

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

***RELATIVE TO SHORT-TERM, VACATION OR TRANSIENT RENTALS,
EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION
OF APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING/USE PERMITS THROUGH JUNE 9, 2022***

BY:

Council Chairman John Spanbauer
Council Member Kenny Tompkins

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2021, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls imposed a moratorium on the consideration of building/use permits for short-term, vacation or transient rentals though March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this moratorium was imposed to enable the City to develop a comprehensive and detailed plan which is in concert with the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the City of Niagara Falls concerning the location, regulation and approvals of short-term, vacation or transient rentals; and

WHEREAS, that plan was finalized and, following the approvals of both the Niagara County and City of Niagara Falls Planning Boards and a public hearing, the City Council ratified the amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance at its meeting on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully implement the City's newly amended Short Term Rental Ordinance, this Council determined that deemed it necessary for the City to seek assistance in short-term rental registration, tax collection and enforcement activities and that the City should to enter into an agreement with a reputable company who could provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed a resolution at its February 16, 2022 meeting authorizing the Mayor to enter into such an agreement with Granicus, Inc., a company that is known as an industry leader in short-term rental monitoring and compliance; and

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WHEREAS, while Granicus is already at work developing computer/web-based modules centered upon the City's Short Term Rental enforcement needs, additional work needs to be done by both Granicus and City personnel in order to successfully develop an implementation program; and

WHEREAS, in order allow for the completion of this process and to effectuate an efficient implementation of the City's short-term rental registration, tax collection and enforcement activities, 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 June 9, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will monitor the implementation process for short-term rental registration, tax collection and enforcement activities and may adjust the parameters of the moratorium based on progress of the same.