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CITY LOOKS TO KEEP UP WITH CENSUS NUMBERS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr. presented legislation last week to the Board of Aldermen to adopt an order requiring new residents, either homeowner, renter or via lease to complete a Street Listing Form with the City Clerk. The ordinance is successful in cities and towns who've adopted the measure to keep up with the growing number of residents. The Mayor also said he got the idea to implement the ordinance after talking with representatives from Saugus, who use the measure successfully.

The Mayor is hoping to get an accurate count of people living in Everett. Population is a determining factor in many grant awards and State and School Aid calculations. With U.S. Census forms arriving on doorsteps this week, the Mayor feels this is great timing to work with all local leaders to get a complete count.

"I don't know if many people understand how population plays a role in getting grants," states Mayor DeMaria, "if we can maintain an accurate number, we open the door to a larger pool of money from the State and Federal Government." In 2008, the City listed a population of 37,353, which is lowest than surrounding cities. Malden and Somerville, for example, list 55,597 and 75,662 respectively.

Many officials believe the number in Everett is much higher. "On paper we have over 31,000 cars registered in the city and 6,000 students in our classroom," says Mayor DeMaria, "I think we can do a better job, and at the end of the day, with accurate numbers we'll increase our opportunity to rebuild this city."

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