

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

RELATIVE TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL CIVIL SERVICE RULES TO ALLOW LATERAL TRANSFERS FOR POLICE OFFICERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

BY:

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WHEREAS, the most basic function of City government is to provide for the safety of its citizens, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in order to execute this function, it is necessary to recruit qualified candidates for employment as City police officers; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the number of eligible candidates for City police civil service testing has been in decline; and

WHEREAS, many other municipalities across the state utilize lateral transfers where officers from other jurisdictions can transfer to that municipality; and

WHEREAS, utilizing lateral transfers from other police jurisdictions may provide the City with a reasonable alternative to declining testing applicants and also save the City the cost of training a new police officer; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize lateral transfers, it is necessary that the Niagara Falls Civil Service Commission amend its local rules to approve and authorize the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council encourages the Niagara Falls Civil Service Commission to examine its local rules to authorize lateral transfers of police officers from other jurisdictions to fill vacancies in the Niagara Falls Police Department.

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