

**Committee of the Whole--Regulations of Cash Payments  
Code of Ordinances, Section 18-24  
DANBURY CITY COUNCIL  
December 09, 2013**

Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of the Common Council

President Cavo called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the City Council Chambers.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andrew Wetmore, Benjamin Chianese, Duane Perkins, Fred Visconti, Gregg Seabury, Irving Fox, Jack Knapp, John Priola, Joseph Cavo, Marina Loyola, Mike Haddad, Philip Curran, Thomas Saadi, Vinnie DiGilio, Warren Levy, and Chris Arconti

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Colleen Stanley, Elmer Palma, Joe Scozzafava, Paul Rotello, and Peter Nero. All were attending to business obligations.

**PRESENT: 16 ABSENT: 5**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel and Scott Ferguson, Tax Collector

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**A motion was made by Warren Levy and seconded by Gregg Seabury to accept the communication and adopt the amendments to Code of Ordinances, Section 18-24 as presented.**

A discussion regarding the frequency of accepting unwrapped coins, the logistics and security of accepting coins ensued. Mr. Ferguson, Tax Collector, stated that accepting large quantities of unwrapped and wrapped coins creates an undue burden for his staff, other tax payers, and the bank will not accept this amount of coin in one deposit. The discussion continued about the legal issues related to accepting coin to pay taxes and notice of the amendment to the public. Mr. Levy commented that most rules and regulations are made for those who want to step outside the normal lines. He continued that this ordinance was designed to prevent the problems associated with those who want to make a statement; there is flexibility in the ordinance so the Tax Collector can accept a reasonable amount of coin.

**The motion carried unanimously**

As there was no further business, the Committee of the Whole--Regulations of Cash Payments, Code of Ordinances, Section 18-24 ended at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shani Burke Specht  
Recording Secretary



# ORDINANCE

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2014

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

Sec. 18-24. Regulation of cash payments.

Neither the tax collector nor any other officer or employee of the city shall be required to accept coins in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) for payment of any amounts owed to the city for taxes, assessments, use charges or other debts of any kind. In addition, no more than forty nine cents (\$0.49) in pennies, one dollar ninety five cents (\$1.95) in nickels, four dollars ninety cents (\$4.90) in dimes or nine dollars seventy five cents (\$9.75) in quarters will be accepted within any payment, unless the coins are wrapped in coin wrappers acceptable to the city. In addition, any city officer or employee handling a cash transaction may refuse to accept it if the quantity of cash being tendered is deemed by the officer or employee to be too voluminous or disruptive for their office to handle in the normal course of business. It shall be a violation of this section for a taxpayer to depart before a cash transaction has been verified and a receipt issued for the amount of the payment. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this section through the issuance of citations, in accordance with the provisions of section 12-34 of this Code.