



# CITY OF DANBURY

155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

July 7, 2004

Members of the Common Council  
City of Danbury  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Re: Resolution regarding Exemption from Disclosure of Alarm Registration Information

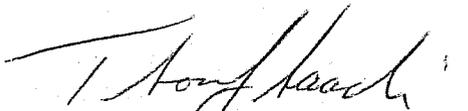
Dear Council Members:

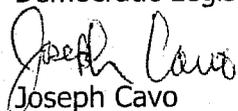
Attached is a resolution addressing the disclosure of information collected pursuant to the Alarm Registration and False Alarm Penalty Ordinance recently passed by the Common Council. We have drafted this resolution consistent with the privacy and safety concerns raised by members of the public and of the Common Council. The resolution urges the State of Connecticut to amend the Freedom of Information Act to allow the State and any political subdivision thereof to maintain information collected pursuant to such Alarm Registration Ordinances as confidential and exempt from disclosure.

This resolution is presented to you in a cooperative manner based upon dialogue with Common Council members and representatives of the City's Police and Fire Departments. We ask for your support and approval of this resolution as expeditiously as possible so that this important matter may receive the legislative attention it deserves.

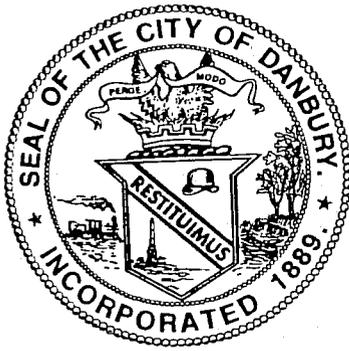
Should you have any questions you may contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas J. Saadi  
Democratic Legislative Leader

  
Joseph Cavo  
Republican Legislative Leader

  
Mary Saracino  
Republican Legislative Leader



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

**WHEREAS**, the proliferation of burglar and fire alarm systems to which the Danbury Police and Fire Departments are required to respond has increased steadily over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant percentage of said alarms systems to which the Danbury Police and Fire departments respond are false alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, the improper installation, use and maintenance of said alarm systems creates a hazard to the members of said Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Danbury adopted a Fire and Burglar alarm registration and false alarm penalty ordinance in order to address the problem of said false alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, said ordinance requires businesses and homeowners that install said alarm systems to provide personally identifying information to the City of Danbury as part of the registration process; and

**WHEREAS**, said information, including the names, address and phone numbers of said owners, and two other persons with access to said businesses' and homeowners' alarm systems, is not expressly exempt from disclosure pursuant to the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Danbury desires to maintain such personally identifying information collected and maintained by the City of Danbury exempt from public disclosure in order to protect the privacy and security of said businesses, homeowners and said other persons with access to said businesses' and homeowners' alarm systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in recognition of these privacy and security concerns, the Common Council of the City of Danbury does hereby respectfully urge the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut to amend the provisions of section 1-210 by modifying subsection (b) of section 1-210 to include an exemption from disclosure of documents, or the relevant sections thereof, that include the names, addresses or telephone numbers of persons contained in any fire or burglar alarm registration list collected and maintained by the State, any political subdivision thereof, or any public safety agency or department thereof.