

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

CALLING FOR STATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS TO COLLECT ANY UNPAID HOUSING, BUILDING AND FIRE CODE VIOLATION PENALTIES, COSTS AND FINES THROUGH PLACEMENT BY THE CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL TAX LEVY

BY:

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Council Member Kenny Tompkins
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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls believes in Home Rule and should be able to determine the most efficient way to collect unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines; and

WHEREAS, this City Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City to hold property owners, other than property owners occupying their own properties, accountable for unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines; and

WHEREAS, this City Council would like to have the ability, through an amendment to the Real Property Tax Law, to place those unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines on the City's annual tax levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls requests that the State of New York Senate and Assembly draft companion bills amending the Real Property Tax Law for the purpose of authorizing the City of Niagara Falls to collect any unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines by allowing the City Controller to place those unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines on the City's annual tax levy.

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