



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 5, 2019

City Council President Linda M. 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 would like to request a one-year **Waiver of Residency** for Melissa Batchilder who currently resides in Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Given the exceptional circumstances detailed in the attached letter from Ms. Batchilder and Chief Cordeiro, I believe a waiver is appropriate and justified.

Ms. Batchilder and Chief Cordeiro will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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Attachment

cc: Police Department
Melissa Batchilder



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Mayor

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July 2, 2019

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

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I am requesting a Residency Waiver for Melissa Batchilder, Compliance Officer (Community Relations Specialist), for the New Bedford Police Department. Mrs. Batchilder resides at _____, Fairhaven.

She submitted a letter explaining her challenges in relocating to New Bedford. I have attached it for your consideration. In summary, her husband is disabled, and their home accommodates his mobility needs. Additionally, they have guardianship of their six-year-old granddaughter who is a victim to the opioid addiction. Mrs. Batchilder is concerned with moving and impacting her stability and creating an additional hardship on her granddaughter.

Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Cordeiro", is written over the typed name and title.

Joseph C. Cordeiro
Chief of Police

becomes psychologically impacted and struggles greatly with attachment and trust. The child (Avery) really hungers for stability/routine. It's as if she is always on a hunt to reclaim the sense of security she lost as an infant. We've had her assessed and while the psychologist, Dr. Andrea McCauley of New Bedford, praises her resilience and coping skills, the attachment issues are evident and something she will face for years to come. Having a stable and consistent environment is key to ensuring she succeeds in the years ahead.

Moving anywhere would be a significant risk to Avery's mental health, which is why I hesitate to quickly say we would just pick up and move. It is so much more than just selling our house and moving across the bridge.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Melissa Batchilder