

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

***RELATIVE TO HOME RULE REQUEST CALLING FOR STATE LEGISLATION TO  
ALLOW THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS TO COLLECT ANY UNPAID HOUSING,  
BUILDING AND FIRE CODE VIOLATION PENALTIES, COSTS AND FINES THROUGH  
PLACEMENT BY THE CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ON THE CITY'S  
ANNUAL TAX LEVY***

BY:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Council Member William Kennedy  
Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr.  
Council Member Kenny Tompkins  
Council Member Christopher Voccio

**WHEREAS**, it is requested that the State Real Property Tax Law be amended by adding a new provision to allow the City of Niagara Falls to place unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines on the City's annual tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Robert Ortt introduced Senate Bill No. S4415 as attached hereto, and Assemblyman Angelo Morinello introduced Assembly Bill A6345, as attached hereto which would authorize and empower the City of Niagara Falls to place unpaid housing, building and fire code violation penalties, costs and fines on the City's annual tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Legislative process to continue, this City Council is asked to adopt a Home Rule Request.

Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_ Scott \_\_\_\_\_ Tompkins \_\_\_\_\_ Voccio \_\_\_\_\_ Touma \_\_\_\_\_

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Niagara Falls, New York does hereby recognize, acknowledge and support the enactment by the New York State Legislature of Senate Bill No. S4415 and Assembly Bill No. A6345 entitled “An Act to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing the City of Niagara Falls to add unpaid housing code violation penalties, costs and fines to such City’s annual tax levy” and this City Council declares that a necessity exists for the enactment of such legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of this City Council is directed to complete and certify the Home Rule Requests and forward copies to the New York State Legislature as required.