



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

May 20, 2021

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 am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$277,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **DEBT SERVICE OTHER FINANCING USES (\$220,000)**, **PURCHASING SALARIES AND WAGES (\$17,000)** and **INSPECTIONAL SERVICES SALARIES AND WAGES (\$40,000)** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

**EMS SALARIES AND WAGES..... \$277,000**

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell  
Mayor



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

May 27, 2021

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**OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR**

**Robert W. Ekstrom**  
City Auditor

May 20, 2021

The Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor  
Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Fiscal year 2021 account reconciliations

Over the course of fiscal year 2021, City management has taken steps to restrain the overall rate of expenditures incurrence, including continuation of the hiring slowdown and enforcement of cost controls in non-personnel accounts. Nevertheless, as in past years, several departments will require transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year to eliminate deficits resulting from excess expenditures.

The majority of deficits are being covered through intradepartmental appropriation transfers, such as from Salaries & Wages to Supplies & Materials. In these cases, the departments' overall budget will not change.

Five departments will require interdepartmental appropriation transfers in order to eliminate deficits. Failure to do so will require the City to raise funds to cover these deficits on the annual Tax Rate Recap in December. The two largest requiring deficit coverage are Fire for \$1,500,000 and Emergency Medical Services for \$277,000. In the Fire Department, Salaries & Wages will exceed budget principally due to overtime, which continues to exceed budget despite increases over the past several years. In EMS, vacant positions and coverage for injured employees have driven up both overtime and variable-time temporary labor. The remaining three departments requiring coverage are Tourism for \$23,000 from Community Services, the CFO's Office for \$12,000 from City Treasurer, and City Clerk for \$7,000 from City Council. Each providing department's declaration of surplus is included in the docket package.

If you have further questions, please feel to reach out to me by phone (508-979-1530) or email at [Robert.ekstrom@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:Robert.ekstrom@newbedford-ma.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert Ekstrom  
City Auditor



**Jonathan F Mitchell**  
**Mayor**

**City of New Bedford**  
**Department of Emergency Medical Services**  
**181 Hillman Street, Bldg. 4**  
**New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740**  
**508-9916390 Fax 508-991-6238**



**Mark D McGraw**  
**Director**

To: Mayor Jonathan Mitchell

From: Mark D McGraw  
Director EMS

Date: 5/18/21

Re: Departmental Transfer Request

Emergency Medical Services is currently projecting a deficit in its 100 acct of \$ 277,000.00 directly related to increase in OT and VT this year secondary to operating with multiple full-time openings, coupled with several long-term injuries.

Requesting a transfer of \$ 277,000.00 (**TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS**) into the EMS 100 account to cover the projected deficit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark D McGraw, Director NBEMS

Cc: R Eckstrom  
A Sky



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**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER**

**Mark P. Fuller**  
Assistant Treasurer

**Carole Days**  
Deputy Treasurer

**R. Renee Fernandes**  
Treasurer – Collector

**TO:** Ari Sky, CFO  
Robert Ekstrom, Auditor

**FROM:** Renee Fernandes, Treasurer 

**DATE:** April 9, 2021

**RE:** Anticipated Debt Surplus

I am declaring a debt surplus of \$220,000 for FY21. This is due primarily to the savings realized from the negotiation of a private sale (spurred by the pandemic) resulting in a very favorable interest rate and additional savings from taking advantage of the prepayment clause.



**Purchasing Department**  
Molly Gilfeather  
Director of Purchasing

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

TO: Robert Ekstrom, City Auditor

FROM: Molly Gilfeather, Director of Purchasing *Molly A. Gilfeather*

DATE: May 18, 2021

RE: FY21 Surplus – Purchasing Budget

It is estimated that Purchasing will have an FY21 surplus of \$18,000.00 in Salaries and Wages due to vacancy savings stemming from personnel turnover. Purchasing's budget can be reduced by this amount. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding this surplus.



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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

**DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**  
**133 WILLIAM STREET - ROOM 308**  
**NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740**

May 17, 2021

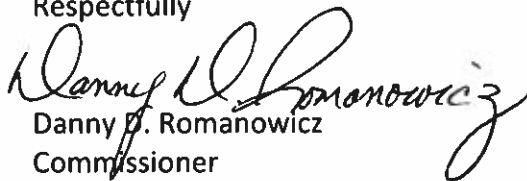
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02745

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

The Inspectional Services Department would like to declare a \$40,000.00 surplus in our 100 Account. This surplus is a result of the vacant position of Plumbing & Gas Fitter Inspector that has not been filled due to applicants that are not qualified and/or do not reside in the City of New Bedford.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully

  
Danny D. Romanowicz  
Commissioner

DDR/jg