

Notice is hereby given that the Legislative & Rules Committee of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT to consider the following proposed resolution approving a lease between the City of Stamford and the Boys and Girls' Club of Stamford, Inc, a 501(c)(3) corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, acting herein by Sonya D Van Norden, its duly-authorized Executive Director (hereinafter referred to as "Lessee") for the use of a City-owned parking lot located immediately south of 347 Stillwater Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. Anyone wishing to be heard is invited to attend and speak. Printed copies are available for inspection in the office of the Board of Representatives, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut or at www.boardofreps.org.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 27TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

Pursuant to Section C1-50-3 of the Stamford Charter and Section 9-7 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances, the lease ("Lease") between the City ("Landlord") and Boys and Girls Club of Stamford Foundation, Inc. ("Tenant") for the Tenant's use of a parking lot located immediately south of 347 Stillwater Avenue, Stamford, CT, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, commencing on December 1, 2009 and terminating on November 30, 2034, is hereby approved; and

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such Lease and to execute any instrument he deems necessary or desirable in connection with the execution of such Lease.

This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval.

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 220 TAXATION,
ARTICLE X, PROPERTY LEASED TO CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS OR
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SECTION 220-33 TO PROVIDE FOR OFF-
SITE SIGNING AND NOTARIZING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Sec. 220-33. Application procedure.

Applications for tax exemption under this Article shall be made between July 1 and August 31, and annually thereafter at the office of the Tax Assessor of the City of Stamford on forms provided by the Assessor, which shall be accompanied by documentation showing: (1) federal tax exempt status of the applicant charitable, religious or nonprofit organization, including a copy of the organization's most recent federal tax returns for the calendar year preceding the fiscal year for which tax relief is being requested, (2) that the property is or will be used exclusively for the exempt purposes of the applicant charitable, religious or nonprofit organization, and (3) that the requirements of Section 220-32 will be satisfied.

The application and any other related documents may be signed and notarized at any location in cases where the owner cannot physically be present at the Offices of the Assessor.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 220-8 B.
SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PROPERTY OWNERS
TAX ABATEMENT**

Sec. 220-8. Eligibility requirements.

To be eligible for the real property tax relief provided herein, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

A. State of Connecticut basic statutory requirements pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-129n.

- (1) (a) An applicant shall be a resident of Stamford and sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or a resident whose spouse, living with said resident, is sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or a resident sixty (60) years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer qualified in Stamford under this Article at the time of his or her death; or
- (b) Under age sixty-five (65) and eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security, or have not been engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly have not qualified for benefits there under, but have become qualified for permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act and any

government-related teacher's retirement plan, in which requirements with respect to qualifications for such permanent total disability benefits are comparable to such requirements under Social Security.

- (2) Such residents or their spouses eligible under subsection (1)(a) or (b) above, shall:
 - (a) Own and occupy the subject real property as a principal residence; or
 - (b) As life tenant or tenant for years, be liable for taxes for the subject real property under C.G.S. § 12-48; or
 - (c) Reside in a cooperative unit owned and occupied by the applicant as a principal residence.
- (3) Further, such residents or their spouses, eligible under subsections A(1) and (2) above, shall:
 - (a) Have been taxpayers of Stamford for one (1) year immediately preceding their receipt of tax benefits under this Article; and
 - (b) Shall meet the additional local eligibility requirements established below.

B. Additional local eligibility requirements promulgated pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-129n(a).

- (1) The maximum income allowable during the calendar year preceding the year in which application is made for local tax relief shall be:
 - (a) [Eighty-five] **One hundred** thousand dollars (\$[85]**100,000.00**) for a single resident.
 - (b) One hundred **twenty** thousand dollars (\$[100]**120,000.00**) for a married resident or qualified spouse.
- (2) With respect to subsection 220-9.A, the net worth of an unmarried resident shall not exceed two hundred **fifty** thousand dollars (\$[200]**250,000.00**), or, if married, of a resident and his or her spouse, shall not exceed [two hundred fifty] **three** hundred thousand dollars (\$[250]**300,000.00**) exclusive of an exemption of [eight hundred thousand] **one million** dollars (\$[800]**1,000,000.00**) on the fair market value of the residence for which the tax relief is sought.

This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

- (3) With respect to subsection 220-9.B, the net worth of an unmarried resident or, if married, of a resident and his or her spouse shall not exceed [three hundred fifty] **four hundred** thousand dollars (\$[350]**400,000.00**), exclusive of an exemption of [eight hundred

thousand] **one million** dollars (\$[800]**1,000**,000.00) on the fair market value of the residence for which the tax relief is sought.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 220-13 ARTICLE V
ADDITIONAL VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

WHEREAS, Article V of the Code of Ordinances provides a program of tax relief to veterans who meet certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Stamford to increase the qualifying income limit in order to provide tax relief to a greater number of veterans.

Sec. 220-13. Exemption provided.

- A. Pursuant to § 12-81f(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be entitled to an additional exemption applicable to the assessed value of property in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.), provided that said veteran's qualifying income does not exceed the maximum limit. "Qualifying income shall mean such veteran's adjusted gross income as determined for purposes of the federal income tax, plus any other income not included in such adjusted gross income, individually, if unmarried, or jointly with spouse of married, during the calendar year ending immediately preceding the filing of a claim for any such exemption. Such qualifying income may not exceed [eighty-five] **one hundred** thousand dollars (\$[85]**100**,000.), if unmarried, or one hundred **twenty** thousand dollars (\$[100]**120**,000.) jointly with spouse, if married. Notwithstanding the foregoing increase in the qualifying income levels for this local-option program, the total Grand List exemption granted under this program shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000). In the event that the number and incomes of eligible applicants exceed this limit, the Tax Assessor shall reduce the benefits proportionally.

This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment.

Attest: James Diamond, Chair, Legislative & Rules Committee
Art Layton, Vice Chair, Legislative & Rules Committee
Annie M. Summerville, Clerk, 27th Board of Representatives

