



CITY OF HARTFORD COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

VIRTUAL



**AGENDA
JANUARY 19, 2021**

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CITY OF HARTFORD

OFFICE OF THE TOWN AND CITY CLERK

550 MAIN STREET

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

NOEL F. MCGREGOR, JR.
TOWN & CITY CLERK
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTIC

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2021**

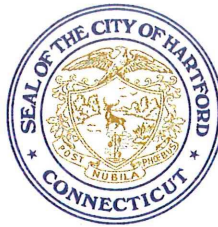
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**LEBRON, MIGHTON, ROSSETTI, ROSADO, and SANCHEZ WILL REPRESENT THE COUNCIL
AT A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 7:00PM TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2021.**

1. Ordinance amending Section 32-18. to extend the Elderly Tax Relief Program to elderly Hartford homeowners for taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 and increase slightly the income limits for eligibility of the Municipal Code. **(BRONIN)**
2. Ordinance amending Chapter 28, Article X, Section 28-196 of Neighborhood Revitalization Zone committees of the Municipal Code. **(BRONIN)**
3. Resolution requesting to superimpose the name of Jaqhawn Walters at the Rosemont Street and Main Street to the intersection of Rosemont and Cambridge Street be displayed as Jaqhawn JQ Walters Way. **(LEBRON)**

ATTEST: NOEL F. MCGREGOR, JR.
TOWN & CITY CLERK

To sign up to speak, please reach out to David Grant (860) 757-9738, David.grant@hartford.gov



ITEM# 1 ON AGENDA

Luke Bronin
Mayor

January 11, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Elderly Tax Relief Program

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration, please find an ordinance amending Section 32-18 of the Municipal Code. This amendment will extend the Elderly Tax Relief Program to elderly Hartford homeowners for taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 and increase slightly the income limits for eligibility.

Additionally, we have inserted proposed language that would grant the city assessor authority to grant extensions mirroring the extension language of Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes, the enabling legislation for this ordinance.

The Court of Common Council established the Elderly Tax Relief Program in 1982. The program has been continued annually in order to lessen the tax burden on Hartford homeowners who are 65 years of age and older. Hundreds of households benefit from this program annually.

This year we recommend increasing the income limits to \$54,950 for an unmarried person and \$62,800 for a married couple, which correspond to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.

The Office of the City Assessor is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

550 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Telephone (860) 757-9500
Facsimile (860) 722-6606

Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

**HEADING
AND
PURPOSE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF HARTFORD

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HARTFORD

January 11, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 32, Article I, Tax Relief for the Elderly, of the Municipal Code be amended as follows:

Chapter 32 – TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 32-18. - Tax relief for the elderly.

(a) Any person who is liable for taxes assessed on real property located in the City, which real property is occupied by such person as his personal residence, whether such person is an owner of the real property or is liable for taxes therein under the provisions of G.S. § 12-48 as a tenant for life or for a term of years, shall be allowed to pay said taxes quarterly without interest or penalty and entitled to tax relief in the form of a tax credit, provided that the:

- (1) Person is sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or his spouse is sixty-five (65) years of age or over and resides with such person, or the person is sixty (60) years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer who would have qualified for tax relief under this program at the time of his death;
- (2) Person has been a resident of the City of a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the application for relief;
- (3) Property for which the tax credit is claimed is the legal domicile of such person and is occupied by such person for at least one hundred eighty-three (183) days of each year;
- (4) Person's qualifying income individually, if unmarried, during the calendar year preceding the claim for tax relief, shall not exceed [fifty-two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$52,850)] fifty-four thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$54,950) or jointly, if married, not exceed [sixty thousand four hundred dollars (\$60,400)] (\$62,800).

Qualifying income is defined as adjusted gross income (Internal Revenue Code guidelines) plus tax-exempt interest, dividend exclusions, gifts, bequests, social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, and income from all other tax-exempt sources, but not including any credits received under this program;

- (5) Person shall have applied for property tax relief under any other existing state benefits programs for which he may be eligible; and
- (6) Person makes application for tax relief afforded under this program biennially with the City Assessor no earlier than February first, nor later than May fifteenth. Person may make application to the City Assessor prior to August fifteenth of the claim year

for an extension of the application period. The City Assessor may grant such extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines there is good cause for doing so.

- (b) The amount of the tax credit afforded under this program shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a residential property of three (3) dwelling units or less and one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for a residential property of four (4) dwelling units. In any case where title to such real property is recorded in the names of more than one (1) taxpayer, the amount of credit shall be provided in accordance with the fractional share such eligible owner holds in the property.
- (c) The City Assessor is hereby authorized to implement this program, and to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper administration of this program. He may designate agents to act in his name in collecting applications for this program.
- (d) The City Assessor shall determine eligibility for tax relief under this program. He shall compute the amount of credit due each qualified taxpayer, make proper record thereof, and inform the City tax collector of his determination.
- (e) If any person entitled to the tax credit afforded under this program dies or sells the real property on which the tax credit is granted, any credit previously allowed shall be disallowed to the extent of the portion of the fiscal year remaining following the date of death or sale of the property, except where such death or sale results in a surviving spouse, otherwise eligible, acquiring the interest formerly held by the taxpayer.
- (f) The tax relief afforded under this program to a taxpayer in no event shall, together with any relief received by such residents under the provisions of G.S. §§ 12-129b to 12-129d inclusive, 12-129h, and 12-170aa, exceed, in the aggregate, seventy-five (75) percent of the tax which would, except for G.S. §§ 12-129b to 12-129d inclusive, 12-129h, and 12-170aa, and this program, be laid against such taxpayer.
- (g) The City hereby waives any right to establish a lien which it may have under the provisions of G.S. § 12-129n(f).
- (h) Affidavits, applications or other documents presented in support of the application for tax relief shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed except in connection with an investigation of fraud or other misrepresentation as to eligibility.
- (i) The total of all credits granted under the provisions of this program shall be limited to ten (10) percent of the total real property tax levied in the City in the preceding fiscal year. If the total of all credits which would be granted except for this section exceeds an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total real property tax levied in the City in the preceding fiscal year, then each such credit shall be reduced on a pro rata basis so that the total credits equals ten (10) percent of the total real property tax assessed.
- (j) This section shall apply for taxes due on the list of October 1, [2019] 2020, only.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

(Code 1977, § 31-19; Ord. No. 10-83, §§ A—J, 3-14-83; Ord. No. 4-84, 2-14-84; Ord. No. 1-85, 1-16-85; Ord. No. 2-85, 1-16-85; Ord. No. 38-86, 11-24-86; Ord. No. 2-88, 1-11-88; Ord. No. 38-88, 6-27-88; Ord. No. 4-89, 2-14-89; Ord. No. 6-90, 3-12-90; Ord. No. 25-90, 6-11-90; Ord.

No. 3-91, 1-28-91; Ord. No. 1-92, 1-13-92; Ord. No. 45-92, 12-14-92; Ord. No. 15-94, 2-28-94; Ord. No. 1-95, 1-23-95; Ord. No. 3-96, 1-22-96; Ord. No. 61-96, 12-16-96; Ord. No. 2-98, 1-12-98; Ord. No. 1-99, 1-11-99; Ord. No. 1-00, 1-24-00; Ord. No. 1-01, 1-25-01; Ord. No. 2-02, 1-14-02; Ord. No. 63-02, 1-13-03; Ord. No. 01-04, 1-12-04; Ord. No. 20-04, 12-13-04; Ord. No. 01-06, 1-9-06; Ord. No. 01-08, 1-14-08; Ord. No. 03-09, 2-9-09; Ord. No. 01-10, 1-11-10; Ord. No. 01-11, 1-10-11; Ord. No. 05-12, 4-9-12; Ord. No. 02-13, 2-25-13; Ord. No. 02-14, 3-24-14; Ord. No. 04-15, 3-23-15; Ord. No. 05-16, 5-23-16; Ord. No. 13-17, 3-27-17; Ord. No. 02-18, 4-9-18)



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 11, 2021

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Expanding the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration, please find a proposed ordinance amending Article X, Section 28-196 of the Municipal Code, which would eliminate the inactive South Green Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, and a proposed resolution amending the boundaries of the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group.

The revised boundaries were approved by the NRZs, and this change is at their request. It will be reflected in their by-laws and strategic plans upon their next update.

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, January 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Due to years of inactivity, there is a desire to eliminate the South Green Neighborhood Revitalization Zone by amending Article X, Section 28-196 of the municipal code, and

WHEREAS, Hartford Next has worked with former representatives of South Green Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, and the boards representing the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group to reduce the number of unrepresented residents as a result of the elimination of the South Green Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, and

WHEREAS, The board of directors for the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group have issued letters approving the expansion of their boundaries to represent portions of the former South Green Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, and

WHEREAS, The Director of Planning has issued a memorandum supporting the proposed boundary expansions of Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby approves the expanded boundaries of the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group shall update their by-laws to reflect the expanded boundaries in a timely manner, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group shall include the expanded boundaries when developing subsequent strategic plan updates, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City shall cause all city maps to be updated to reflect the new boundaries of the Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and Maple Avenue Revitalization Group.

Introduced by: Mayor, Luke Bronin

HEADING
AND
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE de NEIGHBORHOOD
REVITALIZATION ZONES

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

January 11, 2021

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Section 28-196 of Article X of Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE X. NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Sec. 28-196. Neighborhood revitalization zone committees.

There are hereby created, pursuant to G.S. § 7-600 the following neighborhood revitalization zone committees. The membership of each committee shall comply with the requirements of G.S. § 7-600 and their by-laws, as adopted and as hereafter may be properly amended. Such membership shall reflect the composition of the neighborhood revitalization zones and shall include, but not be limited to, tenants, property owners, community organizations, institutions and businesses. A majority of the members shall be residents of the neighborhood. Each neighborhood revitalization committee shall exercise, in accordance with G.S. § 7-600 et seq. and as may be amended, all of the powers and duties conferred by state law on such neighborhood revitalization zone committee.

The revitalization zone committees are: Parkville Revitalization Association, Asylum Hill Revitalization and Problem Solving Committee, South Green Revitalization Zone Committee, the Coalition to Strengthen the Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood, Maple Avenue Revitalization Group, Northeast Revitalization Association, Southend Neighborhood Revitalization Association, Upper Albany Revitalization Zone Organization, Clay Arsenal Revitalization Association, West End Civic Association Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, Blue Hills Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, South Downtown Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, Frog Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, and Southwest/Behind the Rocks Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. The Court of Common Council hereby approves the strategic plans filed with the city clerk by these committees on the following dates. These plans will serve as a guide for city and neighborhood actions.

Asylum Hill NRZ: December 20, 2009, amending plan filed November 15, 1999
Parkville NRZ: December 28, 2010, amending plan filed November 15, 1999
~~South Green NRZ: December 3, 1999~~
Sheldon/Charter Oak NRZ: January 18, 2008, amending plan filed March 28, 2000
Maple Avenue Revitalization Group: September 10, 2012, amending plan filed July 5, 2001
Northeast Revitalization Association: August 29, 2001
Southend Neighborhood Revitalization Association: August 29, 2001
Upper Albany Revitalization Zone Organization: October 3, 2001
Clay Arsenal Revitalization Association: October 3, 2001
West End Civic Association NRZ: September 10, 2012, amending plan filed January 14, 2002
Blue Hills NRZ: April 17, 2002
South Downtown NRZ: May 22, 2002
~~North Frog Hollow NRZ: February 5, 2003~~
~~Frog Hollow South NRZ: April 9, 2003~~
Frog Hollow NRZ: April 6, 2011
Southwest/Behind the Rocks NRZ: August 13, 2018,

Each neighborhood revitalization zone committee shall submit a report on implementation of their strategic plan to the Mayor, Hartford Court of Common Council, and the Secretary of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management at intervals of six (6) months in the first year after adoption of this section and annually thereafter. Such report shall include any revisions that do not materially change the adopted strategic plan.

Each neighborhood revitalization zone committee shall adopt by-laws which shall include, at a minimum, the following provisions:

Members. Membership shall include representation of tenants, property owners, businesses and community organizations in accordance with G.S. § 7-600 et seq. A majority of members must reside within the boundaries of the neighborhood revitalization zone. The Mayor will appoint a representative who shall be a full member of the committee.

Meetings. An annual meeting shall be held to elect the members of the neighborhood revitalization zone committee. The time and place of all regular meetings for a calendar year shall be filed with the city clerk no later than January 31 of the calendar year and notice shall be published in a newspaper in general circulation as stated in G.S. § 7-600 et seq. The City will pay for reasonable costs of publishing such notice. Any committee member, except for the Mayor's representative, who is absent from three (3) regular meetings in one (1) calendar year may be replaced in accordance with committee by-laws. All meetings shall be held within the boundaries of the neighborhood revitalization zone or in city hall. The City shall provide space in a municipal facility for neighborhood revitalization zone meetings if requested by the neighborhood revitalization zone committee. All neighborhood revitalization zone committee meetings shall be open to the public.

Minutes and notices of meetings. Each neighborhood revitalization zone committee shall appoint or elect a secretary who shall be responsible for maintaining written records for the neighborhood

revitalization zone committee. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of every neighborhood revitalization zone committee meeting and delivering notices for every meeting. Once approved by the neighborhood revitalization zone committee, minutes shall be filed with the city clerk. The minutes shall include a tabulation of those committee members present as well as those who were absent. A meeting notice and agenda for each regular meeting shall be delivered or mailed to each committee member at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall be filed with the city clerk and delivered to the residence of every committee member at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the special meeting.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

Attest:

INTRODUCED BY:
Councilman Nick Lebron

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Osono Walters, known to many as JQ, was born in Hartford on July 12, 1996 and was raised in our city by Trician Salmon and Hasani Blake, and

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Walters attended University High School, and Albertus Magnus College, where he starred on the basketball team, earning All American honors and the GNAC Player of the year award twice, and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, and

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Walters achieved his dream of becoming a professional basketball player in Argentina after he graduated from Albertus Magnus, and

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Walters never forgot his roots in Hartford, keeping contact with his Mom, family, friends and fans and returned to Hartford when basketball play was suspended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Walters would coach children for free at Parker Memorial Center, inviting parents to bring their children through social media blasts to get free basketball lessons, and during the Pro-Am games he would volunteer at the Summer League teaching the youth basketball skills, and

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Walters was taken from us way too soon on September 19th when he passed from unwarranted gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Jaqhawn Walters' merits have been honored both by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and The Village for Family and Children with a memorial scholarship fund and a star dedication in his name, respectively, and

WHEREAS, Luke Bronin, Mayor of Hartford and the Court of Common Council has proclaimed sincere condolences of the tragic passing of Jaqhawn Walters, in which they found the young man's civic engagement would live on in the lives of hundreds of residents he influenced,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that City of Hartford take steps to remember Jaqhawn Walters and provide constant reminder in the community he loved of the impact he made on the youth of our city; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council superimpose the name of Jaqhawn Walters at the Rosemont Street and Main Street to the intersection of Rosemont and Cambridge Street be displayed as Jaqhawn JQ Walters Way.