

**Common Council Committee of the Whole**

**To:** Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton and members of the Common Council

**Re:** Minutes of the Common Council Committee of the Whole held on November 17, 2008

Council President Cavo called the Common Council Committee of the Whole to order at 7:25PM.

**The members were recorded as follows:**

**Louise P. McMahon, Shay Nagarsheth, James H. Johnson, Charles Trombetta, Michael J. Calandrino, Duane E. Perkins, Fred Visconti, Benjamin Chianese, John J. Esposito, Thomas J. Saadi, Joseph M. Cavo, Paul T. Rotello, Jane Diggs, Mary Teicholz, Robert F. Arconti, Philip Curran, Jack Knapp, Warren M. Levy, Robert Riley, Gregg Seabury and Colleen A. Stanley**

**Present: 17    Absent: 4**

**Councilmen Trombetta and Calandrino were out of the country and Councilmen Perkins and Seabury were working.**

Chief Alan Baker, Deputy Corporation Counsel Lazlo Pinter, Antonio Iadarola, P.E., Director of Public Works, Dennis Elpern, Director of Planning were also present to be available to provide information to the Council.

**1. Snow Emergency Protocol, Code of Ordinance, Section 19-60**

**Councilwoman Teicholz moved to amend Ordinance Sec. 19-60 as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee which amendments clarify the definition of snow emergency to allow for coordinated public works operations and snow emergency protocol during such emergencies.** The motion was seconded by Councilman Nagarsheth. Discussion followed. Clarification was requested for the declaration and public notification at the beginning and end of a snow emergency.

Director Iadarola provided information regarding the reasons for declaring a snow emergency, which is to allow the plow trucks passage to provide safe passage for emergency vehicles. Background information which lead to the request for the ordinance was also given. There has been a significant increase over the last few years of the placement of snow in the city roadways resulting in travel impediments. Other communities have adopted similar ordinances.

Atty. Pinter advised that additional information regarding snow emergencies could be posted on the website, however it is not advisable to list alternate parking areas in the ordinance. The ordinance makes it clear to the public how a snow emergency is declared, which is after consultation between the Mayor and Director of Public Works.

**Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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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 the Code of ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-60. Snow emergency.

No vehicle shall be permitted to park or remain stationary on any city street or highway so as to obstruct, hinder or otherwise delay snow-and-ice-control operations. All such vehicles must be removed no later than two (2) hours after the start of a snow emergency, as defined herein, and may be returned after all snow-and-ice-control operations have ceased.

The Police Department is authorized and empowered to take possession of and to remove any parked vehicle or vehicles which obstruct traffic or prevent snow or ice removal on such streets and highways.

The procedure for removing and towing such vehicles shall be the same as that prescribed in this article relating to the removal of illegally parked vehicles. The cost, recording, recovery of such vehicles, violations and penalties are also as prescribed in this article.

A snow emergency, pursuant to this section, is deemed to be in effect once declared by the Mayor, with and after consultation with the Director of Public Works or his designee, and upon the dispatching of snow and ice removal equipment.

Upon such declaration by the Mayor, snow-and-ice-removal protocol, as may be established, shall be deemed to be in effect until the cessation of snow-and-ice-removal operations or as otherwise may be declared.