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CITY OF DANBURY

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COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

November 1, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: **Tax Exemption for Veterans Ordinance**

The Common Council Committee to review the ordinance regarding the tax exemption for veterans met on October 24, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were committee members Urice, Basso and Saadi. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dena Diorio, Tax Assessor Colleen Burke, Assistant Corporation Counsel Les Pinter and Council Members Saracino and Seabury, ex-officio.

Mr. Urice stated that the charge of this committee is to review Section 18-15 in the Code of Ordinances, deleting subsection (g), which is the sunset clause for the exemption.

Attorney Pinter said the Common Council did make the changes and within subsection (g) provided a test period. The statute does not limit the time the City can use this. The City tried it for two years and now wants to leave it open-ended. Ms. Burke and Ms. Diorio agreed that the \$400,000 cap should be kept as it. Mr. Urice asked if the cap could be increased in the future? Attorney Pinter said that the statute does not include a cap and was municipally enforced. Mr. Urice said there is a state maximum based on income and marital status, but not restricted beyond that. Mr. Saadi stated that the statute sets up the means test.

Mr. Saadi made a motion to recommend to the Common Council that subsection (g) of Section 18-15 be deleted, thereby eliminating the sunset provision. Seconded by Mrs. Basso. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL URICE, Chairman

PAULINE BASSO

THOMAS SAADI