



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

January 10, 2020

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the New Bedford City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

I respectfully request a **Waiver of Residency** for Jason Stone of Somerset, Massachusetts, in the Department of Emergency Medical Services as a variable time Paramedic. Attached is documentation to support this request.

Director McGraw and Mr. Stone will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds
Attachment

cc: Mr. Stone
M. McGraw
Personnel



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Mark D McGraw
Director

To: Mayor Mitchell
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Mayor,

Currently, I am requesting a residency waiver for 1(one) year as a variable time Paramedic for Jason Stone of Somerset. Jason is known to us as he currently works at Stat Southcoast in Dartmouth as a paramedic as well as Carver EMS. It is of note to mention that we had 3 open VT slots, and only 3 qualified applicants, 2 were given to NB residents, and the third to Mr. Stone

As you are aware from our ongoing conversations, there is a National paramedic shortage that has been occurring over several years making it difficult to find and keep certified personnel. It has been difficult for NBEMS to compete with the smaller Fire Departments in the area who are able to offer higher wages and group 4 retirements, and many do not have residency requirements. When hiring employees for EMS positions, we always follow City hiring practices and give preference to New Bedford residents that are qualified for the position. Paramedic licensure is not a quick and easy certification to obtain. On average it takes an individual 2 years to complete classroom and clinical requirements and then once that is completed they can then sit for their National tests, both written and practical. I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, and as always if you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Jason Stone
73 Perkins Street
Somerset, Ma 02725

Respectfully submitted,

Mark D McGraw