

AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING IGLESIA HISPANA DE NORWICH FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 230 HUNTERS ROAD

WHEREAS, that certain property located at 230 Hunters Road, Norwich, Connecticut was purchased by Iglesia Hispana De Norwich on April 8, 2016 to be used for charitable purposes; and,

WHEREAS, said property since April 8, 2016 has been used for charitable purposes by Iglesia Hispana De Norwich; and,

WHEREAS, said property was tax exempt as a religious organization prior to the current owners purchase of said property; and,

WHEREAS, the tax assessor pro-rated taxes on the October 1, 2015 Grand List in the amount of \$10,587.02, which represented taxes owed from the date of acquisition to September 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, said property owners have applied for tax exempt status with the Assessor, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 12-81 and 12-87 as a charitable organization; and,

WHEREAS, said property would not be tax exempt on the Grand List of October 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the tax assessor has approved the property owners application for tax exempt status, thereby making them tax exempt from the date of acquisition; and,

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(b) provides that any municipality may, by ordinance, provide that the property tax exemption authorized by any of subdivisions (7-16), inclusive, of section 12-81 shall be effective as of the date of acquisition of the property to which the exemption applies and shall, in such ordinance, provide procedure for reimbursement of the tax-exempt organization for any tax paid by it for a period subsequent to said date; and,

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute Section 12-81(7) provides that real property, owned by an corporation organized exclusively for charitable purposes and used for charitable purposes, shall be exempt from taxation; and,

WHEREAS, if Iglesia Hispana De Norwich paid the taxes, it would be entitled to a reimbursement in the amount of \$10,587.92; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that such property at 230 Hunters Road be and hereby is exempted from the payment of any real estate taxes, interest or penalty due on the Grand List of October 1, 2015, or until said premises are no longer used by Iglesia Hispana De Norwich for charitable purposes and if said taxes in the amount of \$10,587.92 are paid by Iglesia Hispana De Norwich, the City of Norwich shall reimburse Iglesia Hispana De Norwich for any City of Norwich real estate taxes paid by it on the Grand List of October 1, 2015 for the period subsequent to April 8, 2016; which reimbursement shall be in the sum of \$10,587.92.

Mayor Deberoy Hinchey
City Manager John L. Salomone