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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

***RE: Agreement with Niagara Falls Water Board
(Niagara Falls Police Department Substation)***

Council Members:

The City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Falls Water Board have developed a plan to place an unmanned police substation, without public access, at the Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant at 5815 Buffalo Avenue. This will allow the Niagara Falls Police Department (“NFPD”) to discharge its functions more effectively and efficiently as officers will be able to perform certain tasks at the substation rather than traveling back to police headquarters at the other end of the City, resulting in less time in transit and faster response to the LaSalle area in the event of an emergency. The substation will also benefit the Water Board by providing an increase in the police presence at its facility to safeguard the Water Treatment Plant and to deter criminal activity.

The term of the proposed agreement will run through December 31, 2023 and shall automatically renew for one year terms thereafter, unless terminated by either party with proper notice. The NFPD will be provided with access to and the use of the guard house building at the Water Treatment Plant for the purpose of an unmanned police substation. The NFPD may also use meeting facilities and other spaces at the Water Treatment Plant for police purposes, subject to approval by the Executive Director and provided that such usage does not conflict with the Water Board operations. No suspects may be housed or detained on Water Board property. Each party will bear their own expenses in connection with the agreement and no payment shall be due to either party under the agreement. Furthermore, the agreement will contain a mutual indemnification provision as well as a requirement that each party name the other as an additional insured under their general liability insurance policy.

Will the Council vote to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino
Mayor

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