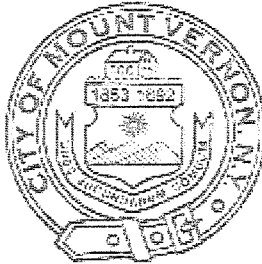


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### **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

#### **City Council**

*NICOLE BONILLA, M.B.A.  
City Clerk*

*JORDAN A. RIULLANO, J.D.  
Deputy City Clerk*

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF THE MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th, 2025.**

**Scheduled for 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York.**

*\*\*\* This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, with virtual participation via ZOOM and CMVNY Facebook. The meeting was not closed to the public.\*\*\**

**PRESIDING:** Danielle Browne, President

**OTHERS:** Nicole Bonilla, City Clerk; Jordan Riullano, Deputy City Clerk; Antoinette Anderson, Legislative Aide; Johan Powell, Deputy Corporation Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Danielle Browne called the meeting to order and provided general house-keeping rules, including encouraging citizens to share the meeting on social media and what to do “in case of emergency”. Council President Browne explained the 3-minute-plus-1 public comment rule. She then asked a Councilperson to lead the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President then proceeded to the Public Speakers session of the evening (listed below as public comment).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REFERRAL SESSION**

Roll Call administered by City Clerk Nicole Bonilla

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND ACTION THEREON**

**To the Council:**

**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative
2. Department of Public Works: Willie Brown: An Ordinance Authorizing Street Closure and Traffic Control Measures for the 12th Annual "I Know You Got Soul" Car Show hosted by the Mount Vernon Classic Car Club of New York
3. Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Archive Social Services from CivicPlus and Appropriating Funds
4. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Condemnation and Disposal of City-Owned Vehicles - May 2025
5. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with National Water Main Cleaning Company for Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 - (Project 122022-2)

6. Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Award of a Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Phase 2 of the Sewer System Cleaning and Investigation Project - (Contract 3062025)
7. Department of Recreation: An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the "Living my Best Life" Community Health Fair in Partnership with T. Fraser Productions

HELD.

Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing a Salary Increase for the Position of Lead Service Line Coordinator within the Board of Water Supply

HELD.

Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Increase of Salary for the Lead Service Line Administrator of the Board of Water Supply

10. Office of the City Clerk: An Ordinance Authorizing Attendance at the 2025 Summer IIMC Municipal Clerks Education Program
11. Office of the City Clerk: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Appointing Jordan Riullano as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Mount Vernon
12. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York Celebrating and Honoring First Lady Inez N. Richardson - (for 50 years of faith, dedication to Grace Baptist Church and the city of Mt. Vernon)
13. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Recognizing the Extraordinary Work and Service of the Delta Nu Sigma Alumnae Mt. Vernon Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
14. City Council: Resolution for Home Rule Request in Support of the State Senate Assembly - An Act to Amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the Public Officers Law, in Relation to Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to Establish a School Speed Zone Demonstration Program; and Providing for the Repeal of such Provisions upon Expiration Thereof
15. City Council: Resolution for Home Rule Request in Support of the State Senate Assembly - An Act to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Authorizing the City of Mount Vernon to Impose a Hotel and Motel Tax, and Providing for the Repeal of such Provisions upon Expiration Thereof

**To the Council:**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

16. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Youth Bureau to Host the 5th Annual "Let Your Colors Shine" Pride Day Event on June 5, 2025, and Related Actions
17. Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Service Agreement with the Westchester County, Westchester County Board of Legislators, and the Westchester County Youth Bureau for Funding of the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (S.R.A.E.P.) - (from May 15, 2025, through December 31, 2025)

**To the Council:****PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

18. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Two (2) Members of Service to Attend REID Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques Course
19. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Three (3) Members of Service to Attend the FBI Basic Police Sniper School Training Program
20. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Two (2) Members of Service to Attend the Noble Cause Training and Development: Sergeant Summit
21. Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Authorizing Two (2) Members of Service to Attend the Combined Tactical Systems Training: Less Lethal Instructor School at the Westchester County Police Academy
22. City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Authorizing an Agreement Terminating Certain Covenants and Restrictions for the Previously Approved Q West Towers Project - (25 and 29 North Macquesten Parkway and 1 and 7-11 North Macquesten Parkway)

**To the Council:****FINANCE AND PLANNING**

23. Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Ordinance No. 16, adopted by the City Council on November 13, 2024, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CORRECTION FOR THE TAX YEARS 2023 AND 2024 FOR CITY, COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAX BILLS AND DIRECTING THE COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE A REFUND/CREDIT TO METRO GREEN REALTY OF WESTCHESTER, LLC / O OAK STREET - (BLOCK 164.68-1055-19) DUE TO A CORRECTION OF ERROR)"
24. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and LaBella Associates, DPC, to add Consulting Services for Planning Board Review
25. Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Letter of Commitment with ARUP in Support of a Natural Solutions Innovation Challenge Sponsored by NYSERDA



26. Department of Recreation: 2025 Sickle Cell Symposium

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

27. Department of Planning and Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Chapter 267 Entitled Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Vernon to Permit and Regulate Indoor Amusement Uses in the CB, I, and LI-7.5 Districts
28. City Council: An Ordinance Granting Approval for a New Two-Family Detached Residence and Curb Cut at 145 South Fulton Avenue

**FINANCE AND PLANNING**

29. Resolution for Home Rule Request - An Act to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Increasing the Tax on Deeds in the City of Mount Vernon

**ADD-ON ON THE FLOOR**

30. City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Hartley Park Facilities by the Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School for an End-of-Year Celebration

**AWARDS / PRESENTATIONS / SWEARING IN**

**OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING COMMENTS**

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF AN UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE BLOOMBERG  
HARVARD CITY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Whereas, by letter dated April 21, 2025, the Mayor has requested legislation authorizing her to execute the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Mount Vernon and the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and attached hereto; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon, through the leadership of the Patterson-Howard Administration, has established a valuable partnership with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government; and

Whereas, this partnership has facilitated the placement of a Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow in the City of Mount Vernon's Buildings Department, providing critical operational support at no cost to the City; and

Whereas, the services rendered by the Fellow have significantly contributed to the administration's strategic goals of improving departmental efficiency, enhancing service delivery, and supporting policy development within City operations; and

Whereas, the Bloomberg Harvard team has issued updated grant award language and provided a revised Memorandum of Understanding to ensure compliance with current grant reporting and administrative standards; and

Whereas, while the substance of the fellowship and the City's obligations remain unchanged, the updated MOU reflects necessary technical revisions to align with the Initiative's current requirements; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Execute Updated MOU.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to execute the updated Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mount Vernon and the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, in substantially the form presented to the City Council and attached hereto.

**Section 2. Ratification of Prior Acts.** All actions heretofore taken by the Mayor, the Buildings Department, or other officers or employees of the City in connection with the Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellowship are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 3. No Fiscal Impact.** Executing the updated MOU shall not impose any financial obligation on the City, as the Fellow's services are provided through the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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Assistant Corporation Counsel  
  
APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President  
ATTEST:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURE  
AND TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE  
12TH ANNUAL “I KNOW YOU GOT SOUL” CAR SHOW  
HOSTED BY THE MOUNT VERNON  
CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF NEW YORK

**Whereas**, in a letter dated April 25, 2025, the Mount Vernon Car Club President formally requested authorization the temporary closure of West 7th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025, to accommodate the setup, operation, and takedown of the “I Know You Got Soul” Car Show; and

**Whereas:**

- The Mount Vernon Classic Car Club of New York has organized and successfully hosted the “I Know You Got Soul” Car Show for eleven consecutive years, becoming a cherished tradition within the City of Mount Vernon; and
- The 12th Annual “I Know You Got Soul” Car Show is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Brush Park; and
- The event is expected to bring together residents, visitors, and automobile enthusiasts in a positive, family-friendly environment, fostering community spirit and economic activity; and
- In order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of attendees, temporary traffic control measures and parking restrictions are necessary; and

The City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of this event and seeks to support its successful operation in a safe and orderly manner; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Street Closure Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes the temporary closure of West 7th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025, to accommodate the setup, operation, and takedown of the “I Know You Got Soul” Car Show.

**Section 2. Rain Date.** In the event of inclement weather, the City authorizes the same street closure and event logistics to occur on the rain date of Saturday, September 27, 2025, during the same period.

**Section 3. Traffic Control Devices.** The Department of Public Works (DPW) is directed to provide and place six (6) “Do Not Cross” barricades to secure the event perimeter and facilitate the safe flow of pedestrian traffic.

**Section 4. Public Works and Safety Support.**

The Department of Public Works shall:

- Post “No Parking” signs on West 7th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue 72 hours on both the event date and the rain date before the event.
- Place appropriate street closure banners at designated intersections.

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The Mount Vernon Police Department shall:

- Provide special attention via the sector car and patrol supervisor.
- Authorize the hiring of additional officers on an overtime basis if needed, at the expense of the event organizer.

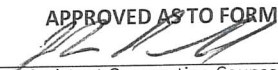
**Section 5. Event Cleanup.** The Mount Vernon Car Club shall ensure that the event area is cleaned before and after the event and that no debris or waste is left in the public right-of-way.

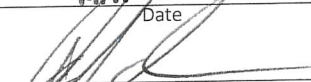
**Section 6. Liability and Insurance.** The Mount Vernon Car Club has submitted a valid Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Mount Vernon as an additional insured. The Club assumes responsibility for ensuring all event activities comply with applicable safety and city codes.

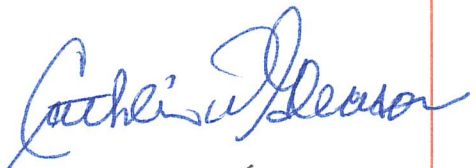
**Section 7. Notification and Coordination.** The Mount Vernon Classic Car Club of New York shall coordinate with the Mount Vernon Police Department, Department of Public Works, and other relevant city agencies to ensure compliance with safety, noise, and sanitation regulations.

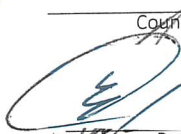
**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon the filing of the above-described documents in the office of the City Clerk of Mount Vernon.

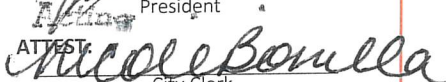
Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
Acting Mayor

  
Catherine Gleason  
Councilperson

  
This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council  
President

ATTEST:  
  
Nicole Bonella  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
PURCHASE OF ARCHIVE SOCIAL SERVICES  
FROM CIVICPLUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 16, 2025, the Commissioner for the Department of Management Services formally requested authorization to purchase Archive Social services from CivicPlus to support the City's social media archiving and public records compliance; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon utilizes social media platforms to communicate official information to the public; and

**Whereas**, according to New York State law, including the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), all social media content disseminated by a municipal entity constitutes official public records and must be properly retained and accessible; and

**Whereas**, Archive Social, a service provided by CivicPlus, automatically captures and stores all social media posts, comments, edits, deletions, and livestream recordings, thereby creating a tamper-proof and searchable archive that ensures compliance with state records laws; and

**Whereas**, recent platform policy changes, such as Facebook's deletion of livestream videos after 30 days, effective February 19, 2024, present a risk to the City's ability to preserve essential public records; and

**Whereas**, Archive Social provides a permanent and verifiable archive of all social media activity, ensuring the City can fulfill FOIL requests, respond to legal inquiries and audits, and maintain public transparency; and

**Whereas**, the cost of the Archive Social service is \$9,625.60, and funding is available in the approved 2025 budget under budget code A1680.216; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization of Purchase.** The City Council authorizes the Department of Management Services to purchase Archive Social services from CivicPlus to support the City's social media archiving and public records compliance.

**Section 2. Funding Appropriation.** The sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$9,625.60) is hereby appropriated from budget code A1680.216 to cover the full cost of the Archive Social service.

**Section 3. Compliance and Transparency.** The implementation of Archive Social shall be used to ensure continued compliance with New York State public records law, including FOIL, and to enhance transparency and public trust through reliable digital recordkeeping.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council, subject to concurrence by the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea  
Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea  
Poteat: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025

Date

BY

Mayor

*Cathleen J. DeSena*  
Councilperson

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

*Michael Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION  
AND DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED VEHICLES – MAY 2025

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**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 14, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works formally requested authorization to condemn the following vehicles as municipal surplus due to mileage, obsolescence, or non-serviceability; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon owns several vehicles that have been determined to be obsolete, beyond repair, or otherwise no longer serviceable for municipal operations; and

**Whereas**, the City Comptroller and Department of Public Works have reviewed and identified seventeen (17) such vehicles, including two (2) 2003 International Dump Trucks bearing Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) IHTWY AHT45J014270 and IHTWY AHT65J014271; and

**Whereas**, Brookfield Resource Management has submitted a proposal to purchase the above-referenced vehicles along with fifteen (15) additional vehicles, for a total sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$37,250.00); and

**Whereas**, said payment shall be made payable to the City of Mount Vernon and deposited into the City's revenue account code A2650 – *Sales of Scrap and Excess Property*; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to formally condemn and dispose of the listed vehicles in accordance with municipal and applicable state guidelines for surplus property; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Condemn Vehicles.** The City Comptroller, in coordination with the Department of Public Works, is hereby authorized to condemn the following vehicles as municipal surplus due to mileage, obsolescence, or non-serviceability:

Vehicle Number	Year	Make	VIN Number	Price
H-115 2003	2003	International Dump Truck	IHTWYAHT45J014270	\$4,000.00
H-116	2003	International Dump Truck	IHTWYAHT65J014271	\$4,000.00
H-117	2003	International Dump Truck	IHTWYAHT85J014272	\$4,000.00
H-118	2000	Sterling 8500 Dump Truck	2FZAAWAK21AJ00565	\$3,000.00
H-119	2000	Sterling 8500 Dump	2FZHHUAK21AJ00562	\$3,000.00
H-121	2000	International 7600	1HTGLAHT2YH263939	\$4,500.00
H-125	1999	International 4600E	1HTSDAAR7XH639121	\$3,000.00
S-12	2011	Freightliner M2 Refuse	1FVHCYBS8BHBA6856	\$3,000.00
S-15	2010	Freightliner M2 Refuse	1FVHC7CVOADAT2524	\$3,500.00
P-6	2000	Ford F250	1FTSF31 L81 EC36496	\$500.00
T-4	1971	White Western Star Tractor	LPPFUH1072501	\$2,000.00
No Vehicle Number	1987	International Box Truck	IHTLAZPL7JH553569	\$1,000.00
No Vehicle Number	2005	Ford E250 Gem Car	1FTNE24W75HA98308	\$0.00
No Vehicle Number	2002	Chevy Trailblazer	1GNDTI3W92K239981	\$400.00
No Vehicle Number	1999	Ford Taurus	1FAFP52U6XA217842	\$400.00
No Vehicle Number	2005	Ford E350 Van	1FTNE24W75HA98308	\$450.00
No Vehicle Number	1971	Tandem Trailer	No VIN#	\$500.00

**Section 2. Authorization to Dispose of Vehicles.** The City Comptroller is hereby authorized to proceed with the legal and appropriate disposal of the seventeen (17) vehicles listed in Section 1 through sale, recycling, or scrapping, consistent with the offer received from Brookfield Resource Management.

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**Section 3. Receipt and Allocation of Funds.** Proceeds for Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$37,250.00) shall be deposited into Account Code A2650, titled *Sales of Scrap and Excess Property*, for the benefit of the City of Mount Vernon.


**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.


Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
BY  Mayor

  
Catherine Gleason  
Councilperson

  
This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

ATTEST:   
Michelle Bonilla  
City Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT  
WITH NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING  
COMPANY FOR SEWER REHABILITATION  
PHASE 1 (PROJECT 122022-2)

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 16, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement with National Water Main Cleaning Company for Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 (Project 122022-2) to extend the contract end date from June 30, 2025, to November 30, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon previously awarded a contract for Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 (Project 122022-2) to National Water Main Cleaning Company, located at 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, New Jersey 07032, as the lowest responsible bidder for the amount of \$6,923,630; and

**Whereas**, the contract was approved by the City Council on May 2, 2023, with an original end date of June 30, 2025; and

**Whereas**, as of the date of this request, there remains approximately \$1,300,000 in unexpended funds within the existing contract; and

**Whereas**, the rehabilitation work is assigned based on findings from an ongoing sewer cleaning and investigation program, the schedule of which is partially outside the contractor's control; and

**Whereas**, the Commissioner of Public Works, Damani Bush, has recommended extending the contract's end date to allow sufficient time for the completion of work without increasing the contract amount; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to authorize this extension to ensure the successful completion of this critical infrastructure project; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with National Water Main Cleaning Company for Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 (Project 122022-2) to extend the contract end date from June 30, 2025, to November 30, 2025.

**Section 2. No Additional Funding.** This amendment shall not result in any increase to the previously authorized contract amount of \$6,923,630. The extension is for time only.

**Section 3. Execution of Documents.** The Mayor is further authorized to take all necessary actions and execute all necessary documents to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 28 2025

Date

BY

Acting

Mayor

Cathleen Gleason

Councilperson

President

ATTEST

Nicole Bonella

City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea  
Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea  
Poteat: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance: Adopted



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF  
A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE  
BIDDER FOR PHASE 2 OF THE SEWER SYSTEM  
CLEANING AND INVESTIGATION PROJECT  
(CONTRACT NO. 3062025)

**Whereas**, by letter dated May 16, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested legislation authorizing the Mayor to award and execute a contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC for Phase 2 of the Sewer System Cleaning and Investigation Project (Contract No. 3062025), for \$1,450,450.00, as the lowest responsible bidder, subject to final review and approval by the Corporation Counsel; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is undertaking a comprehensive, five-year citywide sewer system cleaning and investigation program to improve the reliability, safety, and efficiency of its sewer infrastructure; and

**Whereas**, Phase 2 of the Sewer System Cleaning and Investigation Project (Contract No. 3062025) constitutes the second year of this multi-year initiative; and

**Whereas**, on March 31, 2025, the City publicly advertised for bids for the above-referenced contract in accordance with all applicable procurement laws and guidelines; and

**Whereas**, four (4) bids were received on April 28, 2025, and the apparent lowest responsible bidder was determined to be Insituform Technologies, LLC, with a base bid in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450,450.00); and

**Whereas**, the City's consulting engineer, Arcadis of New York, Inc., conducted a thorough review of the bid submissions, including reference checks and verification of bidder qualifications, and has determined that Insituform Technologies, LLC meets all technical and professional requirements; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of this project is eligible to be fully funded through a combination of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant, the 2021 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program Grant, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Project Funding Grant; and

**Whereas**, the timely execution of this contract is essential to advancing the City's critical infrastructure goals, preserving public health, and maximizing the use of available state and federal funding; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Award Contract.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to award and execute a contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC for Phase 2 of the Sewer System Cleaning and Investigation Project (Contract No. 3062025), for \$1,450,450.00, as the lowest responsible bidder, subject to final review and approval by the Corporation Counsel.

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**Section 2. Funding Source.** The total project cost shall be paid for entirely from external grant sources, including but not limited to:

- The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant,
- The 2021 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program Grant, and
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Project Funding Grant.

No City general funds shall be required for this project.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

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Date

BY

Acting

Mayor

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Cathline Gleason  
Councilperson

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council  
Acting President  
ATTEST: Nicole Bonilla  
City Clerk



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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE “LIVING  
MY BEST LIFE” COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH T. FRASER PRODUCTIONS**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated April 22, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Recreation formally requested authorization to co-sponsor the “*Living My Best Life*” Community Health Fair event on October 4, 2025, at Hartley Park, in partnership with T. Fraser Productions. The rain date shall be October 5, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting the health, wellness, and empowerment of its residents through programs and events that foster community engagement; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Recreation has proposed that the City co-sponsor the “*Living My Best Life*” Community Health Fair in partnership with T. Fraser Productions; and

**Whereas**, this event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hartley Park, with a rain date of Sunday, October 5, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the event will serve as a day-long festival of wellness, featuring mental and physical health workshops, live performances, fitness demonstrations, panel discussions, food trucks, vendors, and community-building activities; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of such initiatives in strengthening social ties and promoting healthier lifestyles across all age groups; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Co-Sponsor Event.** The City of Mount Vernon, through its Department of Recreation, is hereby authorized to co-sponsor the “*Living My Best Life*” Community Health Fair event on October 4, 2025, at Hartley Park, in partnership with T. Fraser Productions. The rain date shall be October 5, 2025.

**Section 2. Support from the Department of Recreation.** The Department of Recreation shall provide operational and logistical support, including but not limited to:

- Assistance with securing and coordinating the use of Hartley Park.
- Organizing a Children’s Village (Kid Zone) with bouncy houses and games.

**Section 3. Public Safety Support.**

The Mount Vernon Police Department is respectfully requested to:

- Assign a patrol car in the vicinity of Hartley Park during event hours.
- Provide an Auxiliary Police presence within the park, as applicable and available.

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**Section 4. Department of Public Works Support.**

The Department of Public Works is respectfully requested to:

- Assist with **event clean-up** post-event.
- Provide and install **barricades** at designated park entry points, per the direction of the Recreation event leadership.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025

Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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*Cathleen Gleason*  
Councilperson

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

Acting President

ATTEST

*Nicole Bonilla*  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SALARY  
INCREASE FOR THE POSITION OF LEAD SERVICE  
LINE FIELD COORDINATOR WITHIN THE  
BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

Whereas, in a letter dated May 16, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply formally requested authorization for an increase in the annual salary of the Lead Service Line Field Coordinator position within the Board of Water Supply from \$52,000 to \$67,291, corresponding to CSEA Grade 6A, Step 7, effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon has established a Lead Service Line Replacement Program to enhance public health and infrastructure resilience; and

Whereas, the position of Lead Service Line Field Coordinator plays a critical role in the implementation and oversight of this program; and

Whereas, recent Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) under collective bargaining agreements with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) and Teamsters have resulted in increased salary levels for various positions within the City of Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, equity and competitive compensation for positions performing comparable functions are essential for employee retention and program success; and

Whereas, the current annual salary for the Lead Service Line Field Coordinator is \$52,000 and does not reflect recent adjustments in comparable positions; and

Whereas, the proposed salary adjustment to \$67,291, corresponding to CSEA Grade 6A, Step 7, will ensure parity and is within the approved salary range (Grade 6A: \$54,239.05 to \$73,817.65); and

Whereas, the proposed increase has been reviewed and approved by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), and sufficient funding is available from the existing \$2 million EFC grant allocated to the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; and

Whereas, this salary adjustment has been budgeted for and is contingent upon the final approval of the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization of Salary Increase.** The City Council hereby authorizes and approves an increase in the annual salary of the Lead Service Line Field Coordinator position within the Board of Water Supply from \$52,000 to \$67,291, corresponding to CSEA Grade 6A, Step 7, effective January 1, 2025.

**Section 2. Funding Source.** The salary increase authorized under this Ordinance shall be fully funded by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) grant for \$2 million, specifically allocated for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

**Section 3. Implementation.** The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Board of Water Supply are authorized and directed to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this salary adjustment.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council, subject to concurrence by the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

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Date

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

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President

ATTEST:  
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City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
INCREASE OF SALARY FOR THE  
LEAD SERVICE LINE ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 16, 2025, the Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply formally requested authorization for the adjustment of the annual salary for the Lead Service Line Administrator within the Board of Water Supply to reflect the position's updated responsibilities and classification under the CSEA salary chart; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon Board of Water Supply has reviewed the current salary for the position of Lead Service Line Administrator; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Human Resources, following an amendment to the Civil Service duty statement, has assessed the expanded duties and responsibilities of the position and recommended a salary adjustment; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Human Resources has determined that the duties and responsibilities of the Lead Service Line Administrator position are consistent with Grade 13 of the CSEA salary schedule; and

**Whereas**, the proposed salary increase from \$85,000 to \$102,391 annually corresponds with Grade 13, Step 9, on the CSEA salary scale (Minimum: \$71,385.08; Maximum: \$106,266.83); and

**Whereas**, funding for this salary adjustment will be fully covered by an existing \$2 million grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC), which has reviewed and approved the increase in connection with the Lead Service Line Replacement Program; and

**Whereas**, this adjustment has been budgeted and is now subject to final approval by the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the adjustment of the annual salary for the Lead Service Line Administrator within the Board of Water Supply to reflect the position's updated responsibilities and classification under the CSEA salary chart.

**Section 2. Salary Adjustment Authorized.** Effective January 1, 2025, the annual salary for the position of Lead Service Line Administrator shall be increased from Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$102,391), which corresponds with Grade 13, Step 9 of the CSEA salary chart.

**Section 3. Funding.** The salary increase authorized in Section 2 shall be fully funded by the existing New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) grant allocated to the City of Mount Vernon for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. No additional City funds shall be required for this adjustment.

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**Section 4. Administrative Action.** The Department of Human Resources and the Board of Water Supply are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this salary adjustment, including any updates to payroll and Civil Service records.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council, subject to concurrence by the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

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Date

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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Councilperson

**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

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President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE  
AT THE 2025 SUMMER IIMC MUNICIPAL  
CLERKS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 13, 2025, the City Clerk formally requested authorization to attend the 2025 Summer IIMC Municipal Clerks Education Program to be held from July 13 to July 17, 2025, in Latham, New York; and

**Whereas**, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) is holding its 2025 Summer Municipal Clerks Education Program from Sunday, July 13th through Thursday, July 17th at 400 Old Loudon Road, Latham, New York; and

**Whereas**, the IIMC Education Program provides an intensive curriculum of forty (40) hours of classroom training that supports the continuing professional development and certification of municipal clerks, including leadership and municipal governance instruction aligned with current priorities in local government; and

**Whereas**, participation in this program will contribute to the achievement of the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation and foster improved performance, knowledge, and skills directly beneficial to the City of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, the total cost of attendance is estimated not to exceed One Thousand Ninety-Six Dollars (\$1,096.00), which includes \$500.00 for tuition and materials, and \$596.00 for hotel accommodations for four (4) nights; and

**Whereas**, the use of a City-owned vehicle is requested for transportation to and from the training site in Latham, NY; and

**Whereas**, the applicant has applied for a scholarship from the New York State Association of City & Village Clerks (NYSACVC), which, if awarded, may reduce the total cost to the City; and

**Whereas**, funds are available in budget lines A 1410.417 (Education Training - \$500.00) and A 1410.402 (Travel Expense - \$596.00); **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Attend IIMC Education Program.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized to attend the 2025 Summer IIMC Municipal Clerks Education Program to be held from July 13 to July 17, 2025, in Latham, New York.


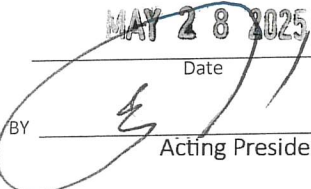
**Section 2. Funding Approval.** The City is authorized to allocate and expend a total amount not to exceed One Thousand Ninety-Six Dollars (\$1,096.00) from budget lines A 1410.417 (Education Training) and A 1410.402 (Travel Expense) to cover tuition, accommodations, and related expenses.

**Section 3. Use of City-Owned Vehicle.** The City Clerk is authorized to utilize a City-owned vehicle for travel to and from the training location in Latham, NY.

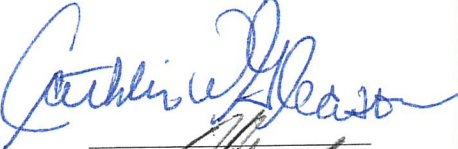
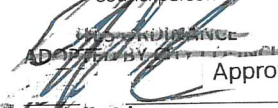

**Section 4. Scholarship Consideration.** Should a scholarship be awarded through the New York State Association of City & Village Clerks (NYSACVC), any reimbursed funds shall be returned to the appropriate City accounts.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
BY  Acting President

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

  
Councilperson  
  
  
Approved  
Acting Mayor  
  
ATTEST:   
City Clerk



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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, APPOINTING  
JORDAN RIULLANO AS DEPUTY CITY CLERK  
FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Whereas, pursuant to Section 34 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, as amended by Local Law No. 4 of 2008, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon is authorized to appoint a Deputy City Clerk who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council; and

Whereas, the City Council has duly deliberated and considered the qualifications and experience of Jordan Riullano for the position of Deputy City Clerk; and

Whereas, Mr. Riullano began serving in the capacity of Deputy City Clerk on May 19, 2025; and

Whereas, Mr. Riullano brings to the Office of the City Clerk a robust background in law, having earned a Juris Doctor (JD), as well as demonstrated strengths in legal research and public administration; and

Whereas, Mr. Riullano previously served as a summer intern with the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, working in the Office of the City Clerk, and has demonstrated a continuing commitment to public service and the Mount Vernon community; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes Mr. Riullano's competence, professionalism, and potential to provide comprehensive and substantive support to both the Office of the City Clerk and the legislative functions of the City Council; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:**Section 1. Appointment.** Jordan Riullano is hereby formally appointed to the position of **Deputy City Clerk** for the City of Mount Vernon, effective May 19, 2025.

**Section 2. Term of Service.** In accordance with Section 34 of the City Charter, Mr. Riullano shall hold said office during the pleasure of the City Council and shall perform such duties as are prescribed by law and assigned by the City Clerk or the Council.

**Section 3. Compensation and Benefits.** Mr. Riullano shall receive such compensation and benefits as may be established by the City Council or pursuant to applicable provisions of the City's personnel policies and procedures.

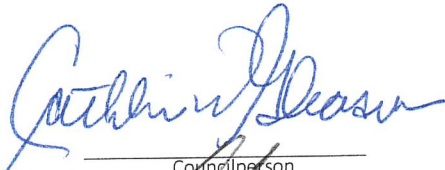
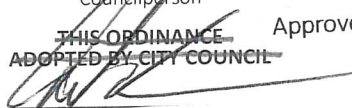
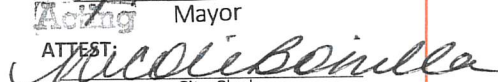
**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025

Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
Acting President

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

  
Catherine Gleason  
Councilperson  
  
~~THIS ORDINANCE~~ Approved  
~~ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL~~  
  
Acting Mayor  
  
ATTEST:  
  
Nicole Bonilla  
City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK  
CELEBRATING AND HONORING  
FIRST LADY INEZ N. RICHARDSON

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, NY joins together to celebrate **FIRST LADY INEZ N. RICHARDSON** for 50 years of faith, dedication, and God’s grace; and

Whereas, **FIRST LADY INEZ N. RICHARDSON** has served with unwavering faith and humility alongside her husband, Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, since they arrived at the church fifty years ago. She has been a vital presence in the advancement of the ministry of Grace Baptist Church, always choosing to serve without seeking recognition, status, or title, but rather working humbly to uplift the ministry of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, First Lady Richardson has nurtured youth through the development of the teenage choir and youth ministry, and championed the establishment of the MOCCA ministry, which has provided college students with more than \$1.5 million in scholarships over the past fifty years. She has served the broader community through her involvement in numerous civic and philanthropic organizations, including as a charter member of the Metropolitan Chapter of LINKS, Vice President and Chapter Treasurer, NGO representative to the United Nations, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., among others; and

Whereas, she is also a devoted wife, mother of three, grandmother of five, and a model of Christian virtue whose strength, compassion, and faith have uplifted her family and congregation. She and Reverend Richardson have been married for 55 years, marking a legacy of love, commitment, and partnership that has served as an example to many; **Now, Therefore, be it**

**Resolved,** on this **25th day of May 2025**, the City Council joins with the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, NY, to honor **FIRST LADY INEZ N. RICHARDSON**, for her decades of dedicated service, leadership, and faithful stewardship to the Grace Baptist Church and the wider community.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Date

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Acting President

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

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Arthur Gleason  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE Approved  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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ATTEST: Michelle Benillea  
City Clerk



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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK  
RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY  
WORK AND SERVICE OF THE  
DELTA NU SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
of SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

Whereas, the great City of Mount Vernon, New York, proudly comes together to recognize and celebrate the outstanding service, commitment, and sisterhood of the **DELTA NU SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER of SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.;** and

Whereas, **SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.;** founded on November 12, 1922, by seven educators in Indianapolis, Indiana, has remained unwavering in its mission to uplift communities through sisterhood, leadership, and service; and

Whereas, the **DELTA NU SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER** was officially chartered on **May 3, 1975**, in Mount Vernon, New York, by seven pioneering women—Pauline Aska, Olive Campbell, Hortense Jones, Shirley Kemp, Barbara Perry, Myrna Ross, and Alice Scott—who sought to extend the Sorority’s noble mission at the local level; and

Whereas, for nearly five decades, the Chapter has made a profound impact across Mount Vernon and Westchester County through its initiatives in youth scholarships, health awareness, hunger relief, community beautification, and countless acts of philanthropy and volunteer service; and

Whereas, the Chapter’s affiliates—the Philos, Rhoers, and Rhosebuds—together with its dedicated members, have consistently demonstrated an enduring commitment to excellence, leadership, and civic engagement; **Now, Therefore, be it**

**Resolved,** that the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, on behalf of its residents, proudly honors and commends the extraordinary contributions of the Delta Nu Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. for its exemplary record of community service, advocacy, and empowerment. We extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your continued partnership and leadership.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

MAY 28 2025  
Date  
BY Acting President

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

Cathleen Gleason  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
Approved  
Acting Mayor  
ATTEST: Nicole Bonilla  
City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION FOR HOME RULE REQUEST IN  
SUPPORT OF THE STATE SENATE ASSEMBLY  
BILL NO. A8446A**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC  
LAW AND THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, IN  
RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
MOUNT VERNON TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL  
SPEED ZONE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM;  
AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF SUCH  
PROVISIONS UPON EXPIRATION THEREOF**

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to establish a school speed zone demonstration program; authorized to install in no more than twenty school speed zones in such city; and

Whereas, the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1180-h to read as follows:

§ 1180-h. Owner liability for failure of the operator to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits; Mount Vernon.

(a) 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the city of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to establish a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with posted maximum speed limits in a school speed zone within such city (i) when a school speed limit is in effect as provided in paragraphs one and two of subdivision (c) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article or (ii) when other speed limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article during the following times: (A) on school days during school hours and one hour before and one hour after the school day, and (B) a period during student activities at the school and up to thirty minutes immediately before and up to thirty minutes immediately after such student activities. Such a demonstration program shall empower the city of Mt. Vernon to install photo speed violation monitoring systems within no more than twenty school speed zones within such city at any one time and to operate such systems within such zones (iii) when a school speed limit is in effect as provided in paragraphs one and two of subdivision (c) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article, or (iv) when other speed limits are in effect as provided in subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article during the following times: (A) on school days during school hours, and one hour before and one hour after the school day, and (B) a period during student activities at the school and up to thirty minutes immediately before and up to thirty minutes immediately after such student activities. In selecting a school speed zone in which to install and operate a photo speed violation monitoring system, the city shall consider criteria including but not limited to the speed data, crash history, and the roadway geometry applicable to such school speed zone.

2. No photo speed violation monitoring system shall be used in a school speed zone unless (i) on the day it is to be used, it has successfully passed a self-test of its functions; and (ii) it has undergone an annual calibration check performed pursuant to paragraph four of this subdivision. The city shall install signs giving notice that a photo speed violation monitoring system is in use, to be mounted in advance warning signs notifying motor vehicle operators of such an upcoming school speed zone and/or on speed limit signs applicable within such school speed zone, in conformance with standards established in the MUTCD.

3. Operators of photo speed violation monitoring systems shall have completed training in the procedures for setting up, testing, and operating such systems. Each such operator shall complete and sign a daily set-up log for each such system that such operator operates, that (i) states the date and time when, and the location where, the system was set up that day, and (ii) states that such an operator successfully performed, and the system passed the self-tests of such a system before producing a recorded image that day. The city

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shall retain each such daily log until the later of the date on which the photo speed violation monitoring system to which it applies has been permanently removed from use or the final resolution of all cases involving notices of liability issued based on photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images produced by such system.

4. Each photo speed violation monitoring system shall undergo an annual calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory, which shall issue a signed certificate of calibration. The city shall keep each such annual certificate of calibration on file until the final resolution of all cases involving a notice of liability issued during such year, which were based on photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images produced by such photo speed violation monitoring system.

5. (i) Such demonstration program shall utilize necessary technologies to ensure, to the extent practicable, that photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images produced by such photo speed violation monitoring systems shall not include images that identify the driver, the passengers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided, however, that no notice of liability is issued pursuant to this section shall be dismissed solely because such a photograph, microphotograph, videotape, or other recorded images allows for the identification of the driver, the passengers, or the contents of vehicles where the city shows that it made reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of this paragraph in such case.

(ii) Photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or any other recorded image from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall be for the exclusive use of the city for the purpose of the adjudication of liability imposed pursuant to this section and of the owner receiving a notice of liability pursuant to this section, and shall be destroyed by the city upon the final resolution of the notice of liability to which such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images relate, or one year following the date of issuance of such notice of liability, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or any other recorded image from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall not be open to the public, nor subject to civil or criminal process or discovery, nor used by any court or administrative or adjudicatory body in any action or proceeding therein except that which is necessary for the adjudication of a notice of liability issued pursuant to this section, and no public entity or employee, officer or agent thereof shall disclose such information, except that such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded images from such systems:

(A) shall be available for inspection and copying and use by the motor vehicle owner and operator for so long as such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images are required to be maintained or are maintained by such public entity, employee, officer or agent; and

(B) (1) shall be furnished when described in a search warrant issued by a court authorized to issue such a search warrant pursuant to article six hundred ninety of the criminal procedure law or a federal court authorized to issue such a search warrant under federal law, where such search warrant states that there is reasonable cause to believe such information constitutes evidence of, or tends to demonstrate that, a misdemeanor or felony offense was committed in this state or another state, or that a particular person participated in the commission of a misdemeanor or felony offense in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, the court shall only issue a warrant if the conduct comprising such offense would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony against the laws of this state; and

(2) shall be furnished in response to a subpoena duces tecum signed by a judge of competent jurisdiction and issued pursuant to article six hundred ten of the criminal procedure law or a judge or magistrate of a federal court authorized to issue such a subpoena duces tecum under federal law, where the judge finds and the subpoena states that there is reasonable cause to believe such information is relevant and material to the prosecution, or the defense, or the investigation by an authorized law enforcement official, of the alleged commission of a misdemeanor or felony in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, such judge or magistrate shall only issue



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such subpoena if the conduct comprising such offense would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony in this state; and

(3) may, if lawfully obtained pursuant to this clause and clause (A) of this subparagraph and otherwise admissible, be used in such criminal action or proceeding.

(b) If the city of Mt. Vernon establishes a demonstration program pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, the owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section if such vehicle was used or operated with the permission of the owner, express or implied, within a school speed zone in violation of subdivision (c) or during the times authorized pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article, such vehicle was traveling at a speed of more than ten miles per hour above the posted speed limit in effect within such school speed zone, and such violation is evidenced by information obtained from a photo speed violation monitoring system; provided however that no owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section where the operator of such vehicle has been convicted of the underlying violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f), or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “manual on uniform traffic control devices” or “MUTCD” shall mean the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to section sixteen hundred eighty of this chapter;

2. “owner” shall have the meaning provided in article two-B of this chapter;

3. “photo speed violation monitoring system” shall mean a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a speed measuring device which automatically produces two or more photographs, two or more microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in a school speed zone in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article in accordance with the provisions of this section; and

4. “school speed zone” shall mean a distance not to exceed one thousand three hundred twenty feet on a highway passing a school building, entrance or exit of a school abutting on the highway.

(d) A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by the city of Mt. Vernon, or a facsimile thereof, based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images produced by a photo speed violation monitoring system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images evidencing such a violation shall include at least two date and time-stamped images of the rear of the motor vehicle that include the same stationary object near the motor vehicle and shall be available for inspection reasonably in advance of and at any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation pursuant to this section.

(e) An owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f), or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to a demonstration program established pursuant to this section shall be liable for monetary penalties in accordance with a schedule of fines and penalties to be promulgated by the parking violations bureau of the city of Mt. Vernon. The liability of the owner pursuant to this section shall not exceed fifty dollars for each violation; provided, however, that such parking violations bureau may provide for an additional penalty not in excess of twenty-five dollars for each violation for the failure to respond to a notice of liability within the prescribed time period.

(f) An imposition of liability under the demonstration program established pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator and shall not be made part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.



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(g) 1. A notice of liability shall be sent by first-class mail to each person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section, within fourteen business days if such owner is a resident of this state and within forty-five business days if such owner is a non-resident. Personal delivery on the owner shall not be required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.

2. A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section, the registration number of the vehicle involved in such violation, the location where such violation took place, the date and time of such violation, the identification number of the camera which recorded the violation or other document locator number, at least two date and time-stamped images of the rear of the motor vehicle that include the same stationary object near the motor vehicle, and the certificate charging the liability.

3. The notice of liability shall contain information advising the person charged of the manner and the time in which such person may contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability shall also contain a prominent warning to advise the person charged that failure to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an admission of liability and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.

5. The notice of liability shall be prepared and mailed by the city of Mt. Vernon, or by any other entity authorized by the city to prepare and mail such notice of liability.

(h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners by this section shall be by the City of Mt. Vernon Parking Violations Bureau.

(i) If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this section for any time period during which the vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle was reported to the police department as having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of liability for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section that the vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had not been recovered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense provided by this subdivision, it shall be sufficient that a certified copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle or number plate or plates of such vehicle be sent by first-class mail to the city of Mt. Vernon parking violations bureau or by any other entity authorized by the city to prepare and mail such notice of liability.

(j) 1. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f), or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article under this section, provided that:

(i) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed with such parking violations bureau in accordance with the provisions of section two hundred thirty-nine of this chapter; and

(ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from such bureau of the date and time of a liability, together with the other information contained in the original notice of liability, the lessor submits to such bureau the correct name and address of the lessee of the vehicle identified in the notice of liability at the time of such violation, together with such other additional information contained in the rental, lease or other contract document, as may be reasonably required by such bureau pursuant to regulations that may be promulgated for such purpose.

2. Failure to comply with subparagraph (ii) of paragraph one of this subdivision shall render the owner liable for the penalty prescribed in this section.

3. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of paragraph one of this subdivision, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed to be



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the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section shall be subject to liability for such violation pursuant to this section and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section.

(k) 1. If the owner liable for a violation of subdivision (c) or (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, the owner may maintain an action for indemnification against the operator.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no owner of a vehicle shall be subject to a monetary fine imposed pursuant to this section if the operator of such vehicle was operating such vehicle without the consent of the owner at the time such operator operated such vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f), or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article. For purposes of this subdivision there shall be a presumption that the operator of such vehicle was operating such vehicle with the consent of the owner at the time such operator operated such vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

(l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of subdivision (c) or (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

(m) If the city adopts a demonstration program pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section it shall conduct a study and submit an annual report on the results of the use of photo devices to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly on or before the first day of June next succeeding the effective date of this section and on the same date in each succeeding year in which the demonstration program is operable. Such report shall include:

1. The locations where and dates when photo speed violation monitoring systems were used;
2. the aggregate number, type and severity of crashes, fatalities, injuries and property damage reported within all school speed zones within the city, to the extent the information is maintained by the department of motor vehicles of this state;
3. the aggregate number, type and severity of crashes, fatalities, injuries and property damage reported within school speed zones where photo speed violation monitoring systems were used, to the extent the information is maintained by the department of motor vehicles of this state;
4. the number of violations recorded within all school speed zones within the city, in the aggregate on a daily, weekly and monthly basis;
5. the number of violations recorded within each school speed zone where a photo speed violation monitoring system is used, in the aggregate on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis;
6. the number of violations recorded within all school speed zones within the city that were:
  - (i) more than ten but not more than twenty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;
  - (ii) more than twenty but not more than thirty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;
  - (iii) more than thirty but not more than forty miles per hour over the posted speed limit; and
  - (iv) more than forty miles per hour over the posted speed limit



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7. the number of violations recorded within each school speed zone where a photo speed violation monitoring system is used that were:

(i) more than ten but not more than twenty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;

(ii) more than twenty but not more than thirty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;

(iii) more than thirty but not more than forty miles per hour over the posted speed limit; and

(iv) more than forty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;

8. the total number of notices of liability issued for violations recorded by such systems;

9. the number of fines and total amount of fines paid after the first notice of liability issued for violations recorded by such systems;

10. the number of violations adjudicated and the results of such adjudications including breakdowns of dispositions made for violations recorded by such systems;

11. the total amount of revenue realized by the city in connection with the program;

12. the expenses incurred by the city in connection with the program; and

13. the quality of the adjudication process and its results.

(n) It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section that such photo speed violation monitoring system was malfunctioning at the time of the alleged violation.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 87 of the Public Officers Law is amended by adding a new paragraph (v) to read as follows:

(v) are photographs, microphotographs, videotape, or other recorded images prepared under authority of section eleven hundred eighty-h of the vehicle and traffic law.

§ 3. The purchase or lease of equipment for a demonstration program established pursuant to section 1180-h of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by section one of this act, shall be subject to the provisions of section 103 of the general municipal law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire on December 1, 2031, when, upon such date, the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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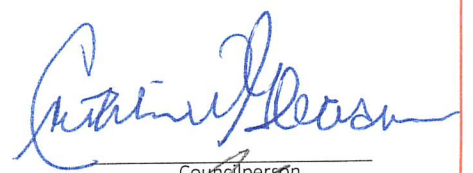
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BY

Acting President

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By City Council

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Councilperson

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Approved

Acting

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Gleason: Yea Thompson: Yea

Poteat: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

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**RESOLUTION FOR HOME RULE REQUEST IN  
SUPPORT OF THE STATE SENATE ASSEMBLY  
BILL NO. A7341B AND BILL NO. S07321A**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX LAW, IN  
RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
OF MOUNT VERNON TO IMPOSE A HOTEL  
AND MOTEL TAX, AND PROVIDING FOR  
THE REPEAL OF SUCH PROVISIONS UPON  
EXPIRATION THEREOF**

Whereas, the city of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to impose a hotel and motel tax of 5.875%; and

Whereas, the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 1202-kkk to read as follows:

§ 1202-kkk. Hotel or motel taxes in the city of Mount Vernon.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the city of Mount Vernon, Westchester county, is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws imposing in such city a tax, in addition to any other tax authorized and imposed pursuant to this article, such as the legislature has or would have the power and authority to impose upon persons occupying hotel or motel rooms in such city. For the purposes of this section, the term "hotel" or "motel" shall mean and include, but not be limited to, hotels, motels, tourist homes, motel courts, bed-and-breakfast establishments, short-term rentals, vacation rentals, airbnbs, clubs or similar facilities, whether or not meals are served to guests or residents thereof, and/or a location that is otherwise made available for transient lodging accommodation for rent directly by the owner or through an agent, operator or company. The rates of such tax shall not exceed five and eight hundred seventy-five thousandths percent of the per diem rental rate for each room, provided, however, that such tax shall not be applicable to a permanent resident of a hotel or motel. For the purposes of this section, the term "permanent resident" shall mean a person occupying any room or rooms in a hotel or motel for at least thirty consecutive days.

(2) Such tax may be collected and administered by the chief fiscal officer of the city of Mount Vernon by such means and in such manner as other taxes, which are now collected and administered by such officer, or as otherwise may be provided by such local law.

(3) Such local laws may provide that any tax imposed shall be paid by the person liable therefor to the owner of the hotel or motel room occupied or to the person entitled to be paid the rent or charge for the hotel or motel room occupied for and on account of the city of Mount Vernon imposing the tax and that such owner or person entitled to be paid the rent or charge shall be liable for the collection and payment of the tax; and that such owner or person entitled to be paid the rent or charge shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from the person occupying the hotel or motel room, or in respect to nonpayment of the tax by the person occupying the hotel or motel room, as if the tax were a part of the rent or charge and payable at the same time as the rent or charge; provided, however, that the chief fiscal officer of the city, specified in such local law, shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax by the owner or by the person entitled to be paid the rent or charge.

(4) Such local laws may provide for the filing of returns and the payment of the tax on a monthly basis or on the basis of any longer or shorter period of time.

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(5) This section shall not authorize the imposition of such tax upon any transaction, by or with any of the following in accordance with section twelve hundred thirty of this article:

(a) The state of New York, or any public corporation (including a public corporation created pursuant to agreement or compact with another state or the Dominion of Canada), improvement district or other political subdivision of the state;

(b) The United States of America, insofar as it is immune from taxation; and

(c) Any corporation or association, or trust, or community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholders or individual and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence the legislation; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall include an organization operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, whether or not all of its profits are payable to one or more organizations described in this paragraph.

(6) Any final determination of the amount of any tax payable pursuant to this section shall be reviewable for error, illegality or unconstitutionality or any other reason whatsoever by a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules if application therefor is made to the supreme court within thirty days after the giving of the notice of such final determination, provided, however, that any such proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules shall not be instituted unless:

(a) The amount of any tax sought to be reviewed, with such interest and penalties thereon as may be provided for by local law or regulation shall be first deposited and there is filed an undertaking, issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state and approved by the superintendent of financial services of this state as to solvency and responsibility, in such amount as a justice of the supreme court shall approve to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding; or

(b) At the option of the petitioner such undertaking may be in a sum sufficient to cover the taxes, interests and penalties stated in such determination plus the costs and charges which may accrue against it in the prosecution of the proceeding, in which event the petitioner shall not be required to pay such taxes, interest or penalties as a condition precedent to the application.

(7) Where any tax imposed pursuant to this section shall have been erroneously, illegally or unconstitutionally collected and application for the refund thereof duly made to the proper fiscal officer or officers, and such officer or officers shall have made a determination denying such refund, such determination shall be reviewable by a proceeding under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules, provided, however, that such proceeding is instituted within thirty days after the giving of the notice of such denial, that a final determination of tax due was not previously made, and that an undertaking is filed with the proper fiscal officer or officers in such amount and with such sureties as a justice of the supreme court shall approve to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges which may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding.

(8) Except in the case of a willfully false or fraudulent return with intent to evade the tax, no assessment of additional tax shall be made after the expiration of more than two years from the date of the filing of a return, provided, however, that where no return has been filed as provided by law the tax may be assessed at any time.

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(9) All revenues resulting from the imposition of the tax under the local laws shall be paid into the treasury of the city of Mount Vernon and shall be credited to and deposited in the general fund of the city. Such revenues shall be retained to defer the expense of the city in administering the tax pursuant to this section and the balance of such revenues shall be used within the city of Mount Vernon as so determined by the city of Mount Vernon city council.

(10) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this section and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

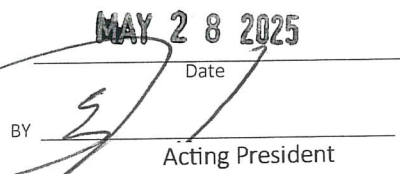
(11) Each enactment of such local law may provide for the imposition of a hotel or motel tax for a period of time no longer than two years from the effective date of its enactment. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the adoption and enactment of local laws, pursuant to the provisions of this section, upon the expiration of any other local law adopted pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to contracts entered into on or after such date; provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2028.


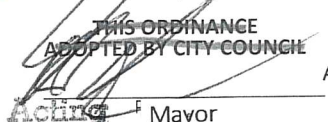
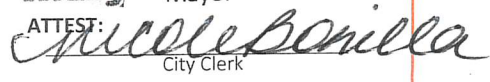
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Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

MAY 28 2025  
Date  
BY   
Acting President

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

  
Councilperson  
**THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
  
Acting Mayor  
ATTEST:   
City Clerk



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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
YOUTH BUREAU TO HOST THE 5TH ANNUAL  
“LET YOUR COLORS SHINE” PRIDE DAY EVENT  
ON JUNE 5, 2025, AND RELATED ACTIONS**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 15, 2025, the Deputy Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization to host the 5th Annual “LET YOUR COLORS SHINE” Pride Day event on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. In inclement weather, the event shall be held at the Doles Center, located at 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of fostering inclusivity, diversity, and awareness within the community, particularly in support of the LGBTQIA+ population; and

**Whereas**, the Youth Bureau of the City of Mount Vernon seeks to host the 5th Annual “LET YOUR COLORS SHINE” Pride Day event to celebrate, empower, and connect youth and families to vital community resources; and

**Whereas**, this event will take place on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at City Hall Plaza from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM and will serve as a public platform for awareness, education, and celebration of LGBTQIA+ youth and community; and

**Whereas**, in the event of inclement weather, the rain location will be the Doles Center, located at 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550; and

**Whereas**, the event is made possible through a partnership with Recreation, OEM, MVPD, MVFD, SNUG, WJCS, Fidelis, The Loft, and Dr. Gloria Pope; and

**Whereas**, the Youth Bureau requests authorization to accept a \$100.00 donation from the International Law Enforcement Officers Association to support the event; and

**Whereas**, the Youth Bureau further requests authorization to raise the Pride flag, provided by the Youth Bureau, at City Hall on June 2, 2025, and to have it lowered and returned to the Youth Bureau on July 1, 2025; and

**Whereas**, approximately 200 attendees are expected, and it is requested that four (4) Auxiliary Police Officers and two (2) to four (4) officers from the Mount Vernon Police Department be present to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants; and

**Whereas**, expenses associated with the event shall not exceed \$600.00 and shall be allocated from budget code A7312.401; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Host Event.** The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is hereby authorized to host the 5th Annual “LET YOUR COLORS SHINE” Pride Day event on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. In inclement weather, the event shall be held at the Doles Center, located at 250 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550.

**Section 2. Partnership and Community Engagement.** The event shall be conducted in partnership with the Mount Vernon Recreation Department, OEM, Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD), Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD), SNUG, WJCS, Fidelis, The Loft, and Dr. Gloria Pope.

**Section 3. Acceptance of Donation.** The Youth Bureau is authorized to accept a \$100.00 donation from the International Law Enforcement Officers Association to support the “LET YOUR COLORS SHINE” event.

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**Section 4. Pride Flag Raising.** Authorization is granted for the Pride flag to be raised at Mount Vernon City Hall on June 2, 2025, and to be lowered and returned to the Youth Bureau on July 1, 2025.

**Section 5. Public Safety Support.** The City authorizes the presence of four (4) Auxiliary Police Officers and two (2) to four (4) MVPD officers for security and public safety during the event.

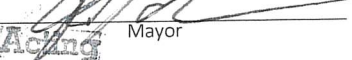
**Section 6. Budget Allocation.** Funding for this event shall not exceed \$600.00 and shall be expended from budget code A7312.401.


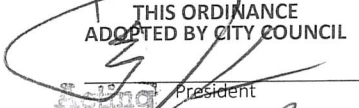

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea  
Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea  
Poteat: Yea  
Thompson: Yea  
Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date

BY   
Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
President  
ATTEST:   
City Clerk



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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, THE WESTCHESTER  
COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, AND THE  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR  
FUNDING OF THE SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE  
EDUCATION PROGRAM (S.R.A.E.P.)**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 20, 2025, the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau formally requested authorization for the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into a service agreement with Westchester County, the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and the Westchester County Youth Bureau to receive grant funds for \$32,602 for the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (S.R.A.E.P.) from May 15, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to promoting the health, welfare, and development of its youth through supportive services and developmental programming; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau serves as the City's youth services agency, dedicated to the delivery of positive youth development programs; and

**Whereas**, Westchester County, through its Board of Legislators and Youth Bureau, has offered funding in the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars (\$32,602) for the operation of the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (S.R.A.E.P.) to be implemented by the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau from May 15, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

**Whereas**, funding for the S.R.A.E.P. is provided through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS) and is a reimbursable grant that requires no matching funds from the City; and

**Whereas**, the S.R.A.E.P. aims to promote healthy choices among youth through a positive youth development framework by supporting teen pregnancy prevention and enhancing work readiness skills; and

**Whereas**, program expenses will be accounted for under revenue code A3820.3 and appropriated in budget codes A7338.101 (Salaries), A7338.803 (FICA), and A7338.458 (Miscellaneous), which includes consumables, stipends, and supplies; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Enter Agreement.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter into a service agreement with Westchester County, the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and the Westchester County Youth Bureau to receive grant funds for \$32,602 for the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (S.R.A.E.P.) from May 15, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

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**Section 2. Purpose and Use of Funds.** The grant funds shall be used exclusively to support the operations of the S.R.A.E.P., which is designed to:

- Promote healthy decision-making among youth,
- Provide education and support for teen pregnancy prevention,
- Deliver job readiness and work preparation training.

All expenditures shall be in accordance with the budget codes:

- A7338.101 – Salaries,
- A7338.803 – FICA,
- A7338.458 – Miscellaneous (including consumables, stipends, and supplies).

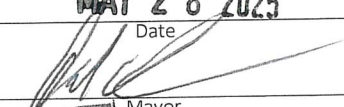

**Section 3. Revenue and Appropriation Accounting.** All funds received under this grant shall be recorded under Revenue Code A3820.3. Expenditures shall be properly appropriated in the City budget as identified above and following all applicable fiscal and audit requirements.


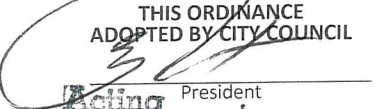

**Section 4. Reimbursement and Matching Funds.** This grant is fully reimbursable and does not require any matching funds from the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Amendment shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

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Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
BY  Mayor

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST  
  
City Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO (2) MEMBERS  
OF SERVICE TO ATTEND THE REID TECHNIQUE  
OF INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING AND  
ADVANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES COURSE

Whereas, in a letter dated May 12, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety formally requested the authorization for two (2) Members of Service from the Mount Vernon Police Department to attend the REID Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques Course, to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy, Valhalla, NY, from December 1 through December 4, 2025; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of continued professional development and specialized training for its law enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, two Members of Service have recently been assigned to the Detective Division and have demonstrated exceptional commitment and adaptability in fulfilling their new duties; and

Whereas, the REID Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques Course, scheduled to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy, located at 2 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595, from December 1, 2025, through December 4, 2025, offers critical instruction in investigative interviewing, behavioral analysis, and interrogation strategies; and

Whereas, the course aligns with recommendations made during the most recent Department of Justice investigation, which highlighted the need for ongoing training and skill development for law enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, the total cost for the training shall not exceed One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,260.00), to be charged to Budget Line A3120.451 (Training), and

Whereas, the use of a Department vehicle for transportation to and from the training location is necessary to facilitate attendance; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

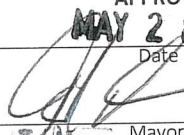
**Section 1. Authorization to Attend Training.** The City Council hereby authorizes two (2) Members of Service from the Mount Vernon Police Department to attend the REID Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques Course, to be held at the Westchester County Police Academy, Valhalla, NY, from December 1 through December 4, 2025.


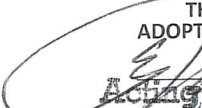

**Section 2. Training Expense Approval.** The total cost for the training, not to exceed One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,260.00), shall be paid from Budget Line A3120.451 (Training).

**Section 3. Vehicle Use Authorization.** The aforementioned Members of Service are hereby authorized to utilize a Department vehicle for transportation to and from the training site for the duration of the course.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
  
APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
BY  Acting Mayor

  
Councilperson  
  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST:   
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THREE (3)  
MEMBERS OF SERVICE TO ATTEND THE FBI  
BASIC POLICE SNIPER SCHOOL TRAINING PROGRAM

Whereas, by letter dated February 4, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has requested legislation authorizing three (3) Members of Service of the City of Mount Vernon Police Department are hereby authorized to attend the FBI Basic Police Sniper School scheduled for October 20–24, 2025, at Fort Dix, New Jersey; and

Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need for continued professional development and tactical training for its Members of Service in order to maintain the highest standards of public safety and law enforcement preparedness; and

Whereas, the FBI Basic Police Sniper School, scheduled to take place from October 20, 2025, through October 24, 2025, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, offers a five-day course in operational responsibilities, weapon nomenclature and maintenance, rifle marksmanship, use of a data book, basic ballistics, range estimation, and observation and reporting techniques; and

Whereas, the participation of Members of Service in this specialized training program is in direct response to the recommendations outlined in the most recent United States Department of Justice investigation to improve departmental readiness and compliance; and

Whereas, there is no registration or tuition cost associated with the training program, and the City will incur no direct expenses other than the use of a Department vehicle and necessary equipment for the duration of the course; and

Whereas, the training is expected to significantly enhance the operational capabilities of the Police Department and contribute to the professional development of its personnel; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Attend Training.** Three (3) Members of Service of the City of Mount Vernon Police Department are hereby authorized to attend the FBI Basic Police Sniper School scheduled for October 20–24, 2025, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

**Section 2. Use of City Vehicle and Equipment.** The aforementioned Members of Service are hereby granted permission to utilize a Department-issued vehicle for transportation to and from the training location and are authorized to access and use any necessary departmental equipment required for participation in the course.

**Section 3. No Cost to the City.** There shall be no cost to the City of Mount Vernon for participation in this training program. All expenses shall be limited to the use of City-owned resources, including the Department's vehicle and equipment.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
APPROVED MAY 28 2025  
Date  
BY Acting Mayor

Derrick Thompson  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
Acting President  
ATTEST Nicole Bonilla  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO (2) MEMBERS  
OF SERVICE TO ATTEND THE NOBLE CAUSE  
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT: SERGEANT SUMMIT

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 12, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety formally requested the authorization for the participation of two (2) Members of Service from the Mount Vernon Police Department in the Noble Cause Training and Development: SERGEANT SUMMIT to be held June 17–18, 2025, in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon is committed to the continued professional development of its law enforcement personnel; and

**Whereas**, the Noble Cause Training and Development: SERGEANT SUMMIT is a two-day training program scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn Saratoga, located at 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, on June 17–18, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the training is specifically tailored to enhance the leadership, supervisory, and operational skills of first-line law enforcement supervisors; and

**Whereas**, the training agenda includes critical topics such as Use of Force Issues for First-Line Leaders, Improving Police Performance Appraisals, Leadership and Officer Wellness, and What Every Sergeant Needs to Know; and

**Whereas**, this training supports the objectives and recommendations issued by the U.S. Department of Justice regarding supervisory development and accountability in policing; and

**Whereas**, the City recognizes the value of investing in such training to ensure its supervisory personnel are well-prepared, informed, and aligned with best practices in law enforcement; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council authorizes the participation of two (2) Members of Service from the Mount Vernon Police Department in the Noble Cause Training and Development: SERGEANT SUMMIT to be held June 17–18, 2025, in Saratoga Springs, New York.

**Section 2. Expenses.** The City shall cover all associated costs, including but not limited to registration, transportation, lodging, and per diem expenses in accordance with applicable City travel policies and procedures.

**Section 3. Reporting Requirement.** Upon completion of the training, the participating officers shall submit a written report to the Police Commissioner and City Council summarizing the training content and any key takeaways or recommendations for departmental improvement.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025

Boxhill: Yea Browne: Yea

Gleason: Yea Thompson: Yea

Poteat: Yea Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025

Date

BY

Acting

Mayor

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO (2)  
MEMBERS OF SERVICE TO ATTEND THE  
COMBINED TACTICAL SYSTEMS TRAINING:  
LESS LETHAL INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL AT THE  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 20, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety formally requested the authorization for two (2) Members of Service of the Mount Vernon Police Department to attend the Combined Tactical Systems Training: Less Lethal Instructor School to be held from June 3, 2025, through June 5, 2025, at the Westchester County Police Academy in Valhalla, New York; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon Police Department is committed to ensuring that its members receive continuous and up-to-date training that aligns with best practices in law enforcement and federal guidance on use of force and tactical operations; and

**Whereas**, the Combined Tactical Systems Training: Less Lethal Instructor School offers essential instructor-level certification in the deployment and instruction of less lethal technologies, including Impact Munitions, Chemical Munitions, and Diversionary Devices; and

**Whereas**, the curriculum for the three-day course includes critical topics such as Legal Considerations and Use of Force, History and Deployment of Less Lethal Munitions, Instructional Techniques, Reporting Procedures, Range Safety, and Trauma Considerations; and

**Whereas**, the training aligns with advisories issued by the United States Department of Justice regarding supervisory training and supports the City's efforts to meet federal standards, improve tactical readiness, and enhance community and officer safety; and

**Whereas**, the total cost for the attendance of two (2) Members of Service shall not exceed One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,790.00), to be paid from the Police Department training budget, line A3120.451, and the use of a Department vehicle is requested for transportation to and from the training site; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes two (2) Members of Service of the Mount Vernon Police Department to attend the Combined Tactical Systems Training: Less Lethal Instructor School to be held from June 3, 2025, through June 5, 2025, at the Westchester County Police Academy in Valhalla, New York.

**Section 2. Certification and Training Scope.** Upon successful completion of the course, the participating officers shall be certified as Less Lethal Instructors and shall be authorized to train other department personnel in the use and deployment of the following:

- Impact Munitions;
- Chemical Agents;
- Diversionary Devices (Flash Bangs);
- 12-Gauge, 37mm, and 40mm launchers;
- Associated legal and tactical procedures and safety protocols.

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**Section 3. Funding.** The total cost of attendance for both officers shall not exceed One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,790.00), which shall be allocated from the Police Department's budget line A3120.451 (Training).

**Section 4. Department Vehicle Use.** The participating officers shall be authorized to utilize a Mount Vernon Police Department vehicle for transportation to and from the training site in Valhalla, New York.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.


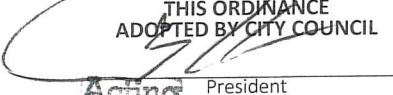

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Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
  
Date  
Mayor

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Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST  
  
City Clerk



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, AUTHORIZING  
AN AGREEMENT TERMINATING CERTAIN  
COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE  
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED Q WEST TOWERS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Q West Towers LLC (“Applicant”) proposes to construct a 15-story mixed use building at 25 and 29 North Macquesten Parkway and a 13-story and cellar mixed-use building at 1 and 7-11 North Macquesten Parkway, consisting of 229 residential units and commercial space (collectively, the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of the property on which the Project would be constructed and which is the subject of this Resolution is designated on the City of Mount Vernon Tax Map as Section 164.68, Block 1073, Lots 21, 24 and 25 (“Property”) (1 North Macquesten Parkway is not subject to this Resolution); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2022, the City Council adopted a Resolution approving the Project subject to certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mount Vernon (“City”) and Qwest LLC (an entity related to Q West Towers LLC) (“Owner”) entered a certain Amended and Restated Agreement, dated June 15, 2022, which governed the sale of the Property by the City to the Owner (“Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City conveyed the Property to the Owner pursuant to the Agreement by Deed dated October 27, 2022, and recorded in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office, Division of Land Records, on November 2, 2022, in Control Number 622283612 (“Deed”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Deed contains a restrictive covenant, consistent with Section 25 in the Agreement (entitled “Reverter”), which, in sum, grants the City the right under certain circumstances relating to insufficient construction progress to recover title to and take back the Property (“Restrictive Covenant”); and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated May 21, 2025, the Owner requested that the City Council terminate the Restrictive Covenant, including the referenced or related portions of the Agreement encumbering the Project in Section 25, through a recordable document to facilitate more than \$150 million in construction financing for the Project, as the various lenders will not close on the financing with the Restrictive Covenant in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that the Owner and Applicant have already taken steps towards starting construction, including, but not limited to, demolition and asbestos abatement, land grading and other site preparation activities, and securing construction financing, which is anticipated to close in June 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council also recognizes that the Project would result in public benefits to the City and Mount Vernon City School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further recognizes that, as described in the Owner’s letter request, there are adequate protections in place through the lenders to ensure that the Project is constructed in a timely manner, including construction timeframes and certain personal guarantees by Project principals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of granting the Owner’s request to terminate the Restrictive Covenant, including the referenced or related portions of the Agreement encumbering the Project in Section 25, through a recordable document against the Property; and

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**WHEREAS**, a form of an agreement entitled “Agreement Terminating Covenants and Restrictions” effectuating the termination of the Restrictive Covenant, including the referenced or related portions of the Agreement encumbering the Project in Section 25, has been presented to the members of the City Council for their consideration (“Termination Agreement”); **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Mount Vernon approves the Termination Agreement; **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, the City Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon to enter the Termination Agreement; **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor is authorized to do all things necessary, convenient or appropriate for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, signing forms relating to the recording of the Termination Agreement against the Property in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office, Division of Land Records; **BE IT FURTHER**

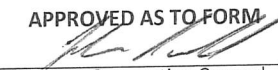

**RESOLVED**, that the Termination Agreement shall be recorded simultaneous with the closing of the above-referenced construction financing, and the fully executed Agreement shall be held in escrow by the City Council’s attorney and not released for recording until such closing is scheduled; **BE IT FURTHER**



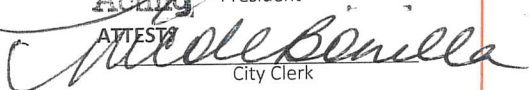
**RESOLVED**, that the Owner and Applicant shall provide written quarterly updates to the City Council regarding the progress of construction of the Project, and the Owner and Applicant shall appear before the City Council for an in-person update upon the Council’s request; **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, the City Council determines that the Termination Agreement relating to a previously approved Agreement is a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA, involving “continuing agency administration,” which does not involve “new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment” (6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.5(c)(26)) and therefore no findings or determination of significance are required under SEQRA; **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect ~~immediately~~ upon its approval by the Board of Estimates & Contract. #

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
  
APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
Acting Mayor

  
Councilperson  
  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
  
ATTEST  
  
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 16, ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN  
APPLICATION FOR A CORRECTION FOR THE TAX  
YEARS 2023 AND 2024 FOR CITY, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL  
TAX BILLS AND DIRECTING THE COMPTROLLER TO  
ISSUE A REFUND/CREDIT TO METRO GREEN REALTY  
OF WESTCHESTER, LLC / O OAK STREET – (BLOCK  
164.68-1055-19) DUE TO A CORRECTION OF ERROR)

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain, and  
enact:

Section 1. The first decretal paragraph, and Section 2 of Ordinance No. 16, adopted by the City Council on November 16, 2024, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CORRECTION FOR THE TAX YEARS 2023 AND 2024 FOR CITY, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL TAX BILLS AND DIRECTING THE COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE A REFUND/CREDIT TO METRO GREEN REALTY OF WESTCHESTER, LLC / O OAK STREET – (BLOCK 164.68-1055-19) DUE TO A CORRECTION OF ERROR)**" is hereby amended as follows:

**Whereas**, by letter dated [October 8, 2024] May 9, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Assessment has requested legislation to amend Section 2 of Ordinance No. 16, adopted by the City Council on November 13, 2024, advised the City Council that due to a Correction in Error, Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC, 0 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 for City, County, and School Tax Assessment for Block – 164.68-1055-19 on the Assessment Rolls for the following years warrants a correction and refund in the following amounts because there was an error in the essential facts and incorrectly assessed valuation, due to the parcel being within two (2) municipalities and the percentage in Mount Vernon was miscalculated on the 2023 final assessment roll for the 2024 tax year, which now warrants a correction in the following amounts for the tax year 2024: \$7,518.90 (City tax), \$2,880.45 (County tax) and \$14,350.50 (School tax); and

**Whereas**, this refund/credit is due to Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC because there was an error in the essential facts and an incorrectly assessed valuation due to the parcel being within two (2) municipalities and the percentage in Mount Vernon was miscalculated on the 2023 final assessment roll for the 2024 tax year; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. **Authorization to Execute Application for Correction.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an application for correction to the 2023 Assessment Roll for the City, County, and School Tax Roll for Block - 164.68-1055-19 on the Tax Assessment Map, parcel being owned by Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC, 0 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 to indicate the correction herein.

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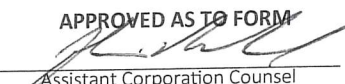
Section 2. **Authorization to Issue Refund/Credit.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund/credit to be satisfied in Budged Code A1964-492 in the total amount of \$7,518.90 (City tax) [\$24,749.85 (City, County, and School Tax)] to Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC, 0 Oak Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, Block - 164.68-1055-19, which shall correct the City, County, and School tax bills for the 2024 Tax Years. The County and School Districts are responsible for issuing their respective refunds to Metro Green Realty of Westchester, LLC.


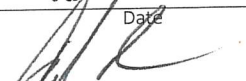
Section 3. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

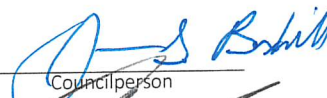
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Gleason: Abstain      Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea      Ordinance: Adopted


Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/15/2025  
Boxhill: Yea      Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Abstained      Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Absent      Ordinance: Not Adopted

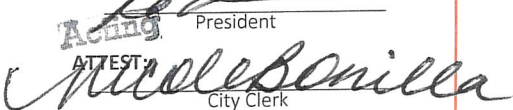
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Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
MAY 28 2025  
Date  
  
BY  Mayor  
Acting

  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
President

ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk



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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND  
LABELLA ASSOCIATES, DPC, TO ADD CONSULTING  
SERVICES FOR PLANNING BOARD REVIEW**

**Whereas**, by letter dated May 20, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development has requested authorization for Mayor to execute an amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and LaBella Associates, DPC, to include consulting services for Planning Board review, in accordance with Article XVII of the Rules of Procedure for the Planning Board; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon has entered into a Professional Services Agreement with LaBella Associates, DPC ("LaBella") for various planning, engineering, and environmental services; and

**Whereas**, Article XVII of the Rules of Procedure for the City of Mount Vernon Planning Board authorizes the Board to retain consultants and/or experts necessary to assist in the review and evaluation of land use applications; and

**Whereas**, the same Rules of Procedure provide a framework for the funding of such consulting services through escrow accounts established by applicants; and

**Whereas**, the Planning Board is currently reviewing a subdivision application for 55 Pondfield Parkway and has determined that the assistance of a professional planning consultant is necessary to ensure a thorough and timely review of the application; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Planning and Community Development has requested that LaBella provide a change order to include such services, which will be reviewed by the Law Department and submitted for approval by the Mayor and City Council; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to amend the existing Professional Services Agreement with LaBella to include such consulting services to avoid delays and facilitate responsible development and land use planning;  
**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement.** The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute an amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and LaBella Associates, DPC, to include consulting services for Planning Board review, in accordance with Article XVII of the Rules of Procedure for the Planning Board.

**Section 2. Consulting Scope and Funding.** Said consulting services shall include, but not be limited to, technical review of land use applications, preparation of reports or recommendations to the Planning Board, attendance at meetings when necessary, and related services. All costs for said consulting services shall be reimbursed by project applicants through escrow accounts established in accordance with Planning Board procedures.

**Section 3. Immediate Need – 55 Pondfield Parkway.** LaBella Associates, DPC shall be authorized, upon execution of the amendment and establishment of the required escrow account, to proceed with the scope of work prepared for the current subdivision application for 55 Pondfield Parkway, as well as for future applications requiring Planning Board review assistance.

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**Section 4. Severability.** If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
  
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Date  
  
BY  Mayor

  
Councilperson  
  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
  
Acting President  
  
  
City Clerk



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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF COMMITMENT  
WITH ARUP IN SUPPORT OF A NATURAL  
CARBON SOLUTIONS INNOVATION  
CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY NYSERDA**

**Whereas**, by letter dated May 20, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department of Planning & Community Development has requested authorization for Mayor to execute a Letter of Commitment with ARUP, in substantially the same form as presented to the Council, to support ARUP's submission to NYSERDA's Natural Carbon Solutions Innovation Challenge and participate in the Urban Heat Island Mitigation Study; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the increasing challenges posed by climate change, including the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect that disproportionately affects urban areas with limited green space and higher average temperatures; and

**Whereas**, ARUP, an internationally recognized environmental and engineering consulting firm, is preparing a grant application to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) as part of its Natural Carbon Solutions Innovation Challenge; and

**Whereas**, the proposed project seeks to develop a web-based application capable of conducting cost-benefit analyses to support municipal infrastructure investments aimed at reducing the effects of UHI through strategies such as tree planting, green infrastructure, and cool roofing; and

**Whereas**, ARUP has invited the City of Mount Vernon to participate as a partner community, providing local data, engaging in stakeholder workshops, and helping to ensure that the proposed model reflects the unique conditions and needs of Mount Vernon; and

**Whereas**, participation in this project does not impose any financial obligation on the City of Mount Vernon, but offers valuable access to technical expertise, analytical tools, and actionable insights to support equitable and effective environmental decision-making; and

**Whereas**, the City's Departments of Planning and Community Development and Public Works have reviewed the project proposal and expressed their support for the City's involvement; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that this collaboration aligns with Mount Vernon's climate resilience goals and supports current planning initiatives, including the Comprehensive Plan update and capital improvement efforts; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Letter of Commitment with ARUP, in substantially the same form as presented to the Council, to support ARUP's submission to NYSERDA's Natural Carbon Solutions Innovation Challenge and participate in the Urban Heat Island Mitigation Study.

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**Section 2. Non-Financial Participation.** The City’s participation in this initiative shall *not* require any financial contribution or expenditure of funds. The City’s role will be limited to providing relevant data, engaging in project-related workshops, and offering input to ensure local applicability of the tools developed.

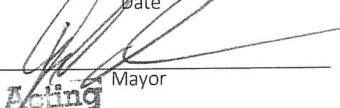
**Section 3. Further Actions.** The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to undertake all administrative actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this ordinance, including providing any documentation or cooperation required by ARUP or NYSERDA to facilitate the City’s participation.


**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
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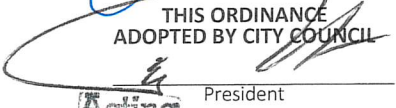
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BY  \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Mayor

  
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Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
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President

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RECREATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE  
SICKLE CELL SYMPOSIUM WITH MONTEFIORE

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 28, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Recreation formally requested authorization for said Department to co-sponsor the Sickie Cell Symposium with Montefiore, to be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Doles Recreation Center; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the importance of increasing public awareness and education about sickle cell disease, a serious hereditary blood disorder that disproportionately affects communities of color; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Recreation has proposed to co-sponsor a Sickie Cell Symposium in collaboration with Montefiore to educate residents about sickle cell disease, available treatment options, and how to care for individuals experiencing a sickle cell crisis; and

**Whereas**, the event will be free and open to the public, and there will be no cost to the City for this co-sponsorship; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that co-sponsoring this symposium is in the public interest and serves to promote community health and wellness; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization to Co-Sponsor Event.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Department of Recreation to co-sponsor the Sickie Cell Symposium with Montefiore, to be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Doles Recreation Center.

**Section 2. Purpose of Event.** The Sickie Cell Symposium shall be designed to educate the public on sickle cell disease, including how to manage care during a sickle crisis, and to provide updates on recent advances in treatment.

**Section 3. Cost to City.** There shall be *no* cost to the City of Mount Vernon associated with this event. Any required staffing, promotional materials, or logistical support shall be provided in kind by the Department of Recreation and Montefiore.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
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Potat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

MAY 28 2025

Date

BY

Acting

Mayor

Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

President

Attest:

City Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT  
OF CHAPTER 267 – ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PERMIT AND REGULATE  
INDOOR RECREATION AND AMUSEMENT FACILITIES**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated February 24, 2025, the Commissioner of the Department & Community Development formally requested authorization to amend Chapter 267 – Zoning of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon as indicated below; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon recognizes the need to modernize its zoning regulations in response to evolving commercial and recreational trends, particularly the nationwide emergence of indoor recreation and amusement facilities; and

**Whereas**, indoor recreation and amusement facilities—offering attractions such as trampolines, laser tag, virtual reality games, go-karts, and climbing walls—are increasingly filling vacant commercial and light industrial spaces left behind by large-format retailers; and

**Whereas**, Fun City Adventure Park, a nationally operating indoor recreation provider, has expressed interest in locating a facility at the vacant Bed Bath & Beyond site on Sanford Boulevard, a well-suited location given its public transportation access and existing infrastructure; and

**Whereas**, the City’s Department of Planning and Community Development has identified a significant local demand for family-friendly indoor recreational options during its Comprehensive Plan Community Conversations; and

**Whereas**, such facilities have the potential to enhance the City’s economy, repurpose underutilized buildings, and expand recreational opportunities for residents of all ages; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds it in the best interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare to permit and regulate indoor recreation and amusement facilities by amending the City Zoning Code; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 267 – Zoning.** Chapter 267 of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby amended as follows:

**§267-2. Definitions.** Add the following definition in appropriate alphabetical order:

**“Recreation or Amusement Facility, Indoor”** - A building and site designed and equipped for recreation, amusement, and leisure-time activities that are completely located inside a building, including but not limited to, bowling, go-karting, slot-car racing, amusement devices, miniature golf, sports/batting cages, laser tag, climbing walls, trampolines, rope courses, arts and crafts activities, games of deduction (e.g., treasure hunts, escape rooms), virtual reality, and other similar activities. This use includes associated instructional classes. Retail, food, and beverage sales associated with any such uses shall be deemed an accessory use. This definition shall not include health and athletic membership clubs, firearm discharge facilities, or any uses where access is prohibited by law to one or more age groups. All such facilities shall also comply with applicable provisions of Chapter 84 - Amusements.



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**Section 2. Permitted Uses.** Indoor Recreation or Amusement Facilities shall be permitted as a principal permitted use in the following zoning districts:

- **CB** – Commercial Business District
- **I** – Industrial District
- **LI-7.5** – Landscaped Industrial District

Relevant sections of the Zoning Code shall be updated accordingly to reflect this change.

**Section 3. Off-Street Parking Requirements.** The off-street parking requirements for Indoor Recreation or Amusement Facilities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis during site plan review.

Applicants shall be required to submit a parking demand analysis that includes:


- Data from the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) or similar industry standards;
- Field observations or counts, if available;
- Any other source material deemed appropriate by the Planning Board.

Final parking requirements shall be determined by the Planning Board in consultation with the Department of Planning and Community Development.

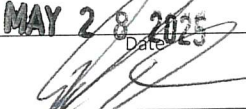
**Section 4. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.


**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of New York, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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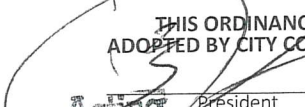
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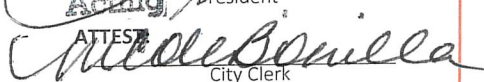
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**MAY 28 2025**  
Date

BY  Acting Mayor

  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

  
Acting President

ATTEST  
  
City Clerk

MAY 28 2025

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL FOR  
A NEW TWO-FAMILY DETACHED RESIDENCE  
AND CURB CUT AT 145 SOUTH FULTON AVENUE

**Whereas**, in a letter dated April 17, 2025, Shahin Badaly, Licensed Professional Engineer of Badaly Engineering PLLC formally requested Bryant Wilder of Somersault NY LLC to construct a new two-family detached residential dwelling at 145 South Fulton Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553, Parcel ID: 165.80-4002-19, in accordance with plans submitted to the Council and the construction of an 18-foot-wide curb cut (inclusive of splays) and driveway to serve the proposed residence, as depicted in the plans submitted with the application; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon has received an application from Bryant Wilder of Somersault NY LLC (the "Applicant"), owner of the parcel identified as Tax Parcel ID: 165.80-4002-19, located at 145 South Fulton Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553; and

**Whereas**, the subject property is located in the RMF-10 (Residential Multi-Family) Zoning District and is currently a vacant lot; and

**Whereas**, the Applicant proposes to construct a new two-family detached residence on said parcel, along with associated site improvements, including a retaining wall, a new driveway, and an 18-foot-wide curb cut (inclusive of curb cut splays) to provide vehicular access to the proposed garage; and

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that the proposed curb cut and site improvements are necessary and reasonable to facilitate appropriate access to the proposed residential structure, and will not result in any adverse impacts on traffic, pedestrian safety, or neighborhood character; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Approval Granted.** The City Council hereby grants approval to Bryant Wilder of Somersault NY LLC to construct a new two-family detached residential dwelling at 145 South Fulton Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553, Parcel ID: 165.80-4002-19, in accordance with plans submitted to the Council.

**Section 2. Curb Cut Authorization.** The Council further authorizes the construction of an 18-foot-wide curb cut (inclusive of splays) and driveway to serve the proposed residence, as depicted in the plans submitted with the application.

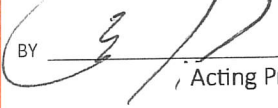
**Section 3. Compliance with City Regulations.** All construction shall comply with the applicable provisions of the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Code, Building Code, and any conditions imposed by the Department of Public Works and the Building Department. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits before commencing construction.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the City Clerk and approval by the City Council.

Vote Was Taken As Follows: 5/28/2025  
Boxhill: Yea    Browne: Yea  
Gleason: Yea    Thompson: Yea  
Poteat: Yea    Ordinance: Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Assistant Corporation Counsel


MAY 28 2025  
Date

BY  Acting President

This Ordinance Adopted  
By City Council

  
Councilperson

THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting Mayor  
ATTEST:   
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION FOR HOME RULE REQUEST IN  
SUPPORT OF THE STATE SENATE ASSEMBLY  
BILL NO. A 7348A AND BILL NO. S 7322

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX LAW,  
IN RELATION TO INCREASING THE TAX  
ON DEEDS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Whereas, the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1205 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 389 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1205. Imposition of taxes on deeds in the city of Mount Vernon. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the local governing body of the city of Mount Vernon, by the adoption and amendment of local laws, ordinances or resolutions may impose in such city and provide for the administration and collection of a tax on deeds by which real property is conveyed in such city in the manner set forth and as authorized in subdivision (b) of this section.


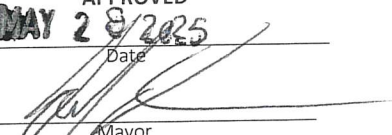

(b) There is hereby imposed in the city of Mount Vernon a tax on each deed by which any real property is conveyed (measured by the consideration or value of the interest or property conveyed) at a rate not to exceed one and one-half percent of such consideration or value with respect to all conveyances, provided that such city may allow deductions for any liens on such interest or property and may also allow an exemption not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars on the consideration or value of the interest or property conveyed. Provided, further, that such taxes shall not apply if the contract for any such conveyance was made prior to September first, nineteen hundred eighty-four. Such taxes may be imposed on any conveyance or transfer of real property or interest therein by deed where the real property is located in such city regardless of where transactions, negotiations, transfers of deeds or other actions with regard to the transfer or conveyance take place, subject only to the restrictions contained in section twelve hundred thirty. The payment of, and the filing of a return relating to, any such taxes may be required as a condition precedent to the recording of a deed.


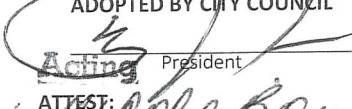

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION**

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Date  
  
BY  Mayor  
Acting

  
Councilperson  
THIS ORDINANCE  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL  
  
Acting President  
ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE  
OF HARTLEY PARK FACILITIES BY THE  
NELSON MANDELA/HOSEA ZOLLICOFFER  
SCHOOL FOR AN END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 28, 2025, Ms. Battista, a sixth-grade teacher at Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School, formally requested permission for the school to use the basketball court, playground, senior pavilion, and surrounding grassy areas in Hartley Park on Monday, June 9, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., to hold an end-of-year celebration for students and their families; and

**Whereas**, the Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School has formally requested permission to utilize designated public facilities within Hartley Park on Monday, June 9, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and

**Whereas**, the requested facilities include the basketball court, playground, senior pavilion, and surrounding grassy areas for a community-centered event; and

**Whereas**, the purpose of the event is to celebrate the academic achievements of sixth and seventh-grade students and to foster stronger community engagement among students, families, and the broader Mount Vernon community; and

**Whereas**, the school has committed to providing its own tables and chairs, ensuring supervision of students and attendees, and taking full responsibility for cleanup and maintenance of the area during and after the event; and

**Whereas**, the Mount Vernon City Council wishes to co-sponsor this celebration in recognition of the school's educational mission and the value of promoting youth development and civic pride; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

The City of Mount Vernon, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

**Section 1. Authorization for Use.** The Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School is hereby granted permission to use the basketball court, playground, senior pavilion, and adjacent grassy areas within Hartley Park on Monday, June 9, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a student and family end-of-year celebration.

**Section 2. City Council Co-Sponsorship.** The City of Mount Vernon, through the City Council, shall co-sponsor the event, recognizing its alignment with the city's values of youth empowerment, community engagement, and educational support.

**Section 3. Conditions of Use.**

As a condition of this authorization:

- The Nelson Mandela/Hosea Zollicoffer School shall supply and remove all tables, chairs, and other temporary equipment used during the event.
- The school shall ensure proper supervision of all students and attendees throughout the event.
- The school shall be responsible for complete cleanup of the premises at the conclusion of the event.
- No amplified sound or commercial activity shall occur without appropriate permits, if required.
- All activities must comply with applicable City ordinances and park regulations.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED

Date

BY

Acting Mayor

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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Acting President

ATTEST

City Clerk

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