

APPEAL OF THE HEARING:

- A. The decision of the Hearing Officer is final. The Citizen does, however, have the right to judicial review. In order to exercise this right, an appeal must be filed in the State of Connecticut Hartford County Superior Court within thirty (30) days from the date of the Hearing Officer's decision. There is an \$35.00 per citation filing fee for an appeal.

- B. The appeal Hearing is a civil proceeding and will be heard de novo (as a new case); however, the Court requires the City to forward copies of all Hearing records prior to the date of the appeal Hearing. The purpose of recording the administrative Hearings is to preserve for appeal what happened during the Hearing. If an appeal is filed, a transcript will be made from what appears on the tape. Usually the court's review of the Hearing will be confined to what appears in this transcript and the written Hearing records.

- C. NOTE:
 - i. Generally, the Hearing Officer should not comment on prospects of success on appeal and could never dissuade the Citizen from exercising the right to appeal.