

RESOLUTION No. 2020-

***RELATIVE TO THE WAIVER OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR
AN EMPLOYEE PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW #7, FOR THE YEAR 1984,
AS AMENDED***

BY:

Council Chairman Christopher Voccio
Council Member John Spanbauer
Council Member Kenny Tompkins
Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2017, the Niagara Falls City Council authorized, by resolution, that City Engineer John A. Gerlach was exempted from the residency requirements contained in Local Law #7, for the Year 1984, as amended; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the City Council determined that it was in the best interests of the City to waive the residency requirements of the Local Law as there were a lack of qualified applicants for the City Engineer position residing within the City and that several suitable applicants for the position were unwilling to accept the position if required to comply with the residency requirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gerlach continues to reside in Youngstown, New York and is unable to relocate due to personal and family circumstances; and

WHEREAS, based upon his qualifications and proven work record with the City, newly elected Mayor Robert Restaino re-appointed John Gerlach as City Engineer on January 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, for the purposes of continuity and for the same reasons that necessitated the City Council's previous residency waiver in February 2017, it is in the best interests of the City to again exempt Mr. Gerlach from the requirements of the Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, duly convened, does hereby grant a waiver pursuant to Section 6 of Local Law #7, for the Year 1984, as amended, to John A. Gerlach, exempting him from the residency requirements contained in said Local Law for the specific purpose of retaining John A. Gerlach as City Engineer, and it is further

RESOLVED, that this waiver shall continue for the duration of Mr. Gerlach's employment with the City, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the acting City Administrator of the City of Niagara Falls, New York are hereby authorized to effectuate said waiver in relation to the employment of John A. Gerlach as Niagara Falls City Engineer.