



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

August 11, 2016

City Council President Linda Morad  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the AN ORDER ***amending*** the order adopted by the City Council on June 23, 2016, and signed by the Mayor on June 30, 2016, which, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E½, authorized the revolving fund under the control of the Inspectional Services Department known as the **VACANT BUILDING REVOLVING FUND** whose purpose is to provide for the repair and maintenance of vacant buildings, survey expenses, tipping fees, demolition contractors, purchase materials and reimburse labor costs for emergency board-up of vacant buildings, salary expense for two full time building inspectors, one full time Administrative Coordinator, one full time clerk (35 hours) **and one part time Associate Solicitor** and office supplies, whose revenues collected and amount limited at **\$458,280.00**, is hereby authorized at **\$493,690.00** for **FISCAL YEAR 2017**.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

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## CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2016

### ORDER

**ORDERED, amending** the order adopted by the City Council on June 23, 2016, and signed by the Mayor on June 30, 2016, which, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E½, authorized the revolving fund under the control of the Inspectional Services Department known as the **VACANT BUILDING REVOLVING FUND** whose purpose is to provide for the repair and maintenance of vacant buildings, survey expenses, tipping fees, demolition contractors, purchase materials and reimburse labor costs for emergency board-up of vacant buildings, salary expense for two full time building inspectors, one full time Administrative Coordinator, one full time clerk (35 hours) and one part time Associate Solicitor and office supplies, whose revenues collected and amount limited at \$458,280.00, is hereby authorized at \$493,690.00 for **FISCAL YEAR 2017**.



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2016

### ORDER

**ORDERED**, that in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E½, the revolving fund under the control of the Inspectional Services Department known as the **VACANT BUILDING REVOLVING FUND** whose purpose is to provide for the repair and maintenance of vacant buildings, survey expenses, tipping fees, demolition contractors, purchase materials and reimburse labor costs for emergency board-up of vacant buildings, salary expense for two full time building inspectors, one full time Administrative Coordinator, one full time clerk (35 hours) and office supplies, whose revenues and amount limited to be spent estimated at \$458,280.00, is hereby authorized for **FISCAL YEAR 2017**.

IN CITY COUNCIL, June 23, 2016

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 27, 2016.

Approved June 30, 2016.

a true copy attest:

City Clerk

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

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Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
133 WILLIAM STREET - ROOM 308  
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

August 11, 2016

Honorable Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Proposed Authorization for Vacant Building Revolving Fund

Dear Honorable Members:

I write in support of the proposed amended order to the vacant building revolving fund that would authorize the payment of Associate City Solicitor John Flor's salary from the fund. The fund is healthy enough to pay Attorney Flor's salary, and it is appropriate to pay his salary from the fund, given his concentration on housing matters.

Sincerely,

Danny D. Romanowicz, C.B.O.

Commissioner of Buildings and Inspectional Services



*City of New Bedford*  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR**

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*Special Legal Counsel*

August 11, 2016

Honorable Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Proposed Authorization for Vacant Building Revolving Fund

Dear Honorable Members:

The Mayor's Office has submitted a proposed amended order for the vacant building revolving fund that would authorize the fund's payment of a part-time Associate City Solicitor's salary. I write to provide additional information about this proposal.

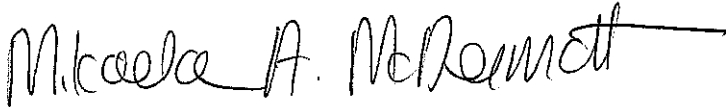
As you know, the City Council approved a FY17 budget for the Solicitor's Office that contemplated the conversion of one of our part-time attorneys to a full-time position. The Solicitor's Office needs an additional full-time attorney to cover the daily demands in the office, and we had hoped that one of our part-time attorneys would wish to convert to full-time status.

Unfortunately, after giving the proposed conversion some thought, all of our part-time attorneys have decided to retain their part-time status. We do not wish to lose any of our existing attorneys, but we do have a need for an additional full-time attorney. We are therefore proposing that the salary for Associate City Solicitor John Flor, who works exclusively on housing matters, be funded by the vacant building revolving fund. Paying Attorney Flor from the vacant building revolving fund would free up sufficient funds in the Solicitor's Office's budget to pay for a full-time attorney, while allowing us to keep existing staff.

I recognize that this proposal would result in the Solicitor's Office having more attorneys than was discussed at this year's budget hearing. However, there is an abundance of work in the Solicitor's Office, and the additional full-time attorney will enable us to represent the City more effectively, including by responding to inquiries more quickly and freeing up time for non-defensive matters.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about this proposal and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mikaela A. McDermott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Mikaela A. McDermott  
City Solicitor