



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**

**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

May 21, 2020

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

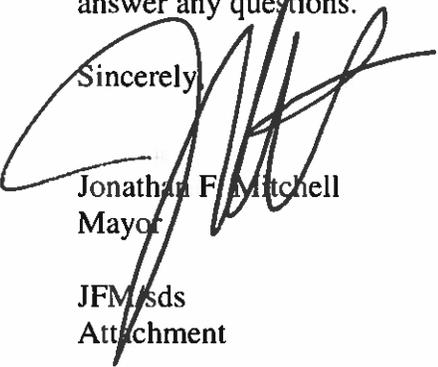
Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I would like to request a **Waiver of Residency** for **Rebecca Gomes, Executive Finance and Operations Specialist** for the Department of Public Infrastructure who is planning to reside in Acushnet, Massachusetts.

I have attached correspondence to support the reason for this request.

Commissioner Jamie Ponte and Rebecca Gomes will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds  
Attachment

cc: DPI  
Rebecca Gomes  
Personnel



## Department of Public Infrastructure

Jamie Ponte  
Commissioner

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Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

May 20, 2020

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

Subject: Request for Residency Waiver: Rebecca Gomes  
Acushnet, Massachusetts

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

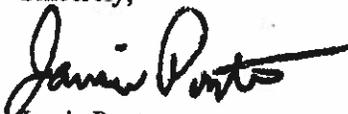
This letter is to request a residency waiver for Rebecca Gomes the Executive Finance and Operations Specialist of the City of New Bedford's Department of Public Infrastructure. Rebecca has been an employee with the City of New Bedford since December 1, 2014.

Rebecca is seeking this waiver in order to provide the necessary care for her Father-in-law who has become ill. Due to his condition, he must move at the beginning of June because his current living arrangements cannot accommodate him long term. Her Mother-in-law is also battling with her own medical condition, requiring her to move in with Rebecca once determined where they will reside next.

With her in-laws dealing with their medical matters, she has had difficulty finding a property that limits the use of stairs, while also having the appropriate space needed for medical equipment and supplies. During her search of thirty-three properties, she was unable to find a home with separate entrances and living areas to accommodate her growing family, as well as each of her in-laws. After searching for six months and having a short period of time before needing to provide housing to her father-in-law, she has requested this waiver to move into a property she has found in Acushnet. This property is six miles from the Department of Public Infrastructure, and it fits the needs for her family and her ailing in-laws.

I am available to answer any questions that you may have regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jamie Ponte  
Commissioner