



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
**City of Middletown**  
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Daniel T. Drew  
MAYOR

April 1, 2014

Dear Council Members,

Attached is my proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year. There are several key points I'd like to relay:

- We worked closely with the Board of Education to transfer them to a self-insured model. Doing so will save Middletown taxpayers \$1.7 million this year alone and many millions more in each subsequent year. That \$1.7 million is equivalent to a nearly 6/10ths of a mill savings in the tax rate — a substantial and impactful savings for Middletown taxpayers.
- We recently completed a revaluation as required by Connecticut law. As you know, the City already requested a one-year postponement of the required 2012 revaluation, which was approved by the legislature. No other extensions were granted nor allowed by state statute. The next revaluation must be completed in the year 2017.
- In the revaluation, many residential properties lost value; however, commercial property, personal property and motor vehicles remained fairly steady. These changes in value reflect the changes in the real estate market that took place since the 2008 recession struck and reflect changes in value since Middletown's last state-mandated revaluation in 2007.
- The mill rate is proposed at 33 mills. This is typical of revaluations in other towns across Connecticut this year. Every town in Connecticut that conducted a revaluation in 2013 lost value.

I look forward to working with you throughout the budget process. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel T. Drew", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Dan Drew