



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 1, 2016

City Council President Linda M. Morad and
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 respectfully submit for your consideration a request for one-year **Waiver of Residency** for Christopher G. Gomes, the Director of the Department of Veterans' Services and Benefits. As of December 10th, 2016, Mr. Gomes will be residing at 29 King Phillip Way in East Freetown, MA.

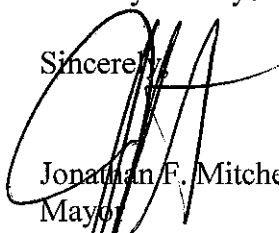
As you are aware, Mr. Gomes is the recipient of a newly constructed handicapped accessible home through the Homes for Veterans Project. The group conducted a search within New Bedford for a suitable site to build the home, but as no site emerged, they selected one in East Freetown.

Mr. Gomes has been an exemplary leader and public servant, and wishes to continue to serve his fellow veterans in New Bedford despite his change in residency. I believe New Bedford's veterans will be well-served by his continued employment as Director of Veterans' Services.

Mr. Gomes will be on hand at the Council meeting to answer any questions that may arise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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cc Mr. Christopher G. Gomes
Ms. Sandra Vezina


City of New Bedford
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES & BENEFITS



Christopher G. Gomes
Director

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2016
TO: Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor
FROM: Christopher G. Gomes 
SUBJ: Residency Waiver

As you are aware the non-profit organization Homes for our Troops has been constructing a new home for me that is completely handicap accessible in Freetown, MA.

The key ceremony and move in date for the new home will be December 10, 2016.

I am aware that the city has a residency requirement in order to maintain employment and at this time I am requesting a residency waiver in order to continue my employment with the City of New Bedford at the Director of Veterans' Services due to receiving a handicap accessible home in Freetown, MA. The new address will be 29 King Philip Way, East Freetown, MA 02717.

Thank you,

Attachments

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