



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 **Fernando Gomes, Water Registrar** 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 Fernando Gomes will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds
Attachment

cc: DPI
Fernando 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: Fernando Gomes
Acushnet, Massachusetts

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

This letter is to request a residency waiver for Fernando Gomes the Water Registrar of the City of New Bedford's Department of Public Infrastructure. Fernando has been an employee with the City of New Bedford since January 9, 2017.

Fernando is seeking this waiver in order to provide the necessary care for his father who has become ill. Due to his condition, he must move in the beginning of June because his current living arrangements cannot accommodate him long term. His mother is also battling with her own medical condition that is requiring her to move in with Fernando once it has been determined where they will reside next.

With his parents dealing with their medical matters, he 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 his search of thirty-three properties, he was unable to find a home with separate entrances and living areas to accommodate his growing family, as well as each of his parents. After searching for six months and having a short period of time before needing to provide housing to his father, he has requested this waiver to move into a property he has found in Acushnet. This property is six miles from the Department of Public Infrastructure, and it fits the needs for his family and his ailing parents.

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