



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 16, 2015

City Council President Brian K. Gomes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City Hall, 133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

I respectfully request an additional six-month extension to the **Waiver of Residency** originally granted to City Auditor Robert Eckstrom in September 2014.

As the attached memorandum from the CFO and letter from Mr. Eckstrom outline, he continues to experience difficulty selling his home in Tiverton, RI, and is not financially able to sustain two residences simultaneously. Having personally discussed this matter with Mr. Eckstrom, I am confident he remains committed to relocating to New Bedford, and will continue to take aggressive measures to facilitate the sale of his home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell

JFM/crc

Attachment

cc: Mr. Eckstrom




OFFICE OF THE CFO
ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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TO: Mayor Mitchell
FROM: Ari J. Sky 
SUBJECT: Residency Waiver Extension – Robert Ekstrom

Attached is a request from Robert Ekstrom to extend his residency waiver as City Auditor by six months. Mr. Ekstrom has been working diligently to sell his home in Tiverton, Rhode Island, reducing the sales price and investing in improvements to the property in order to enhance its marketability. Bob is committed to relocating to New Bedford, and asks for a six month extension in order to facilitate the process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment

Robert W. Ekstrom
30 Wampanoag Lane
Tiverton, RI 02878

November 16, 2015

The Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Mr. Mayor:

As part of my permanent appointment to City Auditor, the City Council initially granted me a nine-month waiver of the City's residency requirement, followed by a six-month extension which is set to expire on December 15, 2015.

At this time, I must respectfully ask for an extension of this waiver for an additional six months, or until June 15, 2016. My wife and I have been unable to sell our existing home, which was listed continuously from July 24, 2014 until this past weekend. Upon our realtor's advice, the listing was temporarily removed in order to reset the cumulative days-on-market count, and we are reducing the price for a second time since showings remain infrequent.

We continue to implement numerous suggestions our realtor offers and remain committed to relocating to New Bedford, but we are not able to absorb the concurrent occupancy costs of two residential locations, necessitating my request for an extension of time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Robert Ekstrom