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May 28, 2008

Hon. Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Hon. Members of the Common Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Amendments to Code of Ordinances  
Sections 19-4; 19-34.1; 19-35  
Traffic Violations

Dear Mayor and Council:

The attached proposed ordinance amendments continue the process of updating language and fine amounts in order to provide Danbury with clearer and more potent enforcement of violations of local traffic law within the jurisdiction of the Police Department.

Sec. 19-4 (General penalties) proposes an increase of fines for the specified categories to a maximum of \$250.00 or as increased by state law subsequently. Two former categories are eliminated (due to unclear references) and two added in order to make this section consistent with Code section 19-34.1 and 19-35. There is also some clarifying language that eliminates the provisions regarding arrest, as these categories of traffic violation are no longer deemed to be arrestable offenses.

Sec. 19-34.1 (Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones) draws the former fine (\$90.00) into Sec. 19-4, and establishes a new (proposed) fine of \$250.00.

Sec. 19-35 (Handicapped Parking) similarly to Sec. 19-34.1, proposes to increase that fine from \$50.00 to the statutorily designated \$250.00, by reference again to Sec. 19-4.

Please keep in mind that, and as I had mentioned in prior correspondence, there is no requirement that you adjust these fines to the established maximum referenced above. You can vary the fines in accordance with advice from the Police Department and/or your own judgment or review of factors. However, we are presenting the entire listing to you in order that you may review and make any changes you wish at the same time, so the ordinance can be amended concurrently with others that are before you now.

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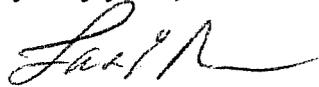
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Kindly refer these to the same committee already established to deal with a prior ordinance(s) seeking to adjust traffic and/or parking fines, or to such other appropriate committee as you deem proper.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



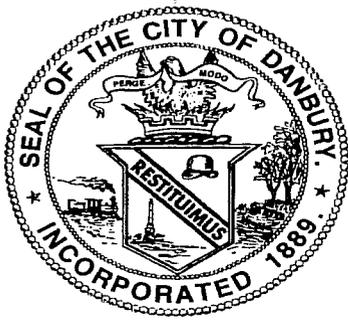
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**Attachments**

cc: Alan Baker, Police Chief

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# ORDINANCE

## CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### COMMON COUNCIL

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

THAT Section 19-4 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 19-4. Penalty.

(a) Any person violating the provisions of this article as set forth in this subsection shall be fined in accordance with the following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

Parking Violation	Fine	Code Section
Obstructing Sidewalks	\$250.00*	19-36
25 Ft. of Corner	\$250.00*	19-32
On Crosswalk	\$250.00*	19-56
Front of Driveway	\$250.00*	19-32
Obstructing Traffic/Streets/Intersections	\$250.00*	19-32
Fire Hydrant	\$250.00*	19-33
Fire Zone	\$250.00*	19-62
Fire Lane	\$250.00*	19-62
Loading Zone	\$250.00*	19-56
Snow Emergency	\$250.00*	19-60
Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones	\$250.00*	19-34.1
Handicapped person	\$250.00*	19-35

(b) Except as otherwise specifically set forth in subsection (a) hereof, the violation of any rule, regulation or order promulgated by the Traffic Authority of the City of Danbury shall be punishable by a fine established in accordance with state law and as established by the traffic authority.

(c) Fines payable in accordance with subsection (a) hereof shall be remitted to the city within seven (7) days of the issuance of a summons or citation. If any fine is not paid within seven (7) days, a penalty in an amount equal to the original fine shall immediately become due and payable in addition to the original fine.

(d) \* or such higher amount as may be established by virtue of state law or amended provision of state law.

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Note: New language is indicated by CAPITALIZATION COMBINED WITH UNDERLINING except that capitalization is not utilized for the letters in parentheses which indicate subsections.