

RESOLUTION NO. 2021

RELATIVE TO SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10.37 OF THE NIAGARA FALLS CITY CHARTER, ENTITLED “RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL USER FEES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING”.

BY:

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented socio-economic impact throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, as the pandemic nears the end of its second full year, it is apparent to nearly everyone that the world economy will continue to suffer its effects for many years, and perhaps decades, to come; and

WHEREAS, here in the City of Niagara Falls, our local residents and businesses, which already face a significant burden from taxes and fees, are now facing the unemployment, shortages, and rising prices caused by the pandemic, creating an even greater hardship to our economy; and

WHEREAS, these hardships have been exacerbated by record increases in gas, electric and water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10.37 of the Niagara Falls City Charter, entitled “Residential, Commercial and Institutional User Fees for Refuse Collection and Recycling”, sets forth the procedures for the City Council to establish the user fees related to trash and recycling collection in the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide both our residents and businesses with a level of relief from rising taxes and fees, the Niagara Falls City Council supports placing a cap on the residential, commercial and institutional user fees for refuse and recycling collection at the 2022 rates; and

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WHEREAS, to accomplish this, this Council supports the amendment of Chapter 10.37 of the Niagara Falls City Charter to reflect a procedure to cap the user fees at this level.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Niagara Falls hereby supports the amendment of Chapter 10.37 of the Niagara Falls City Charter, entitled “Residential, Commercial and Institutional User Fees for Refuse Collection and Recycling” to set a cap on the user fees collected pursuant thereto at the 2022 rates.

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