



City of Ansonia
253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

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Board of Apportionment and Taxation
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RE: Mayor's Proposed Budget 2020-2021

Dear Members of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation:

Please find attached my recommendation for the FY20-21 City Budget. This budget proposal represents a zero mill increase for the taxpayers of Ansonia, which I believe is essential during this time of unprecedented economic hardship and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ansonia's households and businesses are struggling. I implore you to mitigate their financial hardship by not adding an additional tax burden this year.

My proposed budget maintains essential city services. It is absolutely vital for us to continue securing the health and safety of Ansonia's residents through our emergency service departments. Equally, it is imperative that the City of Ansonia continue to generate revenue and development opportunities critical to the future of our community.

However, city spending must be reduced to protect our taxpayers – individuals and businesses – during their time of need.

With this budget proposal, I am recommending a reconsideration of how our city operates, and a reappraisal of how we can efficiently and effectively provide services to our residents. We find ourselves in a radically altered environment. We must be prepared to adapt.

I look forward to your work on the 2020-21 City Budget, and thank you for your dedication and service to the City of Ansonia.

Sincerely,

Mayor David S. Cassetti