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Committee of the Whole

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Danbury City Council

Council President Cavo called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:42pm on April 16, 2014. The Committee of the Whole would be discussing items 1 through 7 from the Public Hearing.

Present were Council Members: Philip Curran, Michael Haddad, Warren Levy, Colleen Stanley, Andrew Wetmore, Irving Fox, John Priola, Vinny Digilio, Joseph Cavo, Thomas Saadi, Fred Visconti, Christopher Arconti, Peter Nero, Benjamin Chianese, Paul Rotello, Joseph Scozzafava

Absent were Council Members:

Council Members Elmer Palma and Perkins were working and Council Members Jack Knapp and Loyola were ill and Council Member Seabury had a family emergency.

PRESENT: 16 ABSENT: 5

Item #3 Building Department Fee Schedule Code of Ordinance Section 6-02 A and 6-02B

Council Member Digilio moved to adopt the amendment to City Code of Ordinance, Section 6-02 adding footing inspections to sub-section (a) (2) and adding a requirement for a Certificate of Approval as sub-section (b) (8) seconded by Council Member Chianese. Council President Cavo called on Atty. Pinter to address the Committee regarding a minor change. Atty. Pinter advised that the Ad Hoc Committee met to consider amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding the Certificate of Occupancy and recommended that the Committee accept the amendments.

Council Member Stanley requested clarification on the fee structure. Discussion followed. Atty. Pinter advised that any substantive changes could be made at a later date.

Council Members Curran, Haddad, Levy, Stanley, Fox, Priola, Digilio, Cavo, Saadi, Visconti, Arconti, Nero, Chianese, Rotello voted in favor. Council Members Wetmore and Scozzafava voted in opposition. **Motion passed 14/2.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cavo, President



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CITY COUNCIL

A.D. 2014

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

Sec. 6-02. Amendment of Connecticut Basic Building Code.

(a) Fees generally:

- (1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 108.2 of the State Building Code, before receiving a building permit the owner or his agent shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule and based on the value of the work to be performed:

<i>Valuation of Work</i>	<i>Fee</i>
For single and multi-family residential structures below one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in value	Twenty two dollars (\$22.00) *
One thousand dollars (\$1,000) and above	Twenty two dollars (\$22.00) for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in value plus eleven dollars (\$11.00) for each additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or part thereof *
For commercial and industrial structures	Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or part thereof *
For separate permits, available at the option of the owner, covering mechanicals, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, sprinklers, chimneys and fireplaces	Five dollars (\$5.00) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in value up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus eleven dollars (\$11.00) for each additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) *

*except that the fee for all residential and commercial structures located in the downtown revitalization zone as specified in section 7.f. of the City of Danbury Zoning Regulations shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%). Any state fees shall not be reduced.

No application for a building permit shall be processed without payment of the foregoing fees. If after the filing of an application for a building permit a change is made to the scope of the work to be performed which affects the value of the work, a new fee shall be calculated. Any increase in fee shall be paid prior to the issuance of a building permit unless a building permit has already been issued, in which case said increased fee shall be paid prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Any decrease in fee resulting from a change in the work shall be refunded in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) hereof.

- (2) The fee established in paragraph 6-02(a)(1) shall cover the eight (8) inspections specified herein or so many thereof as are required or applied for on any particular project. Required inspections, to the extent applicable, include:
 - a. Footing Inspections
 - b. Footing drains and waterproofing
 - c. Rough electrical
 - d. Rough plumbing
 - e. Framing
 - f. Insulation
 - g. Gas or oil burner
 - h. Final; including, but not limited to, electrical, plumbing, fire divisions and exits.

Additional inspections shall be performed for an additional fee of dollars (\$33.00) per inspection. Each separate trip to the site shall be deemed to be a separate inspection. Such additional fees shall be due and payable prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The holder of a valid building permit may request that some or all of the foregoing inspections be performed outside of normal business hours. The Danbury building official may authorize performance of such inspections outside of normal business hours if appropriate personnel are available to provide such service. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued to any permit holder for whom inspections have been performed outside of normal business hours until the permit holder has paid a fee to cover the additional expense incurred by the city in connection with such inspections. All such fees shall be in an amount equal to the wages paid to personnel performing said inspections.

(b) *Additional fees.* Before receiving a permit or certificate for the following uses or for the conduct of any of the following activities, the owner or his agent shall pay the fee prescribed below:

<i>Type of Permit or Certificate</i>	<i>Fee</i>
(1) Demolition permits	Four percent (4%) of the actual cost of demolition
(2) Permits for the moving of buildings	Two hundred and seventy five dollars (\$275.00) per building
(3) Permits for wood stoves	Fifty five dollars (\$55.00) each
(4) Permits for tanks	
a. with a capacity of six hundred and sixty (660) gallons or less	Fifty five dollars (\$55.00) each
b. with a capacity of more than six hundred and sixty (660) gallons but less than two thousand (2000) gallons	Eighty three dollars (\$83.00) each
c. with a capacity of two thousand (2000) gallons or more	One hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) each
(5) Permits for signs	
a. If ten (10) square feet or less	Eleven dollars (\$11.00)
b. If in excess of ten (10) square feet	Eleven dollars (\$11.00) for the first ten (10) square feet plus fifty five cents (\$0.55) for each additional square foot or part thereof
(6) Certificate of occupancy	Twenty eight dollars (\$28.00) each
(7) Pools	
	Fifty five dollars (\$55.00) for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in value plus eleven dollars (\$11.00) for each additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or part thereof
(8) Certificate of approval	Twenty eight dollars (\$28.00) each
For all completed work that requires a building permit but does not require a certificate of occupancy. Such work shall include, but not be limited to: fences over 6 feet in height; retaining walls over 3 feet in height; and electrical, plumbing and mechanical repairs or alterations performed in the absence of additional work that requires a certificate of occupancy.	