

August 30, 2019

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

*RE: Approval of recommendation to authorize the reconveyance of title
to former owners of parcels acquired in the 2016 In Rem*

Council Members:

The City is in the process of acquiring title to a number of parcels through the 2016 In Rem Tax Foreclosure. These properties will be auctioned later this year. Frequently, the former owners attempt to redeem their property by paying all outstanding or delinquent City, School and County taxes with penalties and interest prior to the auction. Although this is not a legal right, this has been allowed by the City Council in the past to avoid unnecessary hardship. Accordingly, we are recommending that this Council authorize the reconveyance of title to those former owners who pay all outstanding In Rem fees, auctioneer redemption fee, City, School and County taxes with penalties and interest, and any applicable recording fees on or before the close of business on the day before the auction.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the execution and delivery of deeds by the Mayor to any property owners who tender payment as set forth?

Respectfully submitted,

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