February 20, 2020

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Reimbursement to Mr. Masroor Shakoor – 2016 In Rem Purchase
1718 13th Street – SBL 144.55-1-40; Ward 10 Pro 0768

Council Members:

The above property was included in the most recent In Rem proceeding and was subject to auction on October 9, 2019. At the time of the auction, there was a structure on the property. After closing with the City on January 20, 2020, it was discovered that the structure had burned down and had been demolished.

Accordingly, the Law Department has determined that it is in the City's best interest to reimburse Mr. Shakoor for the cost he paid to the City to close on that property. Therefore, the following costs should be reimbursed: $4,000.00 bid balance; $140.75 2019 – 2020 school tax; $65.47, 2019 city tax, and $25, landlord registration fee. The total amount to be reimbursed to the purchaser is $4231.22; this does not include Mr. Shakoor’s initial deposit of $1,000 or the auction fee of $500 from the day of the auction which will not be reimbursed by the City.

Will the Council so approved?

Respectfully submitted,

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