

RESOLUTION No. 2020-

***RELATIVE TO SHORT-TERM, VACATION OR TRANSIENT RENTALS,
EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF
APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING/USE PERMITS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2020***

BY:

Council Chairman Christopher Voccio
Council Member William Kennedy II
Council Member Kenny Tompkins
Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2020, this Council adopted a resolution that imposed a ninety (90) day moratorium on the consideration of building/use permits for short-term, vacation or transient rentals in order to enable the City to develop a comprehensive and detailed plan concerning their location and approvals which is in concert with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, while the City Administration immediately began working toward developing such a plan, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Administration to turn its attention to the City's response to this unprecedented public health emergency, drawing its time and resources away from the short term rental project, which caused this Council to extend the moratorium through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has completed its work on the comprehensive plan and has submitted to the City Planning Board for review; and

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WHEREAS, as the newly developed plan will require an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance, Planning Board review will also require submission of the plan to the Niagara County Planning Board and a Public Hearing, which could not have been accomplished during the Covid-19 shut down; and

WHEREAS, the review process will be completed by early August 2020, which falls during the City Council's summer recess; and

WHEREAS, in order allow for the completion of this process prior to our consideration of the specifics of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, a short extension of the moratorium is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that the moratorium on the consideration of building/use permits for short-term, vacation or transient rentals is hereby extended through September 2, 2020, at which time the moratorium shall terminate.