and official titles have been revised. As a result, redundancies, inconsistencies and conflicts now exist within our local law.

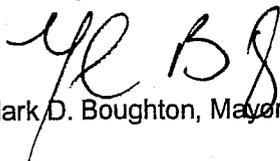
Now, after many months of work, the Municipal Code Corporation, the editor and publisher of our Code of Ordinances, has completed a recodification of the Code for your consideration. This work was accomplished with the assistance of department heads and city officials and in close cooperation with the office of the Corporation Counsel. The result corrects existing conflicts, deletes obsolete provisions, eliminates internal inconsistencies and redundancies and reorganizes the entire code in a way that will make our ordinances clearer and more accessible while insuring that the text is accurate and reliable.

In order to put the entire recodification into effect, an Adoption Ordinance has been prepared for your review. This Adoption Ordinance refers to and incorporates the revised text of all current ordinances. Copies of the full text, as proposed, are available in the office of the Legislative Assistant for review. Once the Adoption Ordinance has been approved, the Municipal Code Corporation will publish the revised Code in a new edition for citywide use. Further, this long-overdue modernization will also be published through on-line media, on which many of our residents have come to rely.

It is my intention to appoint a committee to consider this significant initiative, which will bring additional clarity and accessibility to our local legislation and give our residents a better understanding of your legislative purpose.

Finally, once this phase of the project has been completed, we intend to continue our review of the code of ordinances, going beyond these technical revisions to address more substantive issues. These revisions will be presented to you as the work progresses over the long term.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton, Mayor



# ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2013

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

**Section 1.** The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 50, each inclusive, is adopted.

**Section 2.** All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before May 1, 2012, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

**Section 3.** The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

**Section 4.** Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and as may be amended by state law. Each day's violation of any provision of the Code or of any ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. As used in this section the term "violation" or "offense" does not include the failure of a city officer or city employee to perform an official duty unless it is specifically provided that such failure is to be punished as provided in this section. The imposition of a penalty does not prevent suspension or revocation of a license, permit or franchise or other administrative sanctions. The imposition of any punishment hereunder shall not prevent the enforced abatement of any unlawful condition by the city. Violations of the Code that are continuous with respect to time are a public nuisance and may be abated by injunctive or other equitable relief. The imposition of a penalty does not prevent injunctive relief.

**Section 5.** Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate an intention to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption and publication, as provided by law and section 3-10 of the Charter of the City of Danbury.