

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

**Re:** Minutes of the Common Council Committee of the Whole held on June 25, 2007

The members were recorded as:

**Present-** McMahon, Nagarsheth, Johnson, Calandrino, Visconti, Chianese, Saadi, Cavo, Basso, Rotello, Diggs, Techolz, Seabury, Stanley and Taborsak

**Absent:** Mr. Riley and Mr. Trombetta are on vacation, and Mr. Perkins is working, and Mrs. Saracino is attending another meeting

**16 Present - 4 Absent - 1 Vacancy**

**Energy Tax Credit – Code of Ordinance, Section 18-12.2**

Mr. Johnson moved to recommend the approval and enactment of Ordinance section 18-12.2 establishing Energy Tax Credit. Seconded by Mr. Nagarsheth.

Discussion following concerning the income limits to be eligible for the credit, and number of applicants for this year. The Tax Assessor, Colleen Burke addressed these concerns.

Ms. Burke stated that the limits for this credit would be \$51,500 for a single person and \$58,000 for a married couple. She also addressed the issue of the number of applicants for this year. There were 794 applications, 30 of which did not qualify. There were 200 that were eligible that did not apply at all.

Mrs. Basso wanted to share with the Council a phone call she had received from an elderly gentleman that has benefited from this credit. He was very grateful to the city.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Nicosia  
Recording Secretary

THAT the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 18-12.2, which said section reads as follows:

**Sec. 18-12.2. Energy tax credit.**

In order to reduce the impact of escalating energy costs, beginning with the grand list year of 2006, any person who owns real property in the City of Danbury or is liable for the payment of taxes thereon, pursuant to Section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and who occupies the property as a principal residence shall be entitled to a tax credit of up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), if single, or to a tax credit of up to three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00), if married, provided that said taxpayer satisfies the conditions of section 18-12, except that said taxpayer must not have received qualifying income during the calendar year preceding the fiscal year for which a tax benefit is claimed in excess of an amount which shall be twenty-two thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$22,700.00) greater than the limits as established and adjusted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, subsection 12-170aa(b). For purposes hereof, "qualifying income" shall have the same definition as provided in subsection 18-12(b) hereof. An application for benefits offered pursuant to state tax relief programs for elderly homeowners may be accepted by the tax assessor as an application for benefits hereunder.