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Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Common Council Members:

More than fifteen years has passed since the voters approved the most recent revisions to the Danbury Municipal Charter. Since that time, our City has evolved dramatically.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Common Council consider the formulation of a Charter Revision Commission to begin the process of studying our Charter and to make recommendations for revisions to reflect the needs of our community.

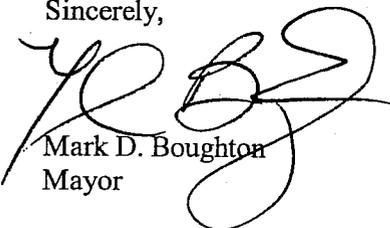
The charter revision process is a long one, public input must be solicited; there are numerous ideas that the commission must consider and a number of revisions that should take place. Transparency for our residents is critical for the process to be a success.

With that in mind, I respectfully request that an Ad-Hoc Committee be established to start the process of Charter Revision in Danbury. The charge of the Committee will be to review the proposed resolution, and bring back a recommendation to the whole Council at our June meeting.

A top to bottom review of our charter will take time. As we begin this process, let us set a goal of having the Charter Revision Commission's recommendations before our voters for the Nov. 2008 elections. Having the Commission's recommendations before the voters in a Presidential election year, will allow for full public participation.

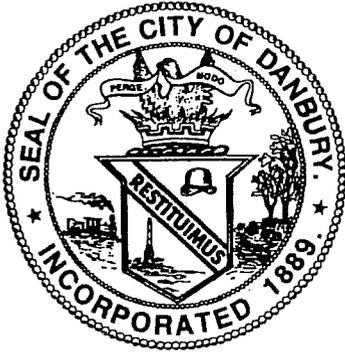
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton
Mayor

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RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A. D., 200_

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Common Council of the City of Danbury is authorized to initiate the process of charter revision by a two-thirds vote of all of its members; and

WHEREAS, the last revisions to the Danbury Municipal Charter were approved by the electors of the City of Danbury on November 6, 1990; and

WHEREAS, during the intervening time the City of Danbury has grown and evolved in a manner that makes review and revision of the Danbury Municipal Charter appropriate and in the best interests of the people of the City of Danbury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY THAT the process of charter revision, as provided for in chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes, be and hereby is initiated and that within the next 30 days the Common Council shall designate the members of a charter revision commission, shall identify those issues that the common council considers appropriate for consideration by the commission and shall establish the timetable for consideration of all issues related to charter revision and a deadline for submission of a draft report by the commission.



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A. D., 200__

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-190 of the Connecticut General Statutes, having voted to initiate the process of charter revision the Common Council of the City of Danbury is authorized to appoint a charter revision commission consisting of not fewer than five nor more than fifteen electors, not more than one-third of whom may hold any other public office in the city and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any one political party; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said section the Common Council may direct the commission to consider certain recommendations for items to be included in said charter, as revised; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said section the Common Council must specify when the commission shall submit its draft report;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY THAT: (1) the following persons shall be and hereby are appointed to serve as members of the Danbury charter revision commission _____ and _____; (2) the charter revision commission, as appointed herein shall consider consolidation of the planning and zoning functions within one agency; (3) such other items as it deems necessary or desirable; and (4) said charter revision commission shall submit its draft report not later than June 1, 2008.