

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

***RELATIVE TO CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF A
NEW CATEGORY OF TAXICAB MEDALLIONS TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES BY SPECIFICALLY DEDICATING THIS CATEGORY OF TAXICAB
MEDALLIONS TO VEHICLES THAT ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES***

BY:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma
Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr.
Council Member Kenny Tompkins

WHEREAS, Section 365.04 of Chapter 365 of the City of Niagara Falls Codified Ordinances limits the number of taxicab medallions which may be issued in the City of Niagara Falls to eighty-nine (89); and

WHEREAS, this City Council has been requested to explore the possibility of amending Chapter 365 to include a new category of taxicab medallions to assist persons with disabilities by specifically dedicating a new category of taxicab medallions to vehicles that are wheelchair accessible vehicles that are required by disabled individuals in the City of Niagara Falls to go from place to place on the same basis that taxi cabs are available including, but not limited to, meters in the vehicles and the ability to pick up a passenger through on-street ride hailing; and

WHEREAS, this City Council wishes to obtain information from the public about this concept including the following items:

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1. Whether there is a need for such a category of dedicated medallions in the City of Niagara Falls;
2. If there is a need for such a category of dedicated medallions, how many such medallions should be issued;
3. The criteria to be utilized in order to designate a vehicle as wheelchair accessible and the type of equipment which may be required on such a vehicle in order to obtain such a dedicated medallion;
4. Whether there should be a limit on the number of dedicated medallions which may be purchased or held by any one (1) entity;
5. Whether there should be a requirement for the purchaser of such a dedicated medallion to be a resident of the City of Niagara Falls;
6. Any other information that the public may wish to bring to the attention of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that in order to further investigate this matter, this City Council does hereby schedule a public hearing to be held on this issue during its next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. during which any persons interested in this matter may voice their opinions, issues and concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three (3) days notice of said hearing be published in the Niagara Gazette preceding said hearing.