

Mayor Cassetti Applauds Sweeping Changes in City Clerk's Office

The fees collected in the City Clerk's office will go directly to the general fund

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Ansonia, CT ~ Citing benefits to taxpayers, Mayor Cassetti today applauded the actions taken by the Board of Aldermen to modernize the Town and City Clerk's Office.

For decades the Town and City Clerk has been paid a combination of salary and a percentage of the fees collected through the clerk's office. On December 19, 2013 the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to pass an ordinance that directs all fees collected by the Town and City Clerk to the city's general fund.

This policy change will give the residents of Ansonia a more accountable and transparent city government.

"The City Clerk's office has been operating under a system that was instituted in the early 1890's. This system appears to have never changed, despite language subsequently adopted in the City Charter and Code directing all fees collected by the clerk to be paid to the City Treasurer." Cassetti commented.

"All parties agree that a more modern system of placing the money in the general fund for expenses and salaries allows for a more transparent government." Cassetti noted that the new policy will result in more operating revenue for the city.

"The increasing shift of the local tax burden to homeowners is particularly problematic for Ansonia residents. We have a responsibility to our residents to look at any way possible to lower their tax bill. The change in the City Clerk's account is not a magic bullet and will not solve all our problems, however it will move us one step closer to lessening the tax burden," Cassetti said.
