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Hon. Members of the City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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RE: Board of Assessment Appeals - Additional Members
Code of Ordinances Section 18-33

Dear Council Members:

The attached ordinance proposes to authorize the appointment of additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals ("BOAA") that serves to hear property tax appeals in the City of Danbury. At the present time, the City Charter authorizes a three (3) member BOAA membership as appointed by the Mayor for five (5) year terms. The Connecticut General Statutes (Sec. 9-199) permits the adoption of an ordinance to allow for the appointment of *additional* members for any assessment year.

At the present time, and in furtherance of this statutory allowance, I am asking that you refer this request for the new ordinance to ad hoc, and then once returned to the full Council for approval, concurrently authorize the appointment of two (2) new members whose names I will provide to you at that time also for a five (5) year term each, to cover the assessment years commencing with the List Year of 10/1/14. I will also submit a term renewal request for the three (3) BOAA members presently serving. The terms of all members would be staggered at the outset, such as to avoid expiration of all terms at the same time. The ordinance sets that forth.

Please contact this office in the event you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton, Mayor

Attachment



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2015

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

The Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered Section 18-33, which said section reads as follows:

Sec. 18-33. Board of Assessment Appeals; additional members.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 9-199(c), which authorizes the legislative body of any municipality to provide by ordinance for the appointment of additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals, two additional members shall be appointed in accordance with the further provisions hereof.

(b) Commencing with the assessment year beginning on October 1, 2014, the membership of the Danbury Board of Assessment Appeals shall be increased from three (3) members to five (5) members. Said members shall be resident electors of the City of Danbury and shall be appointed by the Mayor.

(c) The initial term of said additional members shall be determined such that all members of the Board of Assessment Appeals serve for staggered terms. Thereafter all members shall serve for terms of five (5) years.