

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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**WHEREAS**, Our City, State, and National economies are still reeling and slowly recovering from the Great Recession; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth has level funded local aid to cities and towns for FY13, however this is the fifth consecutive year without growth in unrestricted State Aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's property tax levy has declined by \$7 million for FY13 and property values see the fifth consecutive year of decline; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the submission of revenue proposals to the City Council, a request to the State for additional aid, and reductions to departments' budgets there is still a remaining deficit in the FY 2013 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, City Department Heads have been provided with budget reductions for their Departments and have been tasked with solving for a \$5.8 to \$7.8 million dollar remaining budget deficit for FY 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, each Department Head has submitted a proposal to the Finance Department for how they will reduce their budget for FY13 and what programs, services and personnel will be impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, one-time savings and revenues will not be accepted as a way to meet Departmental budget reductions;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to my authority as Chief Executive Officer for the City of Springfield under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 43, § 48, I hereby direct and authorize all Department heads to Initiate and Carry to Conclusion all Appropriate Proceedings required by Law or Contract to Implement Reductions in Personal Services Items as well as Items Other than Personal Services in the FY 2013 City Budget, and to take all actions necessary in furtherance thereof, including but not limited to separation of employees from service because of lack of work, lack of money, or abolition of positions, involuntary leave, modification of collective bargaining agreements subject to bargaining requirements, or any other method permitted by law to comply with this Executive Order.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts:

  
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Mayor Domenic J. Sarno  
May 24, 2012