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CITY OF DANBURY

155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

May 22, 2008

VIA US MAIL & EMAIL

Joseph Cavo, President
Danbury Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Tax Deferral Ordinance Amendment

Dear President Cavo and Members of the Council:

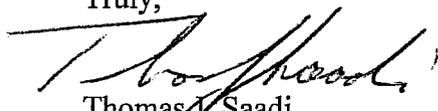
There has been an ongoing debate regarding the operation of the municipal ordinance providing for the deferral of property tax assessment increases attributable to construction or improvements when there is a change of use or deviation from the proposed and approved project. (See Danbury Code of Ordinances § 18-25.)

As a result of this debate it seems that the current deferral ordinance's language is insufficient to clearly address the issue of changes of use or substantial deviation from proposed and approved project plans. As such, I and other members of the Democratic Caucus propose that the City amend the existing ordinance to mandate that a change of use or substantial deviation from the approved project plans invalidate the deferral unless continuation of the deferral is approved by the Common Council.

We have attached the proposed amendment hereto and ask that this item be placed on the June agenda with the hope that our colleagues will refer the matter to a public hearing.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and should you have any questions please contact me.

Truly,


Thomas J. Saadi
Democratic Caucus Leader

THAT Subparagraph (5) of Subsection (d) of Section 18-25 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (NEW) e. That the assessment deferral shall cease upon a change of use or substantive deviation from the assessment deferred project as approved of the construction or improvements unless, prior to said change of use or substantive deviation taking effect, the owner, lessee or successor in interest applies for and obtains approval of the Common Council for the continuation of said assessment deferral.