



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.
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Honorable City Council Members &
Board of Estimates and Contracts
City Hall
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: COMP2025 – 5 NYSHIP Payment Plan

Dear Honorable Body,

As Comptroller for the City of Mount Vernon and administrator of the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) on behalf of the City, I respectfully submit this letter to request authorization for the Mayor to enter into a payment plan agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service. The proposed agreement would commence on April 25, 2025, and conclude on March 30, 2030.

Since January 2022, the City has carried a liability related to outstanding health insurance premium payments from the 2021 fiscal year. Due to limited cash flow, we have been unable to address these arrears. Our office has been in consistent communication with the NYS Department of Civil Service, and in recognition of the City's ongoing fiscal challenges, they permitted us to postpone payment arrangements until now.

However, the Department has now advised that no further delay can be accommodated. In response, I have successfully negotiated a five-year payment plan that balances our financial obligations with the City's operational needs. This agreement is hereby submitted to the City Council and Board of Estimates and Contracts for formal approval.

Enclosed with this letter is the Payment Agreement from the NYS Department of Civil Service, detailing the terms and conditions. The plan includes a manageable monthly payment of **\$209,570.61**, to be made in addition to our regular monthly health insurance premiums.

Therefore, I strongly recommend that the City Council approve this payment plan and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement without delay.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (914) 665-2304 or email us at Comptroller@cmvny.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Morton", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO
Comptroller

cc: Mayor
City Council
Law Department