

# **City of Mount Vernon, New York**

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CITY HALL, MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10550  
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## **Referral Packet - Final**

**Monday, August 11, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

### **City Council Work Session**

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

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

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**LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Rose Luangisa - Wakanda: An Ordinance Authorizing the Hosting of the Wakanda Celebration 2025 Event - (Saturday, August 30, 2025)  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [Wakanda Complete](#)
  
2. Tariqa Burhaniya D'Suqiya Shazuliya: An Ordinance Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Eastchester Lane for the Hawliyah Celebration on August 30-31, 2025  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [Eastchester Lane](#)
  
3. **Management Services:** Department of Management Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of Ordinance No. 11, Adopted by the City Council on June 11, 2025, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH BUSINESS ELECTRONICS (IRECORD) FOR INTERVIEW ROOM RECORDING EQUIPMENT USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [Amended Request for Legislation - Ordinance 11 Business Electronics Agreement.pdf](#)  
[Ordinance 11 City Council.pdf](#)
  
4. **Mayors Office:** Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Office of the Mayor, and the Department of Recreation to Co-Sponsor the 3rd Annual Big Block Party and Providing for Street Closure, Clt Services and Support  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [Big Block Party 2025- Referral Letter\\_docx](#)  
[DPW Response 2025 Big Block Party](#)  
[FD Response](#)  
[PD Response](#)
  
5. **Mayors Office:** Office of the Mayor: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Attend the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) 2025 Fall Training School  
**Code:** LPW  
**Attachments:** [September 2025 NYCOM \(002\)](#)

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6. **Public Works:** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Emergency Contractual Agreement with Zonzoni Pipeline Inc. for Sewer Rehabilitation Work at Macquesten and West Devonia Avenue and 115 Dell Avenue
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Zonzini- Emergency at Macquesten-Devonia-Dell](#)
7. **Public Works:** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to Attend the Public Works Summit in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida - (November 5-7, 2025)
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Public Works Summit 2025](#)  
[2025 Public Works Summit Acceptance Email](#)
8. **Public Works:** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Transfer Within the Department of Public Works to Cover the Emergency Rental of a Towable Generator and Cooling Unit for the Doles Center
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Transfer of Funds - Dole Center signed](#)
9. **Public Works:** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing an Emergency Declaration and Related Actions for the Doles Center Senior Program and Cooling Station
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Lee Mechanical Blower Motor- Doles](#)  
[Lee Mechanical HVAC Quote-Doles](#)  
[Sunbelt HVAC Quote- Doles](#)
10. **Public Works:** Department of Public Works: An Ordinance Authorizing the Public Release RFQ No.07.25 - Professional Engineering Services for Planning, Design, and Construction Phase Services of Drinking Water, Sewer, Storm Sewer, and Infrastructure Projects
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Request for Release of RFQ No. 07.25-Professional Engineering Services](#)

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11. **Water:** Board of Water Supply: An Ordinance Authorizing the Board of Water Supply to Amend the Salary for the Lead Service Line Data Entry Clerk Position
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [LSLDE - 071725 Referral Letter](#)
12. **City Clerk:** City Council: Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2025 - A Local Law of the City of Mount Vernon, New York, Amending the Refuse Sustainability Fee
- Code:** LPW
13. **City Clerk:** Office of the City Clerk: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Office of the City Clerk Budget to Cover Travel-Related Expenses
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Referral Letter Transfer of Funds 07-2025](#)
14. **City Clerk:** Office of the City Clerk: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Clerk and Executive Assistant to Attend the 2025 NYCOM Fall Training School in Lake Placid, New York - (September 15-19, 2025)
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Referral Letter NYCOM Fall Training 2025](#)
15. **City Clerk:** Office of the City Clerk: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Three-Year Agreement with Granicus Corporation for Legislation Management Software and Related Services
- Code:** LPW
- Attachments:** [Referral Letter - Granicus 2025-2028](#)

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

16. **Youth Bureau:** Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Budget to Cover Salary Expenses for the Workforce Development Academy for Youth (WDAY) Program Director
- Code:** HR
- Attachments:** [Youth Bureau's Lloyld Shields referral letter 2025](#)

17. **Youth Bureau:** Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Approve the Attendance of Three (3) Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Staff Members, Including the Executive Director, at the 2025 Independent Sectors National Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, and Providing for Related Expenses

**Code:** HR

**Attachments:** [ISNS 2025 Summit -Youth Bureau R4L](#)  
[Supporting Doc. \(reg. air, hotel, etc\)](#)

18. **Youth Bureau:** Youth Bureau: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Foundation Funds from the New York Community Trust and its Westchester Advisory Board to Support the Expansion of Mount Vernon Youth Empowerment Advocacy Council

**Code:** HR

**Attachments:** [YEAC-referral 2025-2027](#)  
[YEAC Awarded letter](#)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND CODES**

19. **Building:** Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Granting a Twelve (12) Month Leave of Absence for Mr. Rommel Lashley from his Permanent Position as Document Coordinator to Serve as Plan Room Clerk Within the Department of Buildings

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Referral R.Lashley Absence](#)

20. **Building:** Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Establishing a Separate Gas Work Permit and Fee Schedule Within the Department of Buildings

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Referral-Gaswork](#)

21. **Building:** Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Amending the Plumbing Re-inspection Fee Structure Administered by the Department of Buildings

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Plumbing Reinspection Fees Based on Failed Inspection](#)  
[Plumbing-Yo](#)

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22. **Building:** Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with a Third-Party Inspection Agency for Construction Inspections and Observations for the Development Project at 115 South Macquesten Parkway
- Code:** PSC
- Attachments:** [Request for Professional Services 115 Macquesten Parkway](#)
23. **Building:** Department of Buildings: An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Third-Party Inspectors to Address the Backlog of Building Inspections in the City of Mount Vernon
- Code:** PSC
- Attachments:** [Third Party Inspection Services for Buildings RFP](#)
24. **Consumer Protection:** Consumer Protection: Monthly Report for June 2025
- Code:** PSC
- Attachments:** [Consumer Protection Monthly Report - June 2025-1](#)
25. **Consumer Protection:** Consumer Protection: Monthly Report for July 2025
- Code:** PSC
- Attachments:** [July 2025 Monthly Report](#)
26. **Fire Department:** Fire Department: An Ordinance Authorizing the Condemnation and Disposal of Obsolete Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment
- Code:** PSC
- Attachments:** [Agenda Letter 7-18-25.pdf](#)  
[List of Cocondemned PPE](#)
27. **Public Safety:** Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Retroactively Authorizing the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to Attend the Second Annual New York First Responders Summit in Washington, D.C, and Approving Related Expenses
- Code:** PSC
- Attachments:** [First Responders Summit Referral Letter](#)  
[First Responders Summit - Agenda](#)

28. **Public Safety:** Department of Public Safety: An Ordinance Amending Section 243 of the Mount Vernon City Charter to Impose on Unlicensed Two Truck Operators

**Code:** PSC

**Attachments:** [Fines on Unlicensed Tow Trucks Referral Letter](#)

### **FINANCE AND PLANNING**

29. **Assessor:** Department of Assessment: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Within the Department of Assessment Budget to Cover Necessary Overtime Expenses

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [Transferfunds405to110July1620250001](#)

30. **Comptroller:** Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of a Fund Balance Policy for the City of Mount Vernon

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-10 – Proposed Fund Balance Policy](#)  
[Mount Vernon City - Fund Balance Policy](#)

31. **Comptroller:** Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of a Debt Management Policy for the City of Mount Vernon

**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-11 – Proposed Debt Management Policy](#)  
[Mount Vernon City - Debt Management Policy](#)

32. **Comptroller:** Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing Attendance at the NYCOM Fall 2025 Training School

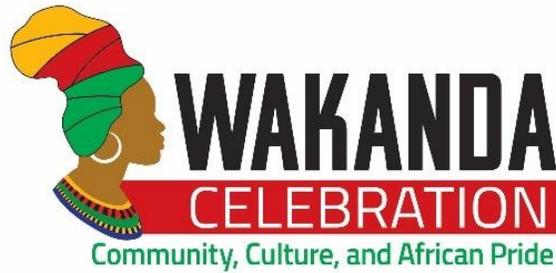
**Code:** FP

**Attachments:** [COMP2025-12-NYCOM 2025 Fall Training](#)  
[2025 Fall Training School Conference](#)  
[NYCOM](#)  
[FALL 2025 School Agenda - New York](#)  
[Conference of Mayors](#)

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33. **Comptroller:** Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of a Travel and Expense Policy for the City of Mount Vernon
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [COMP2025-13-Travel and Expense Policy](#)  
[Mount Vernon Travel Expense Policy \(8.5.25\)](#)
34. **Comptroller:** Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the Agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC for Financial Strategic Planning Services and Authorizing Related Budget Transfer
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [COMP2025-14 -Extension of Capital Markets, LL Contract for Financial Strategic Planning](#)
35. **Comptroller:** Office of the Comptroller: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/Q) for a Consultant Team to Implement the "Innovative Finance & Asset Management Initiative" Under Referral #Comp2025-15
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [COMP2025-15-RFP for Innovative Finance & Asset Consultant](#)
36. **Planning:** Department of Planning & Community Services: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Amendment with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to Incorporate Legacy Planning Services into the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [FEC Contract Amendment Legacy Planning 8.4.25](#)  
[Ex. H - FEC Public Outcome Definitions and Calculations 2025 LP](#)  
[Ex. I - FEC Code of Ethics and Professional Practices](#)
37. **Planning:** Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Vernon United Tenants for the Installation of a City Resource Kiosk at Their Mount Vernon Facility
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [MVUT Kiosk Referral Letter 8.4.25](#)

38. **Planning:** Department of Planning & Community Development: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Westchester Neighborhood Health Center for the Installation of a City Resource Kiosk at Their Mount Vernon Facility
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [WNHC Kiosk Referral Letter 8.4.25](#)
39. **City Clerk:** City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to Establish a Custodial Account for 55 Pondfield Parkway to Support Planning Board Consultant Services
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [55 Pondfield Parkway Custodial Account Request 8.2025](#)  
[55 Pondfield.Lukas. Referral Letter LaBella](#)
40. **Planning:** City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon Referring Proposed Amendments to the Code of the City of Mount Vernon, Extending the Expiration of Approvals from the City's Land Use Boards to the City Corporation Counsel, City Planning Board, and Westchester County Planning Board, and Scheduling a Public Hearing
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [Referral Letter Concerning Municipal Code Amendment of Chapter 10 and Chapter 267 - Expiration of approvals Resolution - Introduction \(Land Use Approval Expiration\)](#)
41. **Planning:** City Council: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Designating Itself as Lead Agency for Proposed Zoning Amendments Regarding Health Clubs in the MX-1, MVW-H, MVW-C, NB, OB, DB, CB, LI-7.5, LI-15, I, TOD-1, and DTOAD Districts, Referring the Amendments to the City Corporation Counsel, City Planning Board and Westchester County Planning Board, and Scheduling a Public Hearing
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [Referral Letter Concerning Municipal Code Amendment of Chapter 267 - Health Clubs Resolution - Introduction \(Health Clubs\)](#)
42. **City Clerk:** City Council: An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Custodial Account for the Sentinel on Third Project
- Code:** FP
- Attachments:** [Sentinel Custodial Referral](#)





Wakanda Celebration Inc.  
374 Hawthorne Terrace  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10552  
May 6, 2024

Honorable City Council of Mount Vernon  
One Roosevelt Square  
City Hall - Room 104  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

We are writing to respectfully request permission to hold a scaled-down version of our Annual Wakanda Celebration event. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have been met with sponsorship denials from key organizations, including Arts Westchester, Wells Fargo, Costco, and others (attached). We anticipate additional denials and, as a result, our budget is currently \$0.

Given these constraints, we will be hosting the event in the backyards of 374, 375, and 366 Hawthorne Terrace. The intimate gathering will be by invitation only, managed through Eventbrite, with an estimated attendance of 400 to 450 guests.

The event details are as follows:

- Date: Saturday, August 30th, 2025
- Time: 11am – 9pm
- Location: Backyards of 374, 375, and 366 Hawthorne Terrace
- Expected attendance: 400-450 guests (invitation only via Eventbrite)
- Parking: Free parking will be available for all visitors at Traphagen School, 72 Lexington Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY (approval attached).

We believe this smaller, community-driven celebration will still bring joy and connection to our attendees. We will ensure that the event is safe, respectful, and considerate of our neighbors.

We would appreciate your consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,

Rose Luangisa  
Wakanda Celebration Inc.

Attachments: Sponsorship Denial Letters (Arts Westchester, Wells Fargo, Costco, etc.) and Traphagen School Parking Approval

**SEB-25-3**

Special Event Application  
Status: Active  
Submitted On: 5/6/2025

**Primary Location**

374 HAWTHORNE TERR  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552

**Owner**

LUANGISA, ROSE & PETER &  
374 Hawthorne Terrace Mount Vernon, NY 10552

**Applicant**

 Rose Luangisa

 374 Hawthorne Terrace  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552

**Applicant Information**

Is the applicant an individual, organization OR CITY DEPARTMENT??\*

Business / Organization

Applying Organization / Business Name\*

Wakanda Celebration Inc

Applicant Address (Street Name, City, State, ZIP code, PLEASE!)\*

374 Hawthorne Terrace, Mt. Vernon NY 10552

Applicant's Daytime Phone Number\*

11

Organization/Business Main Contact Person\*

Rose Luangisa

**Event Information**

Event Name\*

Wakanda Celebration

Event Sponsor

Wakanda Celebration

Event Date\*

08/30/2025

Rain Date

08/31/2025

Event Location\*

Hawthorne Terrace from Lenox Avenue & Euclid Avenue

Start Time (e.g. 10 AM)\*

9 am

End Time (e.g. 7 PM)\*

11 pm

Streets to be Closed (Please include cross streets, e.g. 3rd Ave, between 1st and 2nd Streets)\*

Hawthorne Terrace from Lenox Avenue & Euclid Avenue

### Event Information

**Event details. \***

Free Community event for the entire family. This year's theme is "United We Stand"! A day filled with music, dance, art, and delicious food. Honoring our African heritage and embracing our unity.

### Special Accommodations (Check all necessary for your event)

**Parking Control** ⓘ

**Sound Amplification Equipment** ⓘ

**Use of Open Flame** ⓘ

**Stage, Tent, or Canopy** ⓘ

**Will you have any vendors operating at the event?**

**Will you be having any vendors at your event?\***

YES

**Are you requesting to use Private Security?\*** ⓘ

NO

### Vendors

**Vendor Name (First & Last or Company Name)\*** ⓘ

Chef Ed

**Vendor Address (include City, State and ZIP code)\***

New Rochelle, New York

**Vendor's Daytime Contact Number\***

11

**Does this vendor have a Peddler/Food Vendor License with the City of Mount Vernon?\*** ⓘ

**Does this vendor have a Peddler/Food Vendor's License issued by the City of Mount Vernon? \*** ⓘ

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## Additional Notes/Requests

### Additional Information

Looking for support from the City of Mount Vernon, DPW & Recreation Department

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## Applicant Acknowledgement

I, the applicant, acknowledge that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I affirm that I, all other parties to this application, as well as those involved with this event will abide by the laws of New York State, and the ordinances of the County of Westchester and the City of Mount Vernon. \*

 Rose Luangisa  
Apr 9, 2025

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## City Clerk's Office ONLY

 Amount of Insurance Required

-

 Number of Days Until the Event

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## Attachments

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Office of the City Clerk  
 One Roosevelt Square, Room 104  
 Mount Vernon, New York 10550  
 (914) 665-2351  
 cityclerk@mountvernonny.gov

EVENT NAME & DATE: Wakanda Celebration, Saturday August 30th 2025  
 EVENT SPONSOR: Wakanda Celebration Inc

**REIMBURSEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the granting of a block party/special event permit by the City of Mount Vernon ("the City") for the above named event do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Mount Vernon, its officers, employees and agents from and against all liability, damage, claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, attorney fees, or loss arising out of the grant of this Block Party/Special Event Permit and at their sole expense and agree to bear all other costs and expenses relating thereto, and to reimburse the City for any costs incurred by the City in repairing damage due to the actions of the Sponsors and/or by the Sponsors' officers, employees or agents, vendors or any person or entity under the Sponsors control. Further, the Sponsors hereby agree to defend the City, its officers, employees and agents from any liability to any person or entity resulting from any damage or injury occurring in connection with the event proximately caused by the actions of the City and the Sponsors' officers, employees or agents, or any person who is under the Undersigned's control.

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

- Sidewalks are to remain open to pedestrians with proper visible signage.
- The Police Department will determine whether police presence is required and how much is required. The event organizers will have to pay the salary for each officer. Payment must be received 72 hours in advance of the event. The Police Department will determine if Auxiliary Police can be used in lieu of Police Officers.
- If requesting authorization to procure private security, all must have an NYS Security License and provide proof of being bonded. All documentation must be submitted 72 hours before the event.
- No alcohol use is permitted on city property as per City Code §191-1. The sale of alcohol is prohibited.
- If your event is in a residential area and using vendors, the vendors must set up only on one (1) side of the street and not obstruct driveways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Sponsor/Organization/Applicant for the Block Party/Special Event Permit.  
*(Must be signed in the presence of a Notary/Commissioner of Deeds)*

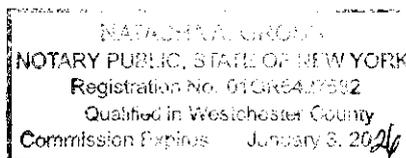
<b>Print Name:</b>	<u>Rose Luangisa</u>
<b>Authorized Officer Title (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	<u>[Signature]</u>

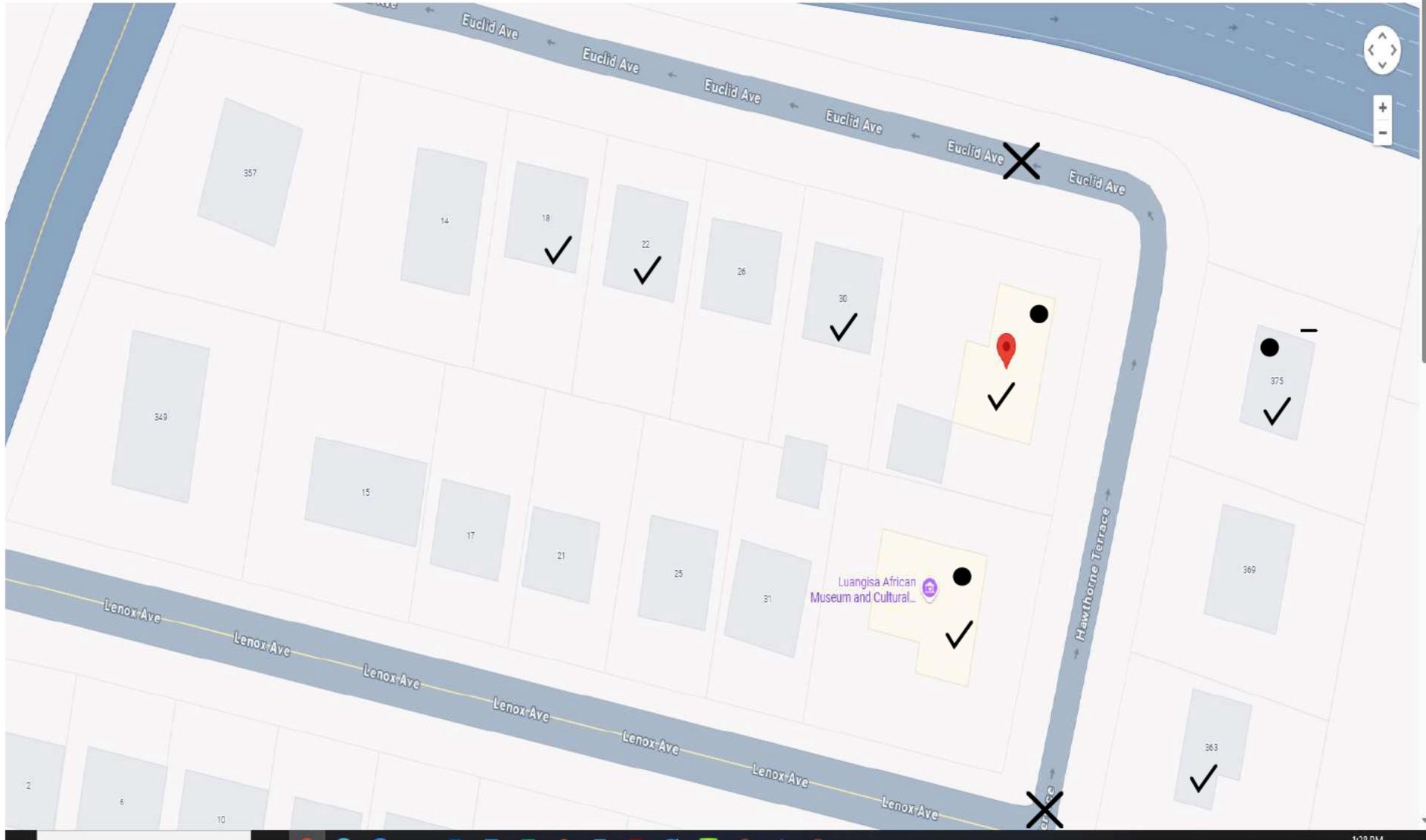
State of New York ) ss.:  
 County of Westchester )

On the 3rd day of May in the year 2025 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared ROSE LUANGISA, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public/Commissioner of Deeds:  
 Subscribed and sworn/affirmed before me this) 3rd day of May, 2025  
 Print Name: NATASHA A. GREGG  
 Signature: [Signature]  
 Qualified in WESTCHESTER County Commission Expires: 01/03/2026

effective: April 1, 2025





● Participating House

✓ Signed consent form

✗ Barricade



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**Your requested schedule has been routed. (Event:Free Cultural Community Event)**

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**SchoolDude Message Center**

Thu, May 15, 2025 at 10:34 AM

(This message is to notify you of a new schedule request.)

The facility schedule request listed below was routed to Sharece Bailey and is waiting for his/her approval.

FS Schedule ID: 3268

Event Title: Free Cultural Community Event

Status: Submitted

Schedule State: Inactive

Organization: Wakanda Celebration Inc

Events:

Date : 8/30/2025

Start Time : 9:00 AM

End Time : 11:00 PM

Location : TRAPHAGEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Building : TRAPHAGEN Parking Lot

Area :

Room(s) : Parking Lot

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## SSD Review and Recommendation

Record No. SEB 25 3

Status Completed

Became Active May 16, 2025

Assignee Daniel DeBenedictis

Due Date None

### Primary Location

374 HAWTHORNE TERR  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552

### Owner

LUANGISA, ROSE & PETER &  
374 Hawthorne Terrace Mount Vernon,  
NY 10552

### Applicant

 Rose Luangisa

 374 Hawthorne Terrace  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552

## Messages

Daniel DeBenedictis  Internal

June 9, 2025 at 12:55 pm

The undersigned has reviewed the application for the event Wakanda Celebration, and I recommend that two (2) Auxiliary officers be assigned to the event and that the Sector car and supervisor give special attention to the area and that the supervisor be authorized to hire additional officers at the expense of the organizer should the need arise. I also recommend approval for the request of the street closure the applicant has reached out to the area residence and school, and they did not have an issue with the request. The street closure also will not impact vehicular traffic due to it being a secondary street used mostly for the residence.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
*Mayor*

City Hall, One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY. 10550  
(914) 914-665-2343  
email:dpwconcerns@mountvernonny.gov

**DAMANI L. BUSH**  
*Commissioner*

**JOHN NUCULOVIC**  
*Deputy Commissioner*

May 20, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
The City of Mount Vernon Mount Vernon, New York  
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

**RE: Wakanda Celebration 2025**

Please be advised that the Department of Public Works, City of Mount Vernon, has no objections to the Wakanda Celebration 2025. The Department of Public Works will place No Parking signs 72 hours in advance and place barricades for street closure at:

- 366 Hawthorne Terrace (corner of Lenox and Hawthorne Terrace)

Respectfully,

John Nuculovic  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works  
JN/dg

Ketty Floyd  
Secretary



July 15th, 2025

City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY

**To whom it may concern**

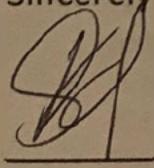
Dear Sir/Madam:

You may be wondering why you haven't heard from us before regarding our annual street closure request during the Memorial holiday weekend. We are only contacting you now to make the request because our members voted to move the celebration date from the Memorial weekend in May to the Labor Day weekend in September.

This year Labor Day falls on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Our celebration will be from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. We are therefore submitting this letter as a formal request to have Eastchester Lane between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues closed for August 30- 31, 2025 . The purpose is to allow children in our congregation as well as children from the neighborhood access to a traffic free street where they can play during our celebrations. We expect a maximum of 75 attendees.

We hope that the City will once again approve our request. The required insurance declaration is attached.

Sincerely

 7/15/25  
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### SEB-25-8

Special Event Application

Status: Active

Submitted On: 7/19/2025

### Primary Location

Mount Vernon, NY 10550

### Owner

Tariqa Burhaniya D'Suqiya Shazuliya

Mount Vernon, New York 10550

### Applicant

 Aseya Floyd

Mount Vernon , New York 10550

## Applicant Information

Is the applicant an individual, organization OR CITY DEPARTMENT??\*

Business / Organization

Applying Organization / Business Name\*

Tariqa Burhaniya D'Suqiya Shazuliya

Applicant Address (Street Name, City, State, ZIP code, PLEASE!)\*

Mount Vernon BY 10550

Applicant's Daytime Phone Number\*

Organization/Business Main Contact Person\*

Musa Albedawi

## Event Information

Event Name\*

Hawliya

Event Sponsor

Tariqa Burhaniya D'Suqiya Shazuliya

Event Date\*

08/30/2025 and 08/31/2025

Rain Date

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**Event Location\***

Eastchester Lane

**Start Time (e.g. 10 AM)\***

9 am

**End Time (e.g. 7 PM)\***

10 pm

**Streets to be Closed (Please include cross streets, e.g. 3rd Ave, between 1st and 2nd Streets)\***

August 30 & 31, 2025 from 9am to 10pm. Eastchester lane, South 10th ave, South 11th Ave

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**Event Information**

**Event details. \***

It's a Block party type of event celebrating a religious holiday called Hawliyah. It is a big event that takes two days and is an all day event. We expect a lot of people to come.

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**Special Accommodations (Check all necessary for your event)**

**Parking Control ?**

**Sound Amplification Equipment ?**

**Use of Open Flame ?**

**Stage, Tent, or Canopy ?**

Will you be having any vendors at your event?\*

NO

Are you requesting to use Private Security?\* 

NO

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## Additional Notes/Requests

### Additional Information

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## Applicant Acknowledgement

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 Aseya S. Floyd  
Jul 18, 2025

### Inspection Types Overview



No Inspection Types Added Yet  
You will be able to add new inspection types to a new appointment.

### Scheduled Appointments

None

### Requested Appointments

None

### Past Appointments

None

### Messages

**Teddy Beale**

August 5, 2025 at 3:42 pm

In the request for an street closing, Ms Floyd state that Labor Day is Monday September 5, 2025. Labor Day 2025 is on a Monday.Please verify if the street is to be blocked off Saturday & Sunday August 30 and 31, 2025.  
FDMV has no objections but need to now the correct date foe emergency response around our City.

**Aseya Floyd**

August 5, 2025 at 8:48 pm

Yes we request that the street be blocked of Saturday and Sunday August 30th and 31st 2025



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
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**DAMANI L. BUSH**  
*Commissioner*

**JOHN NUCULOVIC**  
*Deputy Commissioner*

August 1, 2025

Honorable City Council  
The City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, New York, New York  
*(Through the Office of the Mayor)*

RE: Hawliya (252 South 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Please be advised that the Department of Public Works has no objections to your Hawliya event scheduled for Saturday August 30,2025- August 31,2025 (no rain date) at 252 South 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Mount Vernon, NY from 09:00AM to 10:00PM. The Department of Public Works will place No Parking Signs 72 hours in advance and place barricades on Eastchester Lane between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue the morning of August 30,2025 .

Best regards,

John Nuculovic  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works  
JN/dg



## SSD Review and Recommendation

Record No. SEB 25 8

Status Completed

Became Active July 21, 2025

Assignee Daniel DeBenedictis

Due Date None

### Primary Location

Mount Vernon, NY 10550

### Owner

Tariqa Burhaniya D'Suqiya Shazuliya  
Mount  
Vernon, New York 10550

### Applicant

 Aseya Floyd

Mount Vernon , New York 10550

## Messages

Daniel DeBenedictis  Internal

August 7, 2025 at 3:41 pm

I do not have any objections to the street closure on August 30 and August 31, 2025 from 9am to 10pm at Eastchester Ln between South 10th ave, South 11th Ave. The Block party has occurred in the past and has not had any negative incidents. I recommend that patrol give special attention to the event and that the patrol supervisor be authorized to hire overtime at the expense of the organizer if necessary. I also recommend that DPW place barricades at the intersection of Eastchester Ln and South 10th Ave and Eastchester Ln and South 11th Ave and that no parking signs be placed 72hrs prior to the event.

July 24, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**RE: Request to Amend Ordinance 11 from June 11, 2025: Request for approval of annual maintenance agreement renewal with Business Electronics (iRecord)**

Honorable Council Members,

Management services respectfully request the City Council’s approval to amend Ordinance 11 for the Department of Public Safety. We request the change of the budget line from A3120.416 to A1680.216 for the **annual maintenance agreement between Business Electronics (iRecord) and the City of Mount Vernon Police Department.**

This was approved at the June 11, 2025 City Council Meeting and subsequently at the June 17, 2025 Board of Estimate Meeting. Initially, it was requested that the funds be allocated from the Police Department’s budget line **A3120.416 (Technology Upgrades)**. However, technology-related expenses for the Police Department have been centralized under Management Services. As such, the appropriate budget line for this expense is **A1680.216 (Application Services)**, and payment should be made accordingly.

The proposed maintenance coverage period is from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The **total cost of the contract renewal is \$2,370.00**, which will be paid from **Budget Line A1680.216 (Application Services)**.

Should this request meet with your approval, we respectfully ask that legislation be enacted to authorize this amendment.

Sincerely,



Juan Perez  
Commissioner of Management Services  
Cc: Mayors Office, Comptroller

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**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH BUSINESS ELECTRONICS (iRECORD) FOR INTERVIEW ROOM RECORDING EQUIPMENT USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Whereas**, in a letter dated May 28, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety formally requested authorization for the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a renewal of the annual maintenance agreement with Business Electronics (iRecord) for the continued servicing and maintenance of interview room recording equipment used by the Department of Public Safety; and

**Whereas**, the City of Mount Vernon Police Department utilizes specialized interview room recording equipment provided and maintained by Business Electronics (iRecord) to support law enforcement operations and ensure the integrity of custodial interviews; and

**Whereas**, the current maintenance agreement between Business Electronics (iRecord) and the City of Mount Vernon is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the continuation of this maintenance agreement is essential to ensure the ongoing functionality and reliability of the department's recording equipment, including cameras, microphones, and associated software systems; and

**Whereas**, the proposed renewal agreement with Business Electronics covers the maintenance services for the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$2,370.00, to be paid from Budget Line A3120.416; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon to authorize this agreement in order to maintain uninterrupted service and prevent potential disruptions in critical police operations; **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**

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

**Section 1. Authorization to Renew Agreement.** The Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, a renewal of the annual maintenance agreement with Business Electronics (iRecord) for the continued servicing and maintenance of interview room recording equipment used by the Department of Public Safety.

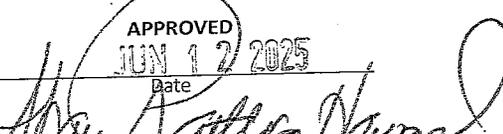
**Section 2. Term and Cost.** The maintenance agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$2,370.00), to be charged to Budget Line A3120.416.

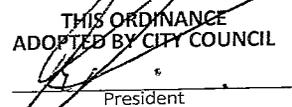
**Section 3. Execution of Documents.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents and take any additional actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

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

Vote Taken As Follows: 6/11/2025  
Boxhill: Yea Gleason: Yea  
Poteat: Yea Thompson: Yea  
Browne: Yea Ordinance Adopted

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED  
JUN 12 2025  
Date  
  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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

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June 30, 2025

The Honorable City Council  
City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**Re:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Block Party

To the Honorable City Council,

This letter comes as a request that the City Council enact legislation that will allow the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Recreation to Cosponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Block Party on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12pm-5pm.

The mission of the Big Block Party is to support the Mount Vernon community and empower youth and families. We strive to offer valuable community resources and create a day of free, enjoyable activities. This block party aims to be a reset for children and parents, fostering positivity, uplifting experiences for all attendees to commemorate the summer of safety initiative.

Some of the activities that will take place at this event are the following:

- Fun Zone w/ Bouncy House
- Free Food
- Double Dutch Contest
- Cupcake Corner
- Pop up Petting Zoo
- Activation Zone (face painting, arts & Craft, Zumba)
- Community Resources booths
- Live Entertainment a

We request the street closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (btw, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) from DPW and street cleaning after the event. In addition, we are asking for the use of auxiliary police, fire and EMS. We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your positive response. Should you have any question or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Khendra K. David

CC: ONSE OOM REC OEM DPW MVFD FDMV

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July 17, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
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Mount Vernon, New York  
*(Through the Office of the Mayor)*

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

Please be advised the Department of Public Works has no objections to the 2025 Big Block Party on Saturday August 23, 2025 from 12:00PM-5:00PM. DPW will place No Parking signs 72 hours in advance and will block streets the morning of August 23<sup>rd</sup> on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Respectfully,

John Nuculovic  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works  
JN/dg



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
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Fire Headquarter – 470 East Lincoln Avenue  
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**Kevin B. Holt**  
*Fire Commissioner*  
**Theodore W. Beale Jr.**  
*Deputy Fire Commissioner*  
**Juan A. Peralta**  
*Chief of Operations*

*Through the office of the Mayor*

Honorable Members of the City Council  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10220

Re: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Block Party

June 30, 2025

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The City of Mount Vernon Fire Department has no objections to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Block Party on Saturday August 23, 2025.

The celebration will be held on So. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, we further understand that So. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will be closed due to the celebration.

Food vendors shall comply with FDMV Mobile Food Preparation guidelines; fire extinguishers shall be present at each cooking station. Please ensure the roadway will remain passable in event of an emergency vehicles access.

Respectfully submitted:

Theodore W. Beale, Jr.  
Deputy Fire Commissioner

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**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**  
 (914) 665-2500 FAX (914) 665-2559



*Lieutenant Juliet Evans*  
*Commanding Officer*

*Sergeant Daniel De Benedictis*  
*Executive Officer*

Date: July 21, 2025

To: Office of the Police Commissioner

From: Sgt. De Benedictis, Executive Officer, Support Services Division

**Subject: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Block Party (South 4<sup>th</sup> Ave BTW 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> St)**

The Department of Recreation the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and the Office of the Mayor are requesting to have a cosponsorship with the City of Mount Vernon to have the event “The Big Block Party”. This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 1200 - 1700 hours. The organizers propose the closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> street to host the event.

I recommend the street closure takes place two hours prior to and after the event to allow for setup and cleanup.

Based on the Information provided approval is recommended and the following recommendations are as followed:

- (2) Police officers he hired on an overtime basis
- Auxiliary officers be assigned
- DPW place barricades at the intersection of south 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and South 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- No parking signs should be posted by DPW to reflect the time and day of the event
- The Patrol Supervisor should monitor the event and be authorized to hire officers on an overtime basis should the need arise.

Sgt. De Benedictis #3  
 Executive Officers  
 Support Services Division

CC: Patrol Division  
 Parking Bureau



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CC: ONSO OOM REC OEM DPW MVFD FDMV

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## ✓ Big Block Party Planning Timeline

**Event Date:** Saturday, August 23, 2025

**Event Time:** 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location:** 4th Avenue (between 2nd and 3rd Street)

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### Phase 1: Initial Planning & Legislative Approval

#### 31 Week of July 1–12, 2025

- Draft and submit co-sponsorship request letter to City Council
- Confirm Co-sponsors/Partners
  - Dept. Of Recreation
  - Office of the Mayor
  - Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement
  - MVFD (EMS), MVPD, OEM
- Secure legislative approval from City Council
- Request permits for street closure, DPW cleaning, fire, EMS, and auxiliary police support
- Begin preliminary budget and vendor list
- Reserve inflatable/bouncy house, sound equipment, and staging needs

### Phase 2: Stakeholder Coordination & Outreach

#### 31 Week of July 15–26, 2025

- Engage community-based organizations and city agencies for resource booths
- Coordinate with DPW for street barricades and post-cleanup
- Book live entertainment and hosts/emcees
- Order signage, banners, and event décor
- Finalize flyers and begin digital/physical promotion

### Phase 3: Logistics & Confirmations

#### 31 Week of July 29–August 9, 2025

- Confirm food vendors and cupcake corner supplies
- Finalize activities (Double Dutch, Zumba, petting zoo, arts & crafts)
- Coordinate schedules and roles for volunteers and city staff
- Submit finalized vendor list and layout to public safety officials

- Confirm auxiliary police/fire/EMS scheduling
- Launch final community push through press release, social media, robocalls

#### **Phase 4: Final Prep & Execution**

##### **31 Week of August 12–22, 2025**

- Print event maps and volunteer packets
- Distribute signage and directional materials
- Host volunteer and agency coordination meeting
- Confirm all deliveries and site setup needs
- Schedule load-in and breakdown timelines with vendors

##### **31 August 23, 2025 — Event Day**

- 7:00 AM: Street closure and DPW setup
- 8:00 AM: Vendor and activity setup begins
- 11:30 AM: All stations open and operational
- 12:00–5:00 PM: Event runs
- 5:30 PM: Breakdown, DPW cleanup, debrief with core team

##### **31 August 25–29, 2025 — Post-Event**

- Thank-you letters to partners and volunteers
- Social media recap and photo gallery
- Debrief meeting to document lessons learned for 2026



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August 5, 2025

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One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**[New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM)  
2025 Fall Training School**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter comes as a request to the City Council for the enactment of legislation authorizing the Mayor to attend the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) 2025 Fall Training School in Lake Placid on September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The cost of registration is not to exceed \$600.00 per person. The entire trip including registration, transportation, incidentals, and hotel should not exceed \$2,000.00. (Two thousand dollars). The cost of the travel, hotel fees, and incidentals will be expensed from budget A 1210.402 – Travel

The NYCOM Annual Meeting brings together municipal leaders and city executives of New York State. This conference presents an occasion to converse with decision-makers in the public sector and an opportunity to share successful strategies and new ideas.

Please see the attached link for the most “up-to-date” schedule of events.  
<https://www.nycom.org/nycom-fall-training-school-agenda>

In Service,

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA  
Mayor

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June 16, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
The City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, New York  
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation – Macquesten/W Devonia Avenue & 115 Dell Avenue

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

**BACKGROUND**

I am writing to urgently request the City Council's approval to authorize the City to enter into an emergency contractual agreement with Zonzini Pipeline Inc. This request is essential due to a physical hazard and the immediate need to remove and replace sections of concrete roadways above the sewers.

Zonzini was contacted for the removal and repouring of concrete slabs above the city sanitary sewer and storm sewer main sections at Macquesten and West Devonia as well as 115 Dell Avenue. The concrete slabs in both areas were settling and could cause potential damage to vehicles and pedestrians.

**PROCUREMENT POLICY**

**Section 6. Items Excepted from these Policies and Procedures by the City Council.**

**B. Emergency Purchases.** For purpose of this section, an emergency refers to an occurrence that presents an immediate threat to public property, the life, safety, health, welfare or property of residents or the public, or threatens to curtail or terminate an essential service to residents or the public. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternate proposals may threaten the life, health, safety, property or welfare of the residents or City of Mount Vernon.

**FUNDING**

The total associated cost for this rehabilitation is \$9,103.00.

Funding for these emergency repairs is available via department budget line A8120.405

Respectfully,

Damani Bush  
Commissioner of Public Works  
DB/lp

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Cc: City Engineer  
File

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July 24, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
Of the City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall, Mount Vernon, New York  
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Authorization to attend the Public Works Summit, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Friday, November 7, 2025

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

I am respectfully requesting approval for Damani Bush, Commissioner of Public Works to attend the Public Works Summit, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Friday, November 7, 2025, in Ponte Vedra Beach (Sawgrass), FL. As the Commissioner of Public Works, I believe attending this conference will significantly benefit our municipality in several key areas.

The Public Works Summit is renowned for bringing together leading experts, practitioners, and innovators in the public works sector. The summit is 48 hours of learning, information-sharing and networking. It offers a unique opportunity to learn from peers and suppliers with opportunities to explore partnerships that can help us address our city's challenges more effectively.

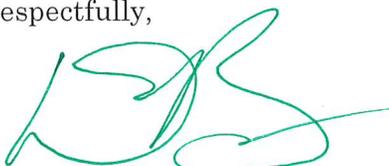
Municipal Benefits:

1. **Knowledge and Expertise Gaining:** The conference will provide insights into the latest trends, strategies, and technologies in public works. Attending the sessions and workshops can significantly enhance our understanding and capabilities in managing public works more efficiently and sustainably.
2. **Networking Opportunities:** This event will allow us to connect with other municipalities, technology providers, and policy experts. Networking with peers and industry leaders can open avenues for collaboration and sharing best practices, which is invaluable for our ongoing and future projects.
3. **Innovation and Solutions Exploration:** The expo features cutting-edge solutions and products that can improve city services, reduce costs, and enhance the quality of life for our residents. Exploring these innovations firsthand will enable us to elevate potential technologies and services that could be implemented in our municipality.
4. **Strategic Planning and Development:** Insights gained from the conference can inform our strategic planning process, help us to prioritize investments in infrastructure and technology that align with our long-term vision for a smarter, more connected city.
5. **Enhancing Public service:** By applying learned best practices and technologies, we can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of municipal services, from waste management to water supply and traffic management.

Funding for this summit is at **no cost** to the City of Mount Vernon. All accommodations are fully covered by the Summit host.

Attending the Public Works Summit aligns with our commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in public services. The knowledge, connections, and insights gained from this event will be instrumental in advancing our municipality's public works initiatives and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'DLB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Damani L. Bush  
Commissioner of Public Works  
DB/dg

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**Your application has been accepted to attend the Public Works Summit!**

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**From** Michelle Fetterer <mfetterer@summits.endeavorb2b.com>

**Date** Wed 7/23/2025 5:31 PM

**To** Bush, Damani <dbush@cmvny.com>

**Cc** Gardner, Dana <dgardner@cmvny.com>

You don't often get email from mfetterer@summits.endeavorb2b.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Damani,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to hosting you along with 50 of your peers and some suppliers at the Pubic Works Summit, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Friday, November 7, 2025 in Ponte Vedra Beach (Sawgrass), FL.

The Summit is 48 hours of learning, information-sharing and networking in a totally unique way. Since you are accepted to join, there is no cost to you or your organization to participate. The Summit covers your airfare, ground transportation in the Jacksonville area, hotel, and all meals, which are part of the Summit meeting schedule.

To reserve your seat, **please reply to this email to confirm that you are planning to attend the Summit and mark Wednesday, November 5, 2025 to Friday, November 7, 2025 on your calendar.** We will send you information about booking your travel as we get closer to the event. If you need to get approval from your municipality to travel, we recommend starting this process now so you are ready when the time comes to book your airfare.

This is a new type of professional development and networking event for most people, so please contact me with any questions you may have.

We are looking forward to speaking with you soon and meeting you at the Summit!

Thank you,

**Michelle Fetterer**

Attendee Services & Matching Manager

Endeavor Business Media

847-423-5127

[mfetterer@endeavorb2b.com](mailto:mfetterer@endeavorb2b.com)





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August 7, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
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Dear Honorable City Council Members,

The following department budget line transfer is necessary to cover the rental of a towable generator and cooling unit for the Doles Center. The urgency of this rental is explained in a separate request to the Council regarding the emergency situation currently affecting the Doles Center senior program and cooling station. This transfer is necessary to support the financial needs of the Public Works department in order to effectively and quickly serve the community.

FROM		TO	
Budget Code	Amount	Budget Code	Amount
D.P.W- BUILDING MAINTENANCE- Maintenance of Parking Garages A1620.431	\$15,000.00	D.P.W- BUILDING MAINTENANCE- Equipment A1620.203	\$15,000.00

Respectfully,

John Nuculovic  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works  
JN/lp



**Lee Mechanical**  
**Phone: 914-207-3902**  
**Email: Dennis@LeeMechanical.Pro**  
**Website: LeeMechanical.Pro**  
**EPA License #1619006010**  
**DUNS #11-878-8661**  
**NYC (MBE) Minority Business Certified**



# Estimate # 364

Date
7/14/2025

**Payment Terms:**  
 - 60% Deposit  
 - 20% at 50% Completion  
 - Balance due at Completion of the Job  
  
 - All Quotes are Valid for 15 Days  
 - Deposits are non-refundable or transferable

Name / Address
Doles Recreation Center 250 South 6th Ave Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Project Name

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Replacing Existing TRANE Rooftop Unit Model #TCD240B30AFB Serial #R20101803D  With a York 20 Ton Rooftop Unit Model #KV20N3DP2L1AAA81A1 - Two Stage Compressor - Natural Gas Heating - TWO (2) WEEK LEAD TIME - PRICE INCLUDES RIGGING - PRICE INCLUDES PLUMBING FOR GAS LINE - PRICE INCLUDES ELECTRICAL  <b>WARRANTY</b> • One (1) Year Limited Warranty on the Complete Unit • Five (5) Year Warranty - Compressors and Electric Heater Elements • Ten (10) Year Warranty - Aluminized Steel Tubular Heat Exchangers • TWO (2) Year Warranty - LEE MECHANICAL  NOT INCLUDED in Pricing - MECHANICAL DRAWINGS - PERMITS		76,143.24	76,143.24

<b>Subtotal</b>	\$76,143.24
<b>Sales Tax (8.38%)</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$76,143.24

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SUNBELT RENTALS, INC.

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Typed By: TRAMDAS

Job Site:

BRICK BUILDING
250 S 6TH AVE
MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550 3809

C#: 914-665-2339 J#: 914-330-7640

Customer: 841013

CITY OF MT. VERNON - DPW
1 ROOSEVELT SQUARE ROOM 108
MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552

QUOTE



Contract #.. 171211171
Contract dt. 7/07/25
Date out.... 7/07/25 5:00 PM
Est return.. 8/04/25 5:00 PM
Job Loc..... 250 SOUTH 6TH AVE, MT VERNON
Job No..... 250 SOUTH 6TH AVE
P.O. #..... 25 TON
Ordered By.. PERSUAD, AVINESH
NET 45

Table with 7 columns: QTY, EQUIPMENT #, Min, Day, Week, 4 Week, Amount. Includes equipment details like 56KW DIESEL GENERATOR and 25 TON AC W/HEATER, along with pricing and terms.

SALES ITEMS:

Table with 4 columns: Qty, Item number, Unit, Price. Lists items like DLPKSRCHG, E&DLABOR, and ENVIRONMENTAL with their respective prices.

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All amounts are in USD

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SUNBELT RENTALS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) **DEFINITIONS.** "Authorized Individuals" are those individuals that Customer directly or indirectly allows to use the Equipment, who must be properly trained to use the Equipment, at least 18 years old or the legal age of majority in the state, whichever is greater and are not under the influence of any drugs, alcohol, substances or otherwise impaired. "Customer" is identified earlier and includes any of your representatives, agents, officers, employees or anyone signing this Contract on your behalf. "Environmental Services Charge" is the charge described in Section 17. "Equipment" is the equipment and/or services identified on the other pages provided, together with all replacements, repairs, additions, attachments and accessories and all future Equipment replacements. "Incident" is any fire, explosion, theft, accident, casualty, loss, vandalism, injury, death or damage to person or property, claimed by any person or entity that appears to have occurred in connection with the Equipment. "Lost" means the Equipment is either stolen, its location is unknown, or Customer is unable to recover it for a period of 30 days. "FMV" is the Equipment's fair market value on or about the date of the Incident relating to the Equipment, plus any administrative fees and expenses. "One Shift" means not more than 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week and 160 hours every 4-week period, provided that double shift will be 150% and triple shift will be 200% of the rental charge on Equipment with four meters. "Ordinary Wear and Tear" means normal deterioration considered reasonable in the equipment rental industry for One Shift use. "Party" means Sunbelt or Customer and together both are the "Parties". "Pick-Up Number" is the number Customer obtains from Sunbelt evidencing the Customer's call to pick up Equipment. "Rental Period" commences when the Equipment is delivered to Customer or the Site Address and continues until the Equipment is returned to the Store or picked up by Sunbelt during normal business hours, provided Customer has otherwise complied with this Contract. "RPP" is the rental protection plan described in Section 10. "Site Address" is the location that Customer represents the Equipment will be located during the Rental Period identified earlier. "Store" is the Sunbelt location identified earlier. "Sunbelt" is Sunbelt and its affiliated companies, their respective officers, directors, employees and agents. "Telematics Data" is a data collected within the Equipment or via software relating to the Equipment, its performance, location, or operators. Transportation Surcharge" is a charge intended to defray a wide range of transportation expenses (both direct and indirect), which are not always fully recovered by other transportation charges.

2) **TERMS.** Customer's execution of this Contract or taking possession of the Equipment (whichever occurs first) shall be deemed acceptance of the terms herein for this and all past and future contracts between Sunbelt and Customer upon Customer's receipt of Sunbelt's Equipment under those contracts. Customer rents the Equipment from Sunbelt pursuant to this Contract, which is a true lease. The Equipment (a) is and shall remain the personal property of Sunbelt and (b) shall not be affixed to any other property. Customer shall not pledge or encumber the Equipment in any manner.

3) **PERMITTED USE.** Customer agrees and warrants that (a) Sunbelt has no control over the manner in which the Equipment is operated during the Rental Period by Customer or any third party that Customer implicitly or explicitly permits, (b) prior to each use and its return to Sunbelt, Customer shall inspect the Equipment to confirm that the Equipment is in good condition, without defects, readable decals are on the Equipment, and the Equipment is suitable for Customer's intended use, (c) Customer has access to and reviews the operating and safety instructions and will operate the Equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and with applicable safety equipment, (d) any apparent agent at the Site Address is authorized to accept delivery of the Equipment (and if Customer requests, Customer authorizes Sunbelt to leave the Equipment at the Site Address without requirement of written receipt), (e) Customer shall immediately stop use and notify Sunbelt if the Equipment is damaged, unsafe, disabled, malfunctioning, warning lights come on, levied upon, threatened with seizure, Lost, or if any Incident occurs; (f) Customer has received from Sunbelt all information needed or requested regarding the operation of the Equipment; (g) Sunbelt is not responsible for providing operator or other training unless Customer specifically requests in writing and Sunbelt agrees to provide such training (Customer being responsible to obtain all training that Customer desires prior to the Equipment's use); (h) Sunbelt is not responsible for Customer's obligation to provide reasonable accommodation(s) to any (disabled) Authorized Individual(s); (i) only Authorized Individuals shall use and operate the Equipment, however Customer is responsible for the Equipment and its use during the Rental Period regardless of the user; (j) the Equipment shall be used and maintained in a careful manner, within the Equipment's capacity and in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, as well as all operating and safety instructions provided on, in or with the Equipment and all applicable federal, state and local laws, permits and licenses, including but not limited to, OSHA and ADA, as revised; (k) the Equipment shall be kept in a secure location; and (l) Customer shall provide Sunbelt with accurate and complete information, which Sunbelt relies upon to provide the appropriate Equipment to Customer.

4) **PROHIBITED USE.** Customer shall not (a) alter or cover up any decals or insignia on the Equipment, remove any operating or safety equipment or instructions or alter or tamper with the Equipment; (b) assign its rights under this Contract; (c) move the Equipment from the Site Address without Sunbelt's written consent; (d) use the Equipment in a negligent, illegal, unauthorized or abusive manner; or (e) utilize the use of the Equipment in any manner (including, without limitation, print, audiovisual or electronic); or (f) allow the use of the Equipment by anyone other than Authorized Individuals (Customer acknowledging that the Equipment may be dangerous if used improperly or by untrained parties).

5) **MAINTENANCE.** Customer shall perform routine maintenance on the Equipment, including routine inspections and maintenance of fuel and oil levels, grease, cooling and fluid systems, batteries, tires/tracks cutting edges, and cleaning in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, as applicable. All other maintenance or repairs may only be performed by Sunbelt or its agents, but Sunbelt has no responsibility during the Rental Period to inspect or perform any maintenance or repairs unless Customer requests a service call. If Sunbelt determines that repairs to the Equipment are needed, other than Ordinary Wear and Tear, Customer shall pay the full repair charges, additional fees, if any, and rental of the Equipment until the repairs are completed. If Equipment is stolen or damaged in excess of 40% of the Equipment's FMV, Customer will be responsible for the FMV of the Equipment, including sales tax, as applicable. Sunbelt has the right to inspect the Equipment wherever located. Customer has the authority to and hereby grants Sunbelt and its agents the right to enter the physical location of the Equipment for the purposes set forth herein. Sunbelt shall be responsible for repairs needed because of Ordinary Wear and Tear. Customer agrees that repair or replacement of the Equipment is Customer's exclusive remedy for Sunbelt's breach of this Section. Notwithstanding Sunbelt's service commitment, if Customer breaches this Contract, Sunbelt shall have no obligation to stop the Rental Period, commence repairs or rent other equipment to Customer until Customer or its agent agrees to pay for such charges.

6) **CUSTOMER LIABILITY, DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD, CUSTOMER ASSUMES ALL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSSESSION, CONTROL OR USE OF THE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, RENTAL CHARGES, THEFT, LOSSES, DAMAGES AND DESTRUCTION, INCLUDING CUSTOMER TRANSPORTATION, LOADING AND UNLOADING, WHETHER OR NOT THE CUSTOMER IS AT FAULT.** After an Incident, Customer shall (a) immediately notify Sunbelt, the police, if necessary, and Customer's insurance carriers; (b) secure and maintain the Equipment and the surrounding premises in the condition existing at the time of such Incident, until Sunbelt or its agents investigate; (c) immediately submit copies of all police or other third party reports to Sunbelt; and (d) as applicable, pay Sunbelt, in addition to other sums due herein, the rental rate for Equipment until the repairs are completed or Equipment replaced plus either (i) the FMV or (ii) the full charges of recovery and repairs of damaged Equipment. Accrued rental charges shall not be applied against these amounts. Sunbelt shall have the immediate right, but not obligation, to reclaim any Equipment involved in any Incident.

7) **NO WARRANTIES. SUNBELT DISCLAIMS ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT, ITS DURABILITY, CONDITION, MERCHANTABILITY, NON-INFRINGEMENT, OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE. CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES ACCEPTANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITH "ALL FAULTS" AND WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE WHATSOEVER AGAINST SUNBELT ENTITIES. CUSTOMER ASSUMES ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND RELEASES SUNBELT ENTITIES FROM ALL LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES (INCLUDING LOSS PROFITS, PERSONAL INJURY, AND SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES) IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE EQUIPMENT, ITS INSTALLATION, OPERATION OR USE OR ANY DEFECT OR FAILURE THEREOF, A BREACH OF SUNBELT'S OBLIGATIONS HEREIN OR ERRORS OR INACCURACIES IN INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CUSTOMER OR THIRD PARTIES, UPON WHICH SUNBELT RELIES; PROVIDED HOWEVER, IF CUSTOMER IS A CONSUMER UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, THEN NO CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES LIMITATION OF INJURIES TO PERSONS SHALL APPLY.**

8) **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CUSTOMER INDEMNIFIES, RELEASES, HOLDS SUNBELT ENTITIES HARMLESS AND AT SUNBELT'S REQUEST, DEFENDS SUNBELT ENTITIES (WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY SUNBELT), FROM AND AGAINST ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S AND/OR LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES) HOWEVER ARISING OR INCURRED, RELATED TO ANY INCIDENT, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON, CONTAMINATION OR ALLEGED CONTAMINATION, OR VIOLATION OF LAW OR REGULATION CAUSED BY OR CONNECTED WITH THE (a) ACCESS, USE, POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF THE EQUIPMENT BY CUSTOMER OR ANY THIRD PARTY THAT CUSTOMER IMPLICITLY OR EXPLICITLY PERMITS TO ACCESS, USE, POSSESS OR CONTROL THE EQUIPMENT DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD OR (b) BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF ANY PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREIN AND ANY OF THE FOREGOING ARISING OR IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINE OF STRICT OR ABSOLUTE LIABILITY. CUSTOMER ALSO AGREES TO WAIVE ITS WORKERS' COMPENSATION IMMUNITY, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE. CUSTOMER'S INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.** All of Customer's indemnification obligations under this paragraph shall be joint and several.

9) **INSURANCE.** During the Rental Period, Customer shall maintain, at its own expense, the following minimum insurance coverage: (a) for Customers using Equipment for non personal use, general liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, including coverage for Customer's contractual liabilities herein such as the release and indemnification clause contained in Section 8; (b) for Customers using Equipment for non personal use, property insurance against loss by all risks to the Equipment, in an amount at least equal to the FMV thereof, unless RPP is elected at the time of rental and paid for prior to any Incident; (c) worker's compensation insurance as required by law; and (d) automobile liability insurance (including comprehensive and collision coverage, and uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage), in the same amounts set forth in subsections (a) and (b), if the Equipment is to be used on any roadway. Such policies shall be primary, non-contributory, on an occurrence basis, contain a waiver of subrogation, name Sunbelt and its agents as an additional insured (including an additional insured endorsement) and loss payee, and provide for Sunbelt to receive at least 30 days prior written notice of any cancellation or material change. Any insurance that excludes boom damage or overturns is a breach. Customer shall provide Sunbelt with certificates of insurance to [insurancecertificates@sunbeltrentals.com](mailto:insurancecertificates@sunbeltrentals.com) evidencing the coverages required above prior to any rental and any time upon Sunbelt's request. To the extent Sunbelt Entities carry any insurance, Sunbelt Entities' insurance will be considered excess insurance. The insurance required herein does not relieve Customer of its responsibilities, indemnification, or other obligations provided herein, or for which Customer may be liable by law or otherwise.

10) **RENTAL PROTECTION PLAN.** Customer's repair or replacement responsibility in Sections 5 and 6 of this Contract is modified by the RPP, if offered on the Equipment, and Sunbelt shall limit the amount Sunbelt collects from Customer for the Equipment loss, damage or destruction to the following amounts for each piece of Equipment, per each occurrence: (a) 10% of the FMV for Lost Equipment, up to a maximum of \$500 per piece of Equipment; (b) 10% of the repair charges for incidental or accidental damage to Equipment, up to a maximum of \$500 per piece of Equipment; (c) charges in excess of \$50 per tire for tire repairs; and (d) nothing for the rental charges which would otherwise accrue during the period when damaged or destroyed Equipment is being repaired or replaced by Sunbelt or Lost Equipment is being replaced; provided however, the foregoing RPP liability reduction only applies if the Conditions (defined below) are satisfied and an Exclusion (defined below) does not apply. The RPP is NOT INSURANCE and does NOT protect Customer from liability to Sunbelt or others arising out of possession, control or use of the Equipment, including injury or damage to persons or property. **THE RPP IS A CONTRACTUAL MODIFICATION OF CUSTOMER'S LIABILITY.** All of the following "Conditions" must be satisfied for the RPP and the corresponding liability reduction to apply: (i) Customer accepts the RPP in advance of the rental; (ii) Customer pays 15% of the gross rental charges as the fee for the RPP (plus applicable taxes); (iii) Customer fully complies with the terms of this Contract; (iv) Customer's account is current at the time of the loss, theft, damage or destruction of the Equipment; and (v) none of the Exclusions apply. Customer assumes the Exclusion risks, meaning that if any Exclusion occurs, the RPP does NOT reduce the liability of Customer to Sunbelt for the loss, theft, damage or destruction resulting from such Exclusion. "Exclusions" shall mean loss, theft, damage or destruction of the Equipment: (A) due to intentional misuse; (B) caused by Lost Equipment not reported by Customer to the police within 48 hours of discovery, and substantiated by a written police report (promptly delivered to Sunbelt); (C) due to floods, water level changes, wind, storms, earthquakes or Acts of God; and (D) accessions to or improvements on the Equipment. Customer is not eligible for the RPP. **THE LIABILITY OF CUSTOMER AND NOT SUNBELT UNDER THE RPP IS NOT REDUCED ON THIS CONTRACT AS PART OF CUSTOMER'S ESTIMATED CHARGES UNLESS CUSTOMER HAS ELECTED TO DECLINE RPP IN WRITING, FAILS TO PAY THE RPP FEE OR MADE OTHER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH SUNBELT.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, if Lost Equipment is later recovered, Sunbelt retains ownership of the Equipment regardless of any payments made by Customer or Customer's insurance company with respect to such Equipment, all of which payments are non-refundable. Customer agrees to promptly return any Equipment that is recovered. Sunbelt shall be subrogated to Customer's rights to recover against any person or entity relating to any loss, theft, damage or destruction to the Equipment. Customer

shall cooperate with, assign Sunbelt all claims and proceeds arising from such loss, theft, damage or destruction, execute and deliver to Sunbelt whatever documents are required and take all other necessary steps to secure in Sunbelt such rights, at Customer's expense.

11) **RENTAL RATES.** The total charges specified in this Contract are: (a) estimated based upon Customer's representation of the estimated Rental Period identified herein (rental rates beyond the estimated Rental Period may change) and other information conveyed by Customer to Sunbelt; and (b) for the Equipment's use for One Shift unless otherwise noted. Weekly and a week rental rates shall not be prorated. Rental charges accrue during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The rental rates do not include and Customer is responsible for: (i) all consumables, fees, licenses, present and future taxes and any other governmental charges based on Customer's possession and/or use of the Equipment, including additional fees for more than One Shift use; (ii) delivery and pickup charges to and from the Store, including but not limited to any freight, transportation, delivery, pickup and surcharge fees listed in this Contract; (iii) maintenance, repairs and replacements to the Equipment as provided herein; (iv) a cleaning fee if required; (v) miscellaneous charges, such as fees for lost keys, RPP, costs to recover Equipment, emergency mobilization or store opening; (vi) fuel used during the Rental Period and for refueling Equipment as described below; (vii) fines for use of dyed diesel fuel in on-road Equipment; and (viii) an Environmental Services Charge (see [www.sunbeltrentals.com/environmentalfees](http://www.sunbeltrentals.com/environmentalfees)) and (ix) Transportation Surcharge (see [www.sunbeltrentals.com/surcharge](http://www.sunbeltrentals.com/surcharge)). The convenience charge for off road diesel fuel does not include governmental motor fuel taxes or charges. Sunbelt collects these fees as revenue and uses them at its discretion.

12) **PAYMENT.** Customer shall pay for the rental of Equipment, sale of Equipment, materials and all other items and services identified in this Contract and all other amounts due, without any offsets, in full, in advance at the time of rental, unless Sunbelt approves Customer's executed commercial credit application. Commercial customers who are approved for Sunbelt's extended payment terms must pay, in arrears, upon receipt of Sunbelt's invoice, either by cash, check or ACH. Customer must notify Sunbelt in writing of any disputed amounts, including credit card charges, within 15 days after the receipt of the invoice/contract or Customer shall be deemed to have irrevocably waived its right to dispute such amounts. At Sunbelt's discretion, any account with a delinquent balance may be placed on a cash basis, deposits may be required and the Equipment may be picked up without notice. Due to the difficulty in fixing actual damages caused by late payment, Customer agrees that a service charge equal to the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate permitted by law shall be assessed on all delinquent accounts, until paid in full. Customer shall reimburse Sunbelt for all costs incurred in collecting any late payments, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees. Payment of any late charge does not excuse Customer of any default under this Contract. Customer shall pay a fee of \$75 for each check returned for lack of sufficient funds to compensate Sunbelt for its overhead for processing missed payment. Deposits will only be returned after all amounts are paid in full. **CUSTOMER AGREES THAT IF A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD IS PRESENTED TO PAY FOR CHARGES OR TO GUARANTEE PAYMENT, CUSTOMER AUTHORIZES SUNBELT TO CHARGE THE CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ALL AMOUNTS SHOWN ON THIS CONTRACT AND CHARGES AUTOMATICALLY INCURRED BY CUSTOMER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE RENTAL PERIOD.** Effective June 1, 2021 and where permitted by law, Sunbelt may impose a surcharge of 2% (minimum \$3) for credit card payments on charge accounts. This surcharge is not greater than Sunbelt's merchant discount rate for credit card transactions and is subject to sales tax in some jurisdictions.

13) **RETURN OF EQUIPMENT.** Sunbelt may terminate this Contract at any time, for any reason. The Equipment shall be returned to Sunbelt (when needed for inspections, maintenance and at the end of the Rental Period) in the same condition it was received, less Ordinary Wear and Tear and free of any hazardous materials and contaminants. Customer will return the Equipment at the end of the Rental Period, but will continue to be responsible for rental and other charges after the Rental Period if the Equipment is not returned in the condition required herein. If Sunbelt delivered the Equipment to Customer, Customer shall notify Sunbelt that the Equipment is ready to be picked up at the Site Address and obtain a Pick-Up Number, which Pick-Up Number Customer should keep as proof of the call; provided Customer remains liable for any loss, theft, damage to or destruction of the Equipment until Sunbelt confirms that the Equipment is returned in the condition required herein. Customer will not be charged the rental charges after the date the Pick-Up Number is given, provided Customer has otherwise complied with this Contract. No pickups occur on Sundays or statutory holidays and Saturday pickups are dependent on specific Store hours. If Customer picked up Equipment, Customer shall return Equipment to the same Store during that Store's normal business hours. If the Equipment is not returned by the estimated end of the Rental Period specified earlier, Customer agrees to pay the applicable rental rate for the Equipment until the end of the Rental Period.

14) **PURCHASES.** If this Contract identifies any Equipment, materials or other items that is to be purchased by Customer, Sunbelt sells and delivers such items to Customer on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with all faults and without any warranties (other than manufacturer warranties, if any) in consideration for Customer's payment to Sunbelt of the full purchase price of the item. Sunbelt retains title to the item until Customer has paid in full.

15) **DEFAULT.** Customer shall be in default if Sunbelt deems itself insecure or if Customer: (a) fails to pay sums when due; (b) breaches any Section of this Contract; (c) becomes a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding, goes into receivership, takes protection from its creditors under any insolvency legislation, ceases to carry on business, or has its assets seized by any creditor; (d) fails to insure the Equipment as required, or otherwise places the Equipment at risk; (e) fails to return Equipment immediately upon Sunbelt's demand; or (f) is in default under any other contract with Sunbelt. If a Customer default occurs, Sunbelt shall have, in addition to all rights and remedies at law or in equity, the right to repossess the Equipment without further process or prior notice. Customer shall pay all of Sunbelt's costs, including reasonable costs of collection, court costs, attorneys and legal fees, incurred in exercising any of its rights or remedies herein. Sunbelt shall not be liable due to seizure of Equipment by order of governmental authority. **CUSTOMER WAIVES ANY RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST SUNBELT ENTITIES FOR SUCH REPOSSESSION.**

16) **CRIMINAL WARNING.** The use of false identification to obtain Equipment or the failure to return Equipment by the end of the Rental Period may be considered theft, subject to criminal prosecution and civil liability where permitted, pursuant to applicable laws.

17) **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CHARGE.** To promote a clean and sustainable environment, Sunbelt takes various measures to comply with applicable environmental regulations, as well as with Sunbelt's own policies. Sunbelt also incurs a wide range of environmental related expenses (both direct and indirect). These expenses may include services such as waste disposal, construction and maintenance of cleaning facilities, acquisition of more fuel-efficient equipment, as well as, labor costs, administration costs, etc. To help offset these and other costs, Sunbelt assesses an Environmental Services Charge, plus applicable taxes thereon in connection with certain rentals. The Environmental Services Charge is not a tax or governmentally mandated charge and is not designated for any particular use or placed in an escrow account, but is a charge that Sunbelt collects as revenue and uses at its discretion.

18) **FUEL.** For Equipment that uses fuel, Customer has three options: (a) Prepay Fuel Option - Customer may purchase a full tank of fuel for the Equipment at the start of the rental, in which case a "convenience charge" will appear on this Contract (calculated by multiplying the estimated fuel capacity of Equipment by the Prepay per gallon rate). As an added benefit, Customer may return the Equipment full of fuel and the convenience charge will be refunded (however, if not returned full, Customer will not obtain any credit for fuel left in the Equipment upon return); (b) Pay on Return Option - if Customer returns Equipment with less fuel than when received, Customer shall pay a refueling charge (calculated by multiplying gallons required to refill tank with fuel to level when received, by the Pay on Return per gallon rate); and (c) Return Full Option - if Customer returns the Equipment with at least as much fuel as when it was received (most Sunbelt Equipment comes with a full tank of fuel, but not all), no fuel charge will be assessed. The cost of Customer refueling Equipment itself will generally be lower than the Prepay Fuel Option or the Pay on Return Option; however these options each allow for the convenience of not refueling. Customer agrees that none of these options are a retail sale of fuel.

19) **LIMITATION OF SUNBELT'S LIABILITY. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT, CUSTOMER AGREES THAT SUNBELT'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY LIABILITY ARISING FROM SUNBELT'S, SUNBELT ENTITIES, OR ANY THIRD PARTY'S COMPARATIVE, CONCURRENT, CONTRIBUTORY, PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OR THAT ARISES AS A RESULT OF ANY STRICT OR ABSOLUTE LIABILITY, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL RENTAL CHARGES PAID BY CUSTOMER UNDER THIS CONTRACT.**

20) **JURY TRIAL WAIVER. IN ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IN ANY WAY PERTAINING TO THIS CONTRACT, CUSTOMER AND SUNBELT HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY, THIS WAIVER BEING A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO ENTERING INTO THIS CONTRACT.**

21) **ARBITRATION AGREEMENT & CLASS ACTION WAIVER. AT THE ELECTION OF CUSTOMER OR SUNBELT, ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR IN ANY WAY PERTAINING TO THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION BROUGHT IN THE PARTY'S INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF IN A PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY, ADMINISTERED BY THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION UNDER ITS COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION RULES OR BY JAMS PURSUANT TO ITS STREAMLINED ARBITRATION RULES AND PROCEDURES AND JUDGEMENT ON THE AWARD RENDERED BY THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY BE ENTERED IN ANY COURT HAVING JURISDICTION THEREOF. THERE SHALL BE NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY FOR ANY CLAIMS TO BE ARBITRATED OR TRIED ON A CLASS ACTION BASIS.**

22) **COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT AND IMPORT LAWS.** Removal of the Equipment from the United States ("U.S.") is prohibited under this Contract. If Customer desires or causes the transport and/or operation of the Equipment outside of the U.S., Customer must: (a) obtain Sunbelt's consent prior to taking such action, including approval of established customs broker, and (b) execute an amendment to this Contract, which amendment is incorporated herein. If Customer exports or re-exports without complying with the above sentence, Customer agrees that (i) the Equipment is subject to and must comply with all applicable export laws, including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations; and (ii) Customer, as the exporter/importer of record, is responsible for: (A) determining whether and obtaining if necessary, export or re-export licenses or other authorizations as required prior to exporting or re-exporting the Equipment, (B) obtaining any required documentation necessary for return of the Equipment; and (C) ensuring no unauthorized transfers or diversions of the Equipment occur. Refer to [www.bis.doc.gov](http://www.bis.doc.gov) for information.

23) **COLLECTION OF DATA.** Customer consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the data and information Customer voluntarily provides to Sunbelt, including personal identification and financial information, as well as the Telematics Data collected from the Equipment, as described in our Privacy Policy found at [www.sunbeltrentals.com/privacy](http://www.sunbeltrentals.com/privacy).

24) **GOVERNING LAW.** The Parties expressly and irrevocably agree: (a) this Contract, including any related tort claims, shall be governed by the laws of South Carolina, without regard to any conflicts of law principles and (b) if any Section of this Contract is prohibited by any law, such Section shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remaining Sections.

25) **FORCE MAJEURE.** Sunbelt shall not be liable or responsible to the Customer, nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Contract, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Contract when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts beyond Sunbelt's control, including, without limitation, the following force majeure events ("Force Majeure Event(s)": (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake, epidemics, pandemics or explosion; (c) war, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts; (d) riot or other civil unrest; (d) government order, law, regulations, shutdowns, or actions; (e) embargoes or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Contract; (f) national or regional emergency; (g) strikes, labor stoppages or slowdowns, or other industrial disturbances; (h) shortage of adequate power or transportation facilities; and (j) other events beyond the control of Sunbelt.

26) **MISCELLANEOUS.** This Contract, together with any Customer executed commercial credit application, if any, constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties regarding the Equipment and may not be modified except by written amendment signed by the Parties. Any reference in Customer's purchase order or other Customer document to other terms that shall control this transaction shall be void. This Contract benefits solely the Parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns and nothing in this Contract, express or implied, confers on any other person any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Contract. Customer's obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Contract. If any term is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or invalidate or render unenforceable such term. This Contract and all of Customer's rights in and to the Equipment are subordinate to all rights, title and interest of all persons (including Sunbelt's lenders) who have rights in the Equipment. Headings are for convenience only. To the extent that any terms in this Contract conflict, the Parties agree that the more specific terms control. A copy of this Contract shall be valid as the original. Any failure by Sunbelt to insist upon strict performance of any Section of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to demand strict performance in the future. Customer and the person signing this Contract agree, represent and warrant that: (a) the person executing is 18 or the legal age of majority in the state, whichever is greater at the time of execution; (b) the person has the authority to execute this Contract; and (b) this Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Customer, enforceable in accordance with its terms. If the Parties have fully executed, active agreement, intended to govern over conflicting terms and conditions, such agreement shall take precedence over the terms herein.



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD  
*Mayor*

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Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
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DAMANI L. BUSH  
*Commissioner*  
JOHN NUCULOVIC  
*Deputy Commissioner*

August 5, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
The City of Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon, New York  
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

**RE: Request for Release of RFQ No. 07.25 – Professional Engineering Services**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully request your approval for the public release of **RFQ No. 07.25 – Professional Engineering Services for the Planning, Design and Construction Phase Services of Drinking Water, Sewer, Storm Sewer and Infrastructure.**

As you are aware, the City of Mount Vernon is under a Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address longstanding violations of the Clean Water Act. In response, the city is aggressively pursuing solutions to bring our infrastructure systems into full compliance. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is leading these efforts, and timely access to specialized engineering expertise is critical to ensuring that we meet the obligations and deadlines outlined in the Consent Decree.

This Request for Qualifications seeks to engage qualified professional engineering firms to support the Department of Public Works in delivering critical infrastructure improvements across the city, including compliance with regulatory mandates, implementation of capital upgrades, and support for ongoing water, wastewater, and stormwater system operations. The services outlined in the RFQ are essential to maintain and enhance the safety, reliability, and environmental compliance of Mount Vernon's infrastructure systems.

The selected firm(s) will provide services including but not limited to:

- Engineering design and construction oversight
- Sewer system rehabilitation and flood mitigation
- Lead service line program implementation
- MS4 compliance and public education
- Regulatory coordination and reporting
- Infrastructure asset management and planning



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*Deputy Commissioner*

In alignment with the City's commitment to equity and inclusion, the RFQ promotes participation of certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) and sets a target goal of 20% MWBE engagement. Attached for your review is the full RFQ document.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush  
Commissioner of Public Works  
DLB/jn

Cc: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
New York State Environmental Facilities Conservation  
Comptrollers' Office  
City Engineer  
File



# BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

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CITY HALL – ROOM 2  
MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550

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July 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable Members of the City Council  
(Through the Office of the Mayor)  
City Hall – 1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

RE: INCREASING SALARY FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE DATA ENTRY CLERK

Dear Honorable Council Members:

I respectfully request legislation be enacted authorizing the Board of Water Supply to amend the salary for the Lead Service Line Data Entry Clerk position.

This legislative request seeks to amend the salary based on the Department of Human Resources' assessment and analysis of the role's responsibilities and qualifications. Considering recent Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) under the collective bargaining agreements with CSEA and the Teamsters Local 456, we aim to maintain salary parity between the Lead Service Line Replacement positions and comparable roles within the City of Mount Vernon. Based on the assessment conducted by Human Resources ("HR"), we, in coordination with HR, propose amending the Lead Service Line Data Entry Clerk's starting 2025 salary from \$52,000 to \$53,096.47 (Grade 5B, Step 2), aligning it with CSEA Grade 5B.

This salary adjustment will be fully funded by the existing \$2 million grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). The funds for this position were budgeted, approved by the NYS EFC, and are now subject to final approval by the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

<b>BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY</b>
Lead Service Line Data Entry Clerk
\$52,000 to \$53,096.47 - Grade 5B Step 2 (Min: \$51,004.17 To Max: \$69,834.87)

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. If you have any further concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carlton Spruill  
Commissioner



MOUNT VERNON  
THE TOWN OF WATERWORKERS



**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**  
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MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10550  
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**NICOLE BONILLA, MBA**  
City Clerk

**JORDAN RIULLANO, JD**  
Deputy City Clerk

July 21, 2025

Re: Transfer of Funds

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

The following budget line transfer is necessary to cover the cost of future travel-related expenses for the Office of the City Clerk.

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
A 1410.215 (Software & Software Support)	\$5,000.00	A 1410.402 (Travel Expense)

If the honorable body approves, please enact legislation for the requested budget transfer.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicole Bonilla, MBA  
City Clerk



July 30, 2025

Re: Requesting Permission for City Clerk Nicole Bonilla & Executive Assistant  
Kimberly Joshua to Attend NYCOM's Fall Training School  
(September 15-19, 2025)

*Agenda - [FALL School Agenda - New York Conference of Mayors](#)*

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am respectfully requesting that the City Council approve and enact legislation for me and Executive Assistant Kimberly Joshua to attend the NYCOM's Fall Training School in Lake Placid, New York, starting September 15 through September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

This year's NYCOM Fall Training School conference is in collaboration with the Office of the State Comptroller, the NYS Society of Municipal Finance Officers, and the NYS Association of City and Village Clerks. With more than sixty sessions covering a multitude of local government operations, it provides networking opportunities and allows attendees from throughout New York State to exchange ideas.

The agenda for this conference includes multiple concurrent sessions directly relevant to the Office of the City Clerk and the City Council's ongoing initiatives, particularly in areas such as vital records, open meetings law, special event permits, records management law, clerks' responsibilities, and local laws, among others. Mrs. Joshua will assist by attending sessions that I am unable to attend due to overlap, and she will also help with notetaking, follow-ups, and ensuring smooth coordination throughout the conference. This approach ensures we derive maximum value from the event and apply the learnings effectively within the Clerk's Office.



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NICOLE BONILLA, MBA  
City Clerk

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The conference registration is **\$1,140** (\$570 each) to be expensed from **A1410.417 (Education/Training)**. The estimated cost of travel, hotel accommodations, meals, and incidentals of **\$1,360** will be expensed from **A1410.402 (Travel Expenses)**, with a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.

Please let me know if you need further details regarding the agenda or anticipated benefits of our attendance. I believe this conference presents a valuable opportunity for strategic insights and professional development that align with our current priorities. Thank you for the consideration of my request, and I appreciate the Council's support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Bonilla, MBA  
City Clerk



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NICOLE BONILLA, MBA  
City Clerk

JORDAN RIULLANO, JD  
Deputy City Clerk

August 5, 2025

Re: An ordinance to authorize re-entry into an agreement with Granicus Corporation to purchase legislation management software, and to authorize the Comptroller to make annual payments.

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing to request approval to re-enter into an agreement with Granicus Corporation for the provision of the legislation management software Legistar, to be utilized by the City Council and the Board of Estimate & Contract.

Granicus Corporation is an OMINA Partner ([Region 14 ESC-TX Contract #: 01-115](#))  
City of Mount Vernon, New York OMNIA Membership #: 4022456

The new proposed agreement will cover the Legistar management software, Open Platform Suite, Send Agenda, and govDelivery for integrations. All listed services are included in the annual pricing to be paid from the expense account:

**A 1010.405 - Contracted Outside Services**

Year 1 → \$11,325.60 (Performance Period: Oct 5, 2025 – Oct 4, 2026)  
Year 2 → \$12,458.16 (Performance Period: Oct 5, 2026 – Oct 4, 2027)  
Year 3 → \$13,703.98 (Performance Period: Oct 5, 2027 – Oct 4, 2028)

I respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation to re-enter into this agreement, and that this ordinance take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Contract.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know if you require additional information and/or clarification.

Sincerely,

Nicole Bonilla, MBA  
City Clerk



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD  
*Mayor*

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<https://Youthbureau.cmvny.com>

DEBBIE BURRELL-BUTLER, MBA  
*Executive Director*

DENA T. WILLIAMS, MPA  
*Deputy Director*

June 13, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will authorize the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau to transfer funds from budget code A7316.101 (Salaries) in the amount of \$19,700 to budget code A6295.101 (Salaries). Funds will cover salary expenses of the WDAY Program Director from July 1, 2025, through October 17, 2025.

The Workforce Development Academy for Youth (WDAY) RFP is issued by the Westchester County Department of Social Service on behalf of the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Board which is due on 7/25/25 at 10 am. Reasons behind the RFP being so late, has to do with the source of funding, verbiage that had to be altered, and the grant moving from an annually reapplying basis to a four-year basis. Giving the date the RFP is due, County's and City's processing and procedures, the estimated time to receive an award letter is forecast to be in October 2025. The work the WDAY Program does daily is necessary and needed for some of the most vulnerable youth ages 16-24 residing in Mount Vernon.

I have met with the Youth Bureau's Financial Supervisor and checked with the Assistant Comptroller to confirm that funds are available. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2344 or by email at [Dburrell@cmvny.com](mailto:Dburrell@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

*Debbie Burrell-Butler*

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director, MBA

CC: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel

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DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH BUREAU

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**Debbie Burrell-Butler**  
*Executive Director*  
**Dena Williams**  
*Deputy Director*

July 9, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the Mayor permission to grant three (3) Mount Vernon Youth Bureau staff including the Executive Director to attend the **2025 Independent Sector's National Summit (ISNS)**. The **three nights days** National Summit will take place in Atlanta from **October 26th - October 29th** at the Signia by Hilton Atlanta Georgia World Congress Center.

The ISNS is a gathering for nonprofit and philanthropic leaders who are passionate about using collective power to tackle the pressing challenges facing communities and the country. It focuses on collaboration between nonprofits and philanthropies, offering actionable strategies, driving transformational change, and fostering cross-sector partnerships. Some of the topics that will be discussed are: equitable workforce development strategies that promote sustainability, how to maintain financial health for long-lasting success, aligning values and inclusive practices to maximize funding impact and strengthen communities through intentional giving and how navigate AI's ethical and practical implications in the charitable sector.

The following are estimated cost for three (3) Youth Bureau staff members: Registration \*3\*\$795 = **\$2,385**, Tour & Workshop **\$265**, Hotel and Airfare for 3 people = **\$ 4,772**, Per Diem Meals \*3 ppl\* 4 days \*\$50 = **\$600**, Gas and toll reimbursement to and from airport = **\$103**. Funds of **\$8,125** are to be accounted for in revenue code A4820.4 with the appropriations in budget codes: Ready4LIFE **A7335.423** (conference expense) & **A7335.402** (Travel Expense). This trip should not exceed \$8,200.

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2347 or by email at [Dburrell@mountvernonny.gov](mailto:Dburrell@mountvernonny.gov).

Sincerely,

***Debbie Burrell-Butler***

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director, MBA

**Enclosed: Proof of Registration, Estimated cost of Airfare, & Lodge**

CC: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel

*“The Jewel of Westchester”*

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**ISNS**

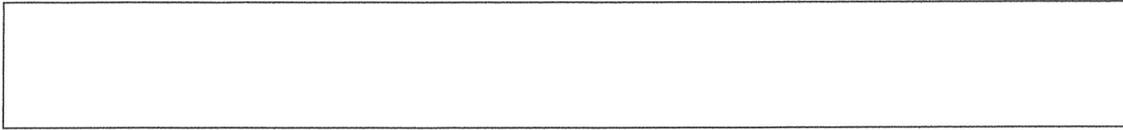
Building Collective Power for  
Nonprofits and Philanthropy

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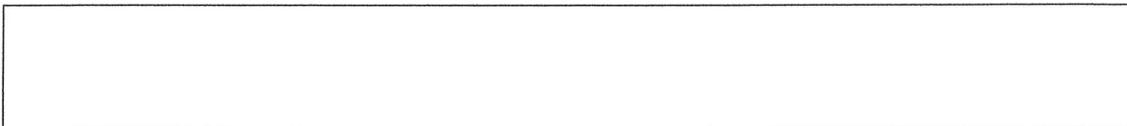


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- **Build Capacity:** Strengthen the skills and resilience of nonprofit and philanthropic professionals.
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- **Foster Collaboration:** Promote partnerships and cross-sector work.
- **Expand Networking:** Connect with like-minded professionals from across the sector.
- **Support Advocacy:** Leverage collective impact to advance policy change.

By uniting the charitable sector's voices and vision, we will unlock the full potential of our sector to meet this moment and drive lasting change.



## 2025 Summit Programming

### Monday, October 27

Community Tours and Nonprofit Site Visits  
Reception

**Tuesday, October 28**

Keynote and Panels  
Workshops and Training Sessions  
Networking Exhibit Hall

**Wednesday, October 29**

Workshops and Training Sessions  
National Awards

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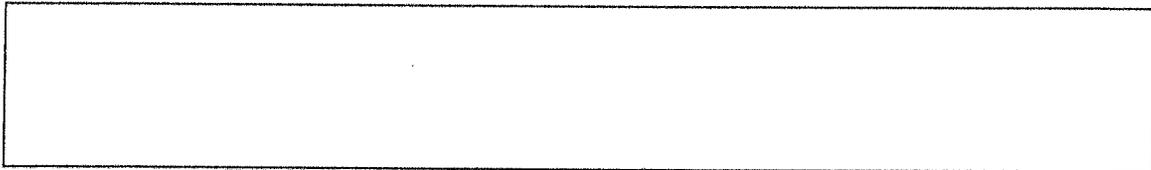
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**Rev. Adam Russell Taylor**

PRESIDENT, SOJOURNERS AND INDEPENDENT SECTOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR

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**Debbie Burrell-Butler**  
*Executive Director*  
**Dena Williams**  
*Deputy Director*

July 14, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the Mayor to accept foundation funds in the amount of \$85,000, (\$42,500 each year) from the The New York Community Trust and its Westchester Advisory Board.

This grant is the 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind for the city, Youth Bureau, and is specifically designated to expand the Mount Vernon Youth Empowerment Advocacy Council (YEAC) from June 2025- June 2027. Attached in the award letter are the goals that must be completed by the Youth Empowerment Advocacy Council each year. The 1<sup>st</sup> payment in the amount of \$42,500 was ACH delivered on 7/14/25 to the Comptroller's Office. The 2<sup>nd</sup> installment for year 2 will be payable upon receipt of satisfactory interim report.

Please note that, grant adds no additional expense to the City and should be associated with revenue code A3820.3 and budget code A7330.101; A7330.402; A7330.467; A7330.423; A7330.458; and A7330.467. Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2347 or by email at [Dburrell@mountvernonny.gov](mailto:Dburrell@mountvernonny.gov).

Sincerely,

*Debbie Burrell-Butler*

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director, MBA

**Enclosed: Award Letter**

**CC:** Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel

*"The Jewel of Westchester"*

# The New York Community Trust

1 Bridge Street, Suite 145, Irvington, New York 10533 | T: (914) 948-5166 F: (914) 948-5197 | thenytrust.org

June 18, 2025

Debbie Burrell-Butler  
Executive Director  
City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Third Floor,  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

P25-000291  
Proposal ID

Dear Ms. Debbie Burrell-Butler:

It is my pleasure to inform you that our Westchester Advisory Board has authorized a two-year grant of \$85,000, [\$42,500 each year], effective immediately, to City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau. Please use this grant to expand a youth council program for City of Mount Vernon youth, as described in your proposal of February 13, 2025.

We anticipate that you will make your best effort to complete the following activities during the grant period:

- Recruit and select at least 12 young people (ages 14–24) to serve on the Youth Empowerment Advisory Council; ✓
- Provide monthly training sessions for the Council on leadership, advocacy, and public speaking;
- Organize two civic education field trips focused on local governance and democracy;
- Help the Council organize and host public events, including at least one youth-led candidate debate before the November 2025 elections, an annual budget review meeting with local officials, and a town hall;
- Guide the Council as it launches a public awareness campaign on youth involvement in local governance and elections, using social media, signage, and press outreach;
- Help the council conduct an annual peer survey on local policy issues and present findings to local officials; and
- Work with Council members to lead voter registration drives.

Please complete the enclosed ACH Payment Form so that we can process payment of this grant upon receipt of a signed copy of this letter. This commitment will be paid in two installments. Payment of the first installment of \$42,500 will be forwarded to you upon receipt of a signed copy of this letter. The second installment of \$42,500 will be payable upon receipt of a satisfactory interim report. Use the proposal ID included at the top of the first page of this letter in any correspondence with us about the grant.



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
Mayor

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Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
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**Patrick G. Holder, R.A.**  
Commissioner

July 18, 2025

The Honorable City Council of the City of Mount Vernon  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

*THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

**Re: Absence to Mr. Lashley From His Permanent Position**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I respectfully request legislation from Your Honorable Body granting twelve (12) month leave of absence for Mr. Rommel Lashley. He would leave his permanent position as Document Coordinator to become a Plan Room Clerk within the Department of Buildings.

Mr. Lashley is very knowledgeable about the permitting process, procedures and the unified solar application process.

His expected leave will be effective from Monday, August 18, 2025, through Tuesday, August 18, 2026  
Kindly have the necessary legislation enacted upon your acceptance and acquiescence of this transaction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick G. Holder  
Commissioner  
Department of Buildings

cc: Mayor  
Corporate Counsel, City Clerk, The Comptroller

Rommel Lashley  
54 Glen Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

July 09, 2025

Re: Leave of Absence

Dear Commissioner Holder,

I am writing respectfully request that I be allowed to take a leave of absence from my permanent position of Document Coordinator for a period of one (1) year to allow me to pursue the position of Plan Room Coordinator, within the Department of Buildings. This is in accordance with the CSEA Contract. The leave would start on Monday, August 18, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



Rommel Lashley  
Document Coordinator  
Department of Buildings  
City of Mount Vernon  
914-665-2483



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

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Mayor

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**Patrick G. Holder, R.A.**  
Commissioner

July 24, 2025

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall-1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

*THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

Re: Request to create a separate Gas Work Permit from the existing Plumbing Permits

I am writing to formally request permission to separate the gas work permit and application process from the existing plumbing permit application currently used by the City of Mount Vernon.

At present, the Department of Buildings utilizes a single Plumbing Permit Application to cover both plumbing work and gas installations. This combined approach has created limitations in record-keeping, plan review, and inspection tracking, especially as the volume and complexity of gas-related work continues to increase.

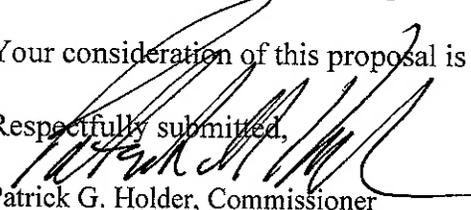
Upon review of practices in neighboring municipalities such as Yonkers, NY, it is noted that they employ a separate permit and application process specifically for gas work. This distinction allows for better administrative clarity, more efficient scheduling of inspections, and improved compliance oversight. Please see attached the City of Yonkers fee schedule highlighting the gas pressure fee at \$150.00 for each meter tested. We are requesting to do the same and charge \$150.00 per meter in the City Mount Vernon. The total fee for the new gas work permit will be as follows:

\$125.00 Filing Fee	\$100.00 Compliance Fee	\$150.00 per meter	\$375.00 Total Fee (based on 1 meter)
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In alignment with the City of Yonkers, we recommend that the City adopt a dedicated Gas Work Permit Application and establish the associated fee schedule, effective January 1, 2026. This would enhance our annual revenue and ability to process, track, and regulate gas work independently of standard plumbing activities. This would also help administratively to serve the department and the taxpayer.

Your consideration of this proposal is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patrick G. Holder, Commissioner  
Department of Buildings

cc: Mayor, Comptroller, Corporation Counsel



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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDINGS  
20 South Broadway 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl  
Yonkers, New York 10701  
DIVISION OF PLUMBING  
(914) 377-6566

APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED PLUMBING GAS WORK

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION # \_\_\_\_\_ PLAN REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE FILED \_\_\_\_\_ PLAN SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY INFO:  COMMERCIAL  RESIDENTIAL  MIXED USE  NEW (Requires Plumbing & Site Plans showing utilities)

Property Location: House No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner/Lessee: First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Work; Check all that apply. List ALL Gas Fixtures and additional info on reverse side

NO CSST or Mega Press gas piping allowed. Gas piping to be black steel with malleable fittings, other code approved joints, or welded. All pressure testing to be performed with 5lb diaphragm or water U gauge. Gas Test Fee applied per Meter, Lockable valve, Riser or Separate outdoor/underground section. This application Must be accompanied by current Welders Certification when Welding is performed.

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|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAS TEST (for Blue Card)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Locked Valve | <input type="checkbox"/> Riser       | <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Meter     | # _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAS PIPING <input type="checkbox"/> Welded | <input type="checkbox"/> New Rough    | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace     | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair     | <input type="checkbox"/> Header    | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAS GROUNDWORK                             | <input type="checkbox"/> New          | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace     | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair     | Size _____                         | Mat _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAS SERVICE                                | <input type="checkbox"/> New          | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace     | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | Size _____                         | Loc _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAS CONVERSION                             | <input type="checkbox"/> New          | <input type="checkbox"/> Burner Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Fuel  | Tank Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Receipt                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROPANE (Needs FD Permit)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> New          | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace     | <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans YFD approved                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                | <input type="checkbox"/> New          | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                   |

\_\_\_\_\_ states that he is a master plumber, duly registered in the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*  
Westchester. (License No. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_). Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
with a shop at \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_  
*St. Address, City, State, Zip*

That he is duly authorized by the owner as given above to do the plumbing work as set forth in the application, detailed statement of specifications and accompanying plans - including all amendments to the same which may be filed hereafter and a permit for which is hereby issued to him, and he stipulates that he will comply with all the rules and regulations of the Division of Plumbing for the City of Yonkers and with every other provision of law relating to the subject of plumbing, drainage and gas work in the City of Yonkers, and State of New York in effect at this date.

Falsification of any statement is an offense and individual making the statement shall be deemed guilty of perjury and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided by law.

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Dcds, Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plumber's Signature

PERMIT FEES

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PLAN REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_ FILING FEE \_\_\_\_\_ C/O \_\_\_\_\_ FIXTURES \_\_\_\_\_ LCO \_\_\_\_\_  
RE-INSPECTION \_\_\_\_\_ EXT/AMEND/CoP \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

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**Patrick G. Holder, R.A.**  
 Commissioner

July 9, 2025

The Honorable City Council of the City of Mount Vernon  
 City Hall  
 1 Roosevelt Square  
 Mount Vernon, New York 10550

*THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

**Re: Plumbing Reinspection Fees Based on Failed Inspection**

Dear Honorable Council Members,

This letter serves as a formal referral and notice regarding upcoming changes being proposed to the plumbing reinspection process administered by the Department of Buildings.

Presently, in the City of Mt. Vernon, the Plumbing Superintendent is conducting multiple reinspection at no additional charge, even in cases where up to three reinspection's are required for a single plumbing permit. This practice, while intended to support compliance, places a growing strain on departmental resources.

To promote greater accountability and ensure the efficient allocation of inspection services, the Department of Buildings is proposing a revision to the current fee structure for plumbing reinspection's following failed inspections.

It is important to note that our neighboring municipality in Yonkers currently charges reinspection fees, a copy is attached for reference. In alignment with these industry standards, the proposed fees are as follows:

**Proposed Fee Structure Effective Immediately:**

- 1st Failed Inspection – \$300.00
- 2nd Reinspection – \$600.00
- Each Subsequent Reinspection (3rd and beyond) – \$900.00 per inspection



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**Additional / Partial Inspection Requests:**

If an applicant requests an additional or partial inspection—such as for *groundwork* or *underground plumbing*—on large-scale projects (not to exceed two floors), to maintain construction flow and allow above-ground roughing, a \$150.00 fee per inspection is proposed.

These proposed changes are aimed at reducing repetitive failed inspections, encouraging code compliance, and aligning our practices with neighboring jurisdictions.

Should you have any questions or feedback regarding this referral or the proposed fee schedule, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick G. Holder".

Patrick G. Holder  
Commissioner  
Department of Buildings

cc: Mayor  
Corporate Counsel  
City Clerk  
The Comptroller



James Gibbons P. E.  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDINGS  
87 Nepperhan Avenue, 5th Floor  
Yonkers, NY 10701  
Building Tel. 914.377.6500  
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**RE:PLUMBING INSPECTION/RE-INSPECTION REQUEST**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing Permit Application# \_\_\_\_\_

Plumber: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumber's Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Plumber's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAILED INSPECTION/RE-INSPECTION:**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Re-Inspection-</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
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<b>Each Subsequent Re-Inspection</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<b>(after the 2<sup>nd</sup> re-inspection)</b>	

**ADDITIONAL OR PARTIAL INSPECTION (APPLICANT REQUESTED):**  
**\$150.00 per inspection as required.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Plumber's Signature**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF YONKERS**

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2nd Deputy Commissioner

July 17, 2025

City Hall  
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Mount Vernon, New York 10550

THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

**Re: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to allow a Professional Services Agreement between a third-party inspection agency and the City of Mount Vernon for consulting services for Construction Inspections and Observations on the New Construction of 115 South Macquesten Parkway.**

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request the City Council enact legislation allowing the Professional Services Agreement between a third-party inspection agency and the City of Mount Vernon for consulting services for Construction Inspections and Observations on the New multi-family apartment building, retail, parking structure and community facility currently underway at 115 South Macquesten Parkway. This development at 13-story, 470,000 Sq. Ft. and 315 apartment units is currently the largest construction project underway in the city of Mount Vernon. A building of this size requires numerous inspections, which the current understaffed building department cannot sustain, leading to costly delays for this and other projects in the city.

As per Article NYCRR1203.2 of the New York State Building Code, I am requesting the use of the authority granted to this department to formalize a process to allow third-party providers for inspections and the use of such services provided by the department, the owner shall pay the associated fee provided by these third-party services. Again, there will be no charge to the city for this proposed third-party building inspection, as the method of payment for the consultant services will be covered by an escrow account funded by a project applicant, NRP Group.

Given the city's current growth and anticipated development, similar requests are expected. Therefore, the Buildings Department urgently needs consulting services to assist with required inspections for 115 South Macquesten Parkway, Additionally, adopting this legislation would support future projects by enabling timely assistance without placing further strain on the department or the city, once qualified projects are identified.

The Department of Buildings will post an RFP for a third-party inspection agency to provide their credentials (attached) to be reviewed by your honorable body in conjunction with this request. If approved by the Mayor and City

Council, this will allow the chosen inspection agency to proceed with the scope of work indicated in the attached documents.

We are proposing that this process is initiated by posting an RFP for qualified third-party, of which three qualified firms/individuals can be chosen to provide this service. If this meets the approval of Your Honorable Body, kindly enact the necessary legislation to move forward with the RFP which will determine the third-party consultant firms, so that the city can then proceed with the necessary Professional Services Agreement to be reviewed by the Law Department.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick G. Holder  
Commissioner of Buildings

cc: Mayor, Corporation Counsel, City Clerk, The Comptroller



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK**  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS



**THIRD-PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES FOR BUILDINGS  
DEPARTMENT BACKLOG**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #005-DOB**

Issued: August 14, 2025

Responses Due: September 9, 2025

To

City of Mt. Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square, Rm 210  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550

The City of Mount Vernon reserves the right to reject any proposals. Questions regarding proposals submittal may be directed to Commissioner Patrick Holder at (914) 665-2660 or by email at [pholder@mountvernonny.gov](mailto:pholder@mountvernonny.gov)

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## 1.0 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Request for Qualification (RFQ) and resulting contract, words and terms shall be given their ordinary and usual meanings. Where capitalized in this RFQ and resulting contract, the following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated. The meanings shall be applicable to the singular, plural, masculine and feminine.

The following definitions of terms shall apply, unless otherwise indicated:

“Contract” means written agreement between the city and consultant(s) that covers the delivery of work to be performed subsequent to this RFQ.

“Contract Administrator” means the individual in the Department of Buildings (DOB) responsible for administering day-to-day operational matters of the contract.

“Contract Manager” means the individual in the city responsible for managing this RFQ and subsequent contractual issues.

“Consultant” means a proposer that is awarded a contract under this RFQ and its employees or other personnel (including design professionals and agents) provided by the consultant to perform work under this contract.

“Department” means the Department of Buildings.

“Expected” means a city/state requirement should be present in the proposed solution, exactly as stated, but the lack of the requirement would not disqualify the solution. However, the lack of one or more expected requirements will reduce a solution’s technical score.

“State” means the State of New York.

“Mandatory” means a requirement labeled as such must be present in the proposed solution, exactly as stated, or the solution will not be considered by the city. The terms “must,” “shall,” and “will” are considered mandatory.

“May” indicates something that is not mandatory but permissible.

“DOB” means the Department of Buildings.

“Must” indicates a mandatory requirement.

“Proposal” means the complete response of a proposer submitted on the approved forms, in the required manner and setting forth the proposer’s prices for providing the services described in the RFQ.

“Proposer” means any individual, company, corporation, firm or other entity that responds to this RFQ.

“Responsible” means a proposer who has furnished information and data to prove that the financial resources, service, facilities, personnel, service reputation, and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of such services and deliverables set forth in the RFQ.

“Responsive” means a proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the RFQ.

“RFQ” means Request for Qualification.

“SLA” means Service Level Agreement.

“SOW” means Statement of Work.

“City” means the City of Mount Vernon, New York.

“C.E.O.” Code Enforcement Official.

“P.E.” Professional Engineer.

“R.A.” Registered Architect.

“Shall” indicates a mandatory requirement.

“OpenGov” means cloud base permitting software used by the city to improve efficiency in the permitting process and modernize the Department of Buildings’ IT systems.

“Will” indicates a mandatory requirement.

## **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

The City of Mount Vernon, through the Office of the Mayor and in partnership with the Department of Buildings (DOB), is seeking proposals from qualified and certified individuals or firms to provide third-party building inspection services in support of the City's enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Energy Code.

Constituents will have the option to hire approved third-party inspectors at their own expense to expedite inspections beyond the City’s standard queue. All such inspections will be reviewed and validated by the DOB for compliance and final approval.

This program leverages authority under NYCRR 1203.2(d), which permits municipalities to engage third-party professionals to supplement enforcement capacity, provided they meet the qualifications outlined in Part 1208 of the Code. All selected providers must adhere to the City's inspection

protocols and reporting standards, including the use of the City's OpenGov platform for documentation and scheduling.

The City invites qualified professionals and firms with relevant certification and code enforcement experience to submit qualifications under this RFQ and join this critical initiative to improve safety, regulatory compliance, and service delivery for the Mount Vernon community.

### **3.0 SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES**

The primary objective of this solicitation is to provide an option to constituents for access to third party inspectors to expedite construction inspection services for their building department applications.

Through this RFQ, the City aims to authorize and prequalify up to three third-party inspection consultants who can provide timely, professional, and code-compliant inspections to supplement the efforts of City staff. These consultants will operate under a defined DOB protocol, offering property owners and applicants the option to utilize approved firms to expedite their projects while ensuring full compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.

This initiative reflects the City's commitment to responsible enforcement, increased operational capacity, and responsive service delivery to constituents, developers, and the business community.

#### **Scope of the Solicitation**

The City seeks to identify third-party inspection consultants to perform a wide range of technical inspections related to the enforcement of the NYS 2020 Uniform Fire and Building Codes, Energy Code, and City ordinances. The scope of services will include, but not be limited to, the following:

#### **1. Construction and Permit Inspections**

- Structural, framing, foundation, and related construction elements
- Electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems, including HVAC
- Verification of code compliance prior to permit closure

#### **2. Certificate of Occupancy / Certificate of Tenancy Inspections**

- Final inspections required prior to the issuance of certificates
- Code compliance with approved construction plans, use classification, and occupancy load
- Accessibility, egress, and safety feature compliance

#### **3. Equipment Permit Inspections**

- Installation and operational compliance of:
  - Boilers
  - HVAC systems

- Elevators and lifts
- Fuel oil tanks
- Confirmation of safety controls, permits, and manufacturer standards

#### **4. Property Maintenance and Habitability Inspections**

- Inspections under the Property Maintenance Code for both residential and commercial buildings
- Evaluation of sanitation, structural integrity, pest control, egress, and general habitability
- Documentation of violations for code enforcement action

#### **5. Fire Safety and Uniform Code Compliance**

- Life safety inspections as required under the Uniform Code
- Inspection of fire protection systems, exit signage, suppression systems, and fire-rated assemblies
- Multiple dwelling, nonresidential, and (as applicable) public assembly building code compliance

### **Regulatory Framework**

All services shall be performed in accordance with the following regulatory codes and standards:

- New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code
- New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code
- 19 NYCRR Parts 1203 and 1208
- Mount Vernon Municipal Code and zoning regulations
- ADA Standards (where applicable)
- Relevant national and international construction codes and equipment standards

Consultants must be New York State-certified Building Safety Inspectors or Code Enforcement Officials and maintain current certification throughout the term of their engagement. The City will retain all permitting, enforcement, and issuance authority, and third-party inspectors will operate solely in an inspection and advisory capacity under City oversight.

## **4.0 OVERVIEW**

This initiative is a direct response to the recommendations of the 2024 audit by the New York State Department of State, which identified staffing shortfalls and enforcement gaps within the City's building inspection process.

### **Primary Objective**

The primary goal of this RFQ is to expand inspection capacity by engaging third-party providers who will work under DOB oversight and offer timely, qualified inspection services to constituents. These services will supplement—not replace—existing DOB operations and provide property owners and applicants with an alternative to expedite required inspections.

### **Scope of Services**

Selected firms or individuals will be responsible for performing inspections in the following categories:

- Building permit inspections (structural, framing, MEP systems)
- Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Tenancy final inspections
- Equipment permit inspections (boilers, HVAC, elevators, fuel tanks)
- Property maintenance and habitability inspections
- Fire safety inspections in accordance with the Uniform Code

All inspections must be performed by New York State-certified Building Safety Inspectors or Code Enforcement Officials, with demonstrated knowledge of relevant federal, state, and local codes.

### **Selection and Protocol**

Up to three qualified firms may be selected through this RFQ. Approved providers will be added to a list of third-party inspectors available for hire by constituents, at no cost to the City. All inspection reports must be submitted in a DOB-approved format and are subject to review and validation by City staff.

## 5.0 QUALIFICATIONS

The individual or firm must meet the following minimum qualifications to be considered for award of contract:

### 1. Certified Building Safety Inspectors

- Property maintenance and fire safety inspections must be conducted by inspectors certified by the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) as Building Safety Inspectors.
- This includes individuals who have successfully completed the NYSDOS Division of Building Standards and Codes' Building Safety Inspector Basic Training Program.
- Certified inspectors must maintain their credentials by fulfilling the in-service training requirements outlined in NYCRR Section 1208-3.3(b).

### 2. Regulatory Knowledge and Communication Skills

- Must demonstrate a strong working knowledge of all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and codes governing building inspections, including but not limited to:
  - New York State Building and Fire Codes
  - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance
  - Local zoning ordinances and municipal codes
- Must be able to clearly and accurately explain inspection-related findings and code interpretations both verbally and in writing.

### 3. Availability and Responsiveness

- Must provide qualified inspectors who are readily accessible to City staff and stakeholders for follow-up discussions regarding inspection reports.
- Inspectors must be available for communication by phone, email, or in-person meetings, as necessary.

### 4. Conflict of Interest

- The individual or firm must not be engaged in any contractual relationships or provide services to any other person or entity that would present a conflict of interest with the work performed on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon.

## 6.0 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Submittals must include the following:

### 1. Qualifications

- a. Number of years the consultant firm has been in business.
- b. Name(s), title(s), certifications and resumes of the individuals that will be providing services.

### 2. Experience

- a. List the individual's or firm's experience in providing similar services, including personnel state registrations and/or certifications relevant to the type of inspections or other building services proposed to be provided by that individual or firm.
- b. Identify any consultants that you would expect to use, noting relevant disciplines.

### 3. Reference

Provide a list of at least 3 current references. Include name of individual or organization, job title, email address, mailing address, and telephone number(s). Identify the type of services provided to each individual/organization, the location where the services were provided, and the dates of service.

### 4. Individual's or Firm's Capabilities and Abilities

Provide a statement demonstrating you or your firm's ability to accomplish the scope of services in a comprehensive and thorough manner to address the scope of work identified above.

### 5. Working Relationship with City

Provide information regarding how you or your firm will provide timely responses to phone calls and/or emails from constituents. Discuss your anticipated relationship with the city and your firm.

### 6. Cost for Services

Provide proposed billing rate information for each inspection related to the scope of services. Please include both lump sum per building inspection (unit count breakup if applicable) and hourly rates for building inspection services.

## 7.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Submittals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications
2. Experience
3. References
4. Capabilities
5. Proposed Working Relationship
6. Proposed Cost

## 8.0 SCHEDULE

The city anticipates entering a contract by October 1, 2025. The duration of the contract is expected to be for one (1) year with a renewal provision for additional time periods based on needs and mutual consent of both parties.

## 9.0 BACKGROUND

Mount Vernon is a *Home Rule* charter city and operates under the Council-Manager form of government. A mayor and six council members are elected from single-member districts with the mayor elected at large. The city limits are approximately 4 square miles. United Water, Con Ed and NYPA operate the city's electric and water utilities. The city maintains sanitary sewer and drain facilities (the county controls wastewater treatment) and is therefore able to relate infrastructure to growth patterns.

### MISSION

The Department of Buildings (DOB) is dedicated to guiding and managing the physical growth and transformation of the City of Mount Vernon through the enforcement of building codes, the advancement of strategic planning initiatives, and the oversight of high-quality construction practices. Our mission is to enhance the built environment, promote public safety, and support inclusive, sustainable development that improves the quality of life for all residents.

The DOB provides expert technical guidance and regulatory oversight to facilitate responsible economic development, the creation and preservation of affordable housing, and the revitalization of historic neighborhoods. We are committed to integrating principles of environmental stewardship and resiliency into the city's construction practices by encouraging green building techniques, enforcing compliance with energy efficiency standards, and supporting projects that align with long-term climate and sustainability goals.

Through collaboration with developers, stakeholders, and community members, the DOB ensures that all construction and renovation projects contribute to a more livable, equitable, and environmentally responsible city.

## 10.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### Labor Laws:

The awarded vendor will be required to comply with all applicable laws, including but not limited to labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and workers compensation.

### Liability Requirements and Errors and Omissions Policy:

The successful company shall apply and maintain insurance which indemnifies and holds harmless the city, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, attorney's fees or loss arising directly out of acts or omissions hereunder by the contractor or third party under the direction or control of the contractor in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.

Other required insurances that must be furnished prior to commencement of work:

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Requirements
New York State Disability Coverage	Statutory Requirements
General Liability/Property Damage	\$1,000,000 combined single limit
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence

Insurance certificates should name the City of Mount Vernon as *an Additional Insured Party* and should be primary over any insurance held by the city.

Respondents must agree to employ best efforts to ensure minority and female participation in accordance with the city's *Affirmative Action & Discrimination Policy Statement* (Exhibit D).

### Proprietary Information:

The New York State Freedom of Information Law, Public Officers Law, Article 6, provides for public access to information. Public Officers Law, Section 87(d)(2) provides for exceptions to disclosure for records or portions thereof that are "trade secrets or are submitted to an agency by a commercial enterprise or derived from information obtained from a commercial enterprise and which if disclosed would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the subject enterprise." Information that the proposer wishes to have treated as proprietary and confidential trade information should be identified and labeled "Confidential" or "Proprietary" on each page at the time of submittal. This information should include a written request to accept it from disclosure, including a written statement of the reasons why the information should be accepted.

### Right to Reject Proposals:

This RFQ does not commit the city to award a contract, pay any cost incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this RFQ or to procure or contract for services. The city intends to award a contract on the basis of the best interest and advantage to the city and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with all qualified

proposers or to cancel this RFQ in part or in its entirety, if it is in the best interest of the city to do so.

#### Cancellation Clauses:

Any violation of the terms, conditions, requirements and/or non-performance of the agreement resulting from this RFQ shall result in immediate cancellation. The agreement may be cancelled by the City of Mount Vernon for any other reason(s) upon 30 days' written notice.

#### New York Law and Venue:

The agreement arrived at from this solicitation shall be construed under the laws of the State of New York. All claims, actions, proceedings, and lawsuits brought in connection with, arising out of, related to, or seeking enforcement of this contract shall be brought to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County.

The city requires contractors which are not incorporated in the State of New York to produce a *Certificate to Do Business* in the State of New York from the New York Secretary of State prior to executing their contract with the city. Awarded bidder shall provide said certificate of required.

#### Iran Divestment Act:

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 165-a of the state finance law.

Proposals and prices must remain valid for three (3) months.

#### PATENT RIGHTS (24 CFR 85.36(I)(8))

No discovery or patent rights arising from any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under this contract shall be exercised by or on behalf of the contractor.

#### COPYRIGHTS (24 CFR 85.36(I)(9))

No reports, handbooks, documents, maps, data, or pamphlets produced in whole or in part under this contract will be the subject of any application for copyright by, or on behalf of, the contractor.

#### ACCESS TO RECORDS (24 CFR 85.36(I)(L0))

The municipality/county, Office of State Planning, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

RECORDS RETENTION (24 CFR 85.36(I)(LL))

All records in the possession of the contractor pertaining to this contract will be retained by the contractor for a period of three (3) years from closeout of the grant by the grantee.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE (24 CFR 85.36(I)(12))

Contracts must comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857 (1-1)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR, Part 15) prohibiting the use of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. See Clean Air and Water Provisions in Attachment 9.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY (24 CFR 85.36(I)(13))

The project must be in compliance with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163).

BREACH OF CONTRACT (2 CFR 200. APPENDIX II)

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

TERMINATION (2 CFR 200. APPENDIX II)

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148)

When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the

wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States. The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

#### CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

#### RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

#### CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), AS AMENDED

Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689)

A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p.

189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

#### BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT (31 U.S.C. 1352)

Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier-to-tier up to the non-Federal award.

#### CONTRACT TERMINATION

If the Contractor fails, after seven (7) days written notice, to supply enough properly skilled workmen or proper materials, or fails to prosecute the work with such diligence as will assure its completion pursuant to contract terms or shall in any other respect commit a breach of their contract, the City may terminate the contract resulting from this bid without any further notice to the Contractor. Any and all costs, damages and other expenses incurred by the City as a result of this action shall be the direct liability of the Contractor.

#### EXECUTORY CLAUSE

This contract shall be deemed executory only to the extent of the monies appropriated and available for the purpose of the contract, and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the purchaser beyond the amount of such monies. It is understood that neither this contract nor any representation by any public employee or officer creates any legal or moral obligation to request, appropriate or makes available monies for the purpose of the contract.

#### FORCE MAJEURE

The Contractor shall not be held responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of the terms of the contract shall be delayed or prevented by wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or acts of God, or for any other acts not within the control of the Contractor and which by the exercise of reasonable diligence he is unable to prevent.

**11.0 EXHIBIT A  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFICATION**

All terms, conditions and requirements as set forth in this *Request for Qualifications* are acceptable as specified therein. Yes/No \_\_\_.

If "NO", please provide a detailed description and/or explanation of any deviation in your proposal from the specification detailed in the *Request for Qualifications* with your proposal response.

By submission of this proposal, each bidder, and each person signing on behalf of any bidder, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief:

A. the prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or any competitor; and

B. unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder prior to the opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

C. no attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership, or corporation to submit or not submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

The bidder certifies that this proposal is made without any connection with any other person making a proposal for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no elected official or other officer or employee or person whose salary is payable as a whole or in part from the City of Mount Vernon treasury is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

As an authorized representative of the identified company, I accept all the terms and conditions identified in Request for Qualification spec. 004-DOB except as identified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name and Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**12.0 EXHIBIT B****CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON****SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
MayorCity Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Website: [www.cmvny.com](http://www.cmvny.com)**Patrick G. Holder, R.A.**  
Commissioner

July 10, 2025

City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550*THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.***Re: THIRD-PARTY BUILDING INSPECTOR(S) FOR BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

Honorable City Council Members:

As you are aware, the City of Mount Vernon recently adopted recommendations from the New York State Department of State following the audit requested by the city. One of the key action items outlined in the Department of State's letter dated April 15, 2024, regarding the Enforcement of the Uniform Code in the City of Mount Vernon, was the resumption and implementation of fire safety and property maintenance inspections for buildings listed on the official Inspection List-specifically Public Assembly, Multiple Dwelling, and Nonresidential occupancies.

The city responded to this directive by engaging a consultant to support the outsourced inspection of Multiple Dwellings. However, Public Assembly (PA) inspections-originally supported by the Department of Buildings due to a lack of certified fire code enforcement personnel in the Fire Department-placed additional strain on our team. While the Fire Department assumed full responsibility for PA inspections as of February 2025, the year-long support (Feb 2024-Feb 2025) from our Building Inspectors led to a notable backlog of over 1700 other critical inspection types. Despite our best efforts to address this backlog, the sustained increase in inspection requests, combined with pre-existing resource limitations noted in the State audit that recommended additional hires to perform all enforcement activities (i.e. Inspectors); has left us unable to meet the full demands of enforcement obligations under the Uniform Code.

I am requesting the use of the authority granted by the New York State Building Code to formalize a process to allow third-party providers for Inspections. According to but not limited to NYCRR1203.2 section (d), *"Every authority having jurisdiction responsible for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code shall exercise its powers in due and proper manner so as to extend to all people of the State protection from the hazards of fire and inadequate building construction. Every authority having jurisdiction responsible for administration and enforcement of the Energy Code shall exercise its powers in due and proper manner so as to farther the purposes of Article II of the Energy Law, as applicable" e-(1) Where an authority having jurisdiction contracts directly with an individual or a business entity to perform any building safety inspector enforcement activities on behalf of such authority having jurisdiction, the authority having jurisdiction shall satisfy itself that each individual performing such contracted-for building safety inspector enforcement activities has qualifications comparable to those of a person who has met the requirements of Part 1208 of this Title applicable to building safety inspections. (3) No agreement shall be made by which building permits, certificate of occupancy, certificates of compliance, orders or appearance tickets or other similar documents related to administration and enforcement of either or both of the Codes are issued by other than public officers of the authority having jurisdiction.*

Therefore, I am proposing the city allow third-party Building Inspections to be available to our constituents. This is supported by the following: recommendations of the recent department of state audit; In-person and phone meetings with building commissioners in adjacent communities; and demands for timely inspections from our own business community and individual property owners. Further, our experiences with third-party electrical consultants; the success of our ongoing outsourcing of plan reviews, plumbing and multiple dwelling inspections; and the history of our city and other adjacent municipalities working with third-party consultants to enforce the uniform code, also supports this action.

Like the current process with third-party electrical consultants there will be no charge to the city for these proposed third-party building inspections. Constituents will have the option of utilizing the approved third-party list to help expedite their inspections should they choose to bypass the standard process and the lag time the DOB is experiencing with these inspections.

#### DOB Third-Party Protocol

DOB Third-Party protocol will be a straightforward process that presents a choice to all constituents of hiring an approved DOB third-party consultant firm/individual.

We are proposing that this process is initiated by posting an RFQ for qualified third-party providers, of which three qualified firms/individuals can be chosen to provide this service to

constituents. If this meets with the approval of Your Honorable Body, kindly enact the necessary legislation to move forward with these third-party consultant firms.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick G. Holder  
Commissioner of Buildings

cc: Mayor, Corporation Counsel, City Clerk, The Comptroller

## 13.0 EXHIBIT C

### ANTI HARASSMENT POLICY



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
MAYOR SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD

## City of Mount Vernon Anti-Harassment Policy

### ANTI HARASSMENT POLICY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the CITY OF MOUNT VERNON to be in compliance with all state and federal laws, including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, in all employment practices. This City is an equal opportunity employer. Employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability or any other legally protected status is prohibited.

Harassment of any employee on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability is prohibited. Slurs, epithets, and jokes based on these characteristics have no place in the workplace. Harassment of any nature will not be tolerated.

All employees of this City are entitled to a workplace free of unlawful harassment by management, or co-workers. Any employee who feels that they have been subjected to unlawful harassment is directed to report it immediately to the Department of Human Resources. Preserving a workplace free of unlawful harassment is the responsibility of all employees.

Any report of unlawful harassment will promptly be investigated by the Department of Human Resources or by an office designated by the Department of Human Resources. All employees are required to cooperate with the investigation. Confidentiality will be maintained so far as possible, and no retaliation will be permitted.

If the investigation substantiates the allegation of harassment, appropriate measures will be taken. Discipline, up to and including dismissal, will be imposed upon any employee who is found to have engaged in prohibited conduct.

Any individual who knowingly makes a false claim of unlawful harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any questions about this policy should be directed to the Department of Human Resources.

## 14.0 EXHIBIT D

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

MAJOR SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD

COMMISSIONER TENEIL PETERS

#### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the City of Mount Vernon to provide for and promote equal opportunity employment, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, veteran or military service member status/marital status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or arrest and or criminal convection record **unless** based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception.

It is the policy of the City of Mount Vernon to provide qualified persons with disabilities and equal opportunity to participate in and receive the benefits, services, programs and activities of the Department, and to provide such persons reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications as are necessary, to enjoy such equal opportunity. It is a violation of this policy for any employee to engage in discrimination or to retaliate against a member of the community for raising an allegation of discrimination, filing a complaint alleging discrimination, or for participating in any proceeding to determine whether discrimination has occurred.

## 15.0 EXHIBIT E

### DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The contractor certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace, in compliance with 41 U.S.C. 8101 et seq., 48 C.F.R. Subpart 23.5, and 2 C.F.R. Part 2429. The contractor certifies that it will make a good faith effort, on a continuing basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace, including by taking certain specific measures, as follows:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment on any federally funded contract, the employee will:

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement, and notify the employer in writing of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;

Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of any federally funded contract be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(c) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

- (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) the Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and,
- (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(d) Notifying the County and the Federal agency that provided the Funds within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (b)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction, with such notification:

- (1) being in writing;
- (2) including the employee's position title;
- (3) including the identification number(s) of each affected award of Federal funds;

(e) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with applicable law; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**  
**BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**



Monthly Report  
June 2025

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Michael Paulercio, Director

## Office of Consumer Protection Weights and Measures Monthly Report June 2025

The Office of Consumer Protection started the second round of follow up inspections where it started in January. The first week found outdated single serve packets of outdated Bayer aspirin, and some recently expired Alka-Seltzer packets. A summons was issued, and management agreed to and paid a \$350.00 fine.

A smoke shop was visited at 665-7 Lincoln Ave. several packs of unstamped cigarettes and potential cannabis items were found. The location was referred to NYS Tax and Finance where an inspection was conducted on June 26. Inspection reports to the office are pending.

A new gas station opened at 1 Mount Vernon Ave. that has diesel and a convenience store. Two pumps were found over pumping on a 5 gallon sample and were ordered for repair.

NYS Weights and Measures assisted on inspections and stated that there will be a test procedure that will be available to test electric car charging stations. The inspection will be conducted by the State being that the testing equipment is upwards of \$50k. The test will be conducted by the State inspector, and he will be available by appointment.

A Cannabis Management Investigator reached out to the office for future investigations along with NYS Tax and Finance.

## Inspections Made

Stations	5
Supermarkets	2
Restaurants	1
Pet Supply	1
Grocery/Deli	24
Laundromats	1
Fish/Butcher	4
Produce/Variety	1
Pharmacy	1

Device	Total	Over registering	Under registering	Other	Passed	Sealed
Blended Pumps	13	1			12	12
Diesel	4	1			3	3
Meters	9				9	
Octane Samples	10				Lab results Pending	
Timing Devices	4				4	4
Computing Scales	46				46	46
Prepack Scales	19		1		18	18
Customer Scales	2				2	2
Rx. Scales	1				1	1
Platform Scales	9		1	1 Broken dial	8	8

A summons was issued to Kingston Deli, 397 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for outdated merchandise. A hearing was held where they accepted and paid a \$350.00 fine. The current citywide average on a gallon of 87 blend gasoline, cash price is \$3.10 up 7 cents from last month.

Deposits:	Inspection Fees:	\$1,272.00
	Fines	\$ 350.00
	Total	\$1,622.00

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, NY**  
**OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**  
**BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**



Monthly Report  
July 2025

Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Michael Paulercio, Director

## Office of Consumer Protection Weights and Measures Monthly Report July 2025

The Office of consumer Protection was in a variety of Inspection sites during the month of July. The week before July 4, was spent in supermarkets looking at expiration dates on perishable items and proper packaging deductions on fruit and appetizer platters. No red flags were found in any markets or secondary stores.

NYS Weights and Measures was in twice in July to follow up on gas stations that required transfer switches. The purpose of these switches is to provide the stations with generator power to remain operational during any type of event where power is lost. The stations looked at were all in compliance.

NYS as well as the NYS Postmaster office assisted in a shipping store with a USPS platform scale. The scale tested accurately but had no identity or serial number making it illegal for trade. The scale was removed, and a summons was issued. The owner accepted a \$350 fine due in 30 days. The proper scale was brought in, inspected and put in service.

Scanner accuracy audits for Item Pricing Waivers were conducted in both CVS locations and both Family dollar locations. Both stores scored within the required 98% on 100 documented items and were granted one-year renewals. All customer scanning stations were in working order.+

Lab reports from octane samples from last months all proved within accepted tolerances.

## Office of Consumer Protection Weights and Measures Inspections Made

Laundromats	6
Gas stations	4
Shipping	2
Wholesale	1
Supermarkets	2
Butcher	2
Grocery/Deli	1

Device	Total	Over registering	Under registering	Other	Passed	Sealed
Platform Scales	11			1	10	10
Computing Scales	12				12	
Pre-pack Scales	7				7	1
Customer Scales	2				2	1
Transfer Switches	4				4	
Scanner Accuracy	4				4	

The current citywide average on a gallon of 87 blend, dropped another 3¢ in the month of July. The current citywide average is down to \$3.07, cash. The cheapest station is at 135 East 3rd. St. coming in at \$2.93.

Deposits:      Inspection Fees:      \$9,252.00



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

Fire Department

**SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD**  
*Mayor*

**Fire Headquarters**  
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*Fire Commissioner*  
**Theodore W. Beale Jr.**  
*Deputy Fire Commissioner*  
**Juan A. Peralta**  
*Chief of Operations*

7/17/2025

Honorable City Council  
City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**Subject: Request for Approval to Condemn Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment**

Dear Council Members,

The Fire Administration respectfully requests the introduction and approval of legislation authorizing the Fire Department to retire and dispose of firefighter protective equipment that has been deemed unserviceable. This includes gear that is beyond repair, fails to meet the standards of the NFPA 1851 advanced inspection, or has reached the end of its recommended service life—specifically, ten (10) years from the date of manufacture.

Attached you will find an inventory list of the equipment proposed for condemnation. We respectfully request the City Council's approval to move forward with the formal condemnation and proper disposal of this equipment.

We appreciate your consideration and support in authorizing the proper retirement and disposal of this essential equipment in accordance with safety standards and department policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Holt  
Fire Commissioner

*"The Jewel of Westchester"*

**Mount Vernon Fire Department Condemned Turnout Gear**

<b>Coat</b>		<b>Serial Number</b>
1		7C19136
2		7900708
3		4616535
4		2743642
5		2743624
6		A321979
7		3466059
8		3720383
9		7701566270
10		3305801
11		3395801
12		64010151
13		5129032
14		4025718
15		4610781
16		3844760
17		3742635
18		3899667
19		4229351
20		4108866
21		4025716
22		5680000019
23		3365801
24		153....
25		N/A
26		N/A
27		N/A
28		N/A
29		18127...
30		N/A
31		N/A
32		N/A
33		N/A
34		N/A
35		N/A
36		N/A

**Boots**  
42 Pairs

Pants	Serial Number	Pants	Serial Number
1	1286592	41	2820557
2	2743722	42	3190002
3	95072	43	4056045
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MAYOR

July 10, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**RE: Request for Authorization to Attend First Responders Summit in Washington, D.C.**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests the City Council's retroactive approval of an ordinance authorizing the Deputy Commissioner to attend **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Second Annual New York First Responders Summit**, to be held in **Washington, D.C., on July 24th**.

Deputy

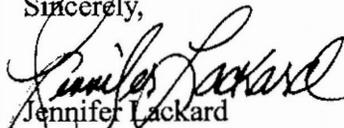
Commissioner Lackard has been invited to participate as a panelist on the topic of "Community Wellness and Partnerships."

There is no registration fee for the summit; however, we respectfully request reimbursement for ground transportation (including gas and tolls) and meals, not to exceed \$300. These expenses will be covered under **Budget Line A3120.451 (Training)**.

Deputy Commissioner Lackard requested approval from the City Council to attend this conference during the Council meeting held on July 9, 2025. She noted that a formal request letter would be submitted for the August 13, 2025 meeting, which falls after the date of the conference.

Should this request meet with the approval of your Honorable Body, we kindly ask that legislation be enacted to authorize this attendance and associated expenses.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Lackard  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

# FIRST RESPONDERS

## Summit

#NYFirstResponders

KIRSTEN  
**Gillibrand**  
U.S. SENATOR FOR NEW YORK



**Thursday, July 24, 2025**

**Washington, DC**

*All sessions in CVC Auditorium unless other location listed.*

### ***DRAFT AGENDA***

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| 8:30 – 9:15am   | Registration & Breakfast   |
| 9:15 – 9:20am   | Welcome  |
| 9:20 – 9:30am   | Opening Remarks – Senator Kirsten Gillibrand   |
| 9:30 – 9:40am   | Remarks – House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries  |
| 9:40 – 10:30am  | Officer and Family Wellness <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panelists<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tommy Shevlin, President, Nassau PBA</li><li>○ Jim Banish, President, NYLEAP</li><li>○ TBD, IAFF</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 10:30 – 11:05am | Update on 9/11 Health Program and Funding<br>Remarks – Congressman Andrew Garbarino <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panelists<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. David Prezant, Chief Medical Officer/Special Advisor on Health Policy, First Department of New York and Director, FDNY World Trade Center Health Program</li><li>○ Dr. Michael Crane, World Trade Center Health Program, Clinical Center of Excellence at Mount Sinai</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 11:05 – 11:15am | Break  |
| 11:15am – 12pm  | Community Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panelists<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jennifer Lackard, Deputy Commissioner of Wellness and Reform, Mount Vernon Police Department</li><li>○ Yehiel M. Kalish, CEO, Chevra Hatzalah</li></ul></li></ul>  |

- Dr. Jean Kanokogi, PhD, Director of Mental Health & Peer Support Services, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
- Jonathan Smith, Paramedic/Chief/CEO, Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance

12 – 12:15pm      Remarks – Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer

12:15 – 12:30pm      Break/Travel Time

12:30 – 1:30pm      Lunch with New York Delegation  
Location: Kennedy Caucus (325 Russell)

1:30 – 1:50pm      Break/Travel Time

1:50 – 2:50pm      Grants Workshops

For Police

- Panelists
  - TBD, New York Division of Criminal Justice Services
  - TBD, NYPD
  - Abi Jimenez, Grants Director, Office of Sen. Gillibrand

For Firefighters & EMTs

- Panelists
  - Jamie Burgess, IAFF
  - Jonathan Smith, Paramedic/Chief/CEO, Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
  - Chris Blanco, Chief Financial Officer, NYC Office of Emergency Management
  - Ryan Kambich, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Gillibrand

2:50 – 3pm      Travel Time

3 – 3:30pm      Q&A with Senator Gillibrand

3:30 – 3:45pm      Optional: Photos with Senator Gillibrand

3:45 – 4:45pm      Optional: Gillibrand Staff Office Hours  
Optional: Tour of U.S. Capitol



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MAYOR

August 4, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**RE: Request for Ordinance to Impose Fines on Unlicensed Tow Truck Operators for approval at the August 13, 2025 City Council Meeting**

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

The Department of Public Safety requests your approval of an ordinance amending the Mount Vernon City Charter to impose fines on tow truck operators conducting business within the city without the required license.

We propose that the following language be added to Section 243 of the Charter:

*"Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$20,000. Additionally, any owner of a tow truck found in violation shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$10,000 per offense."*

This amendment is vital to protect Mount Vernon residents. The operation of unlicensed tow trucks presents a serious risk to public safety and consumer protection. Without proper licensing and oversight, residents may face, unexpected towing fees, exposure to fraudulent or predatory business practices, and potential liability for damages during the towing process. Licensing ensures accountability, safety standards, and lawful operation. Enforcing penalties for noncompliance will deter unauthorized operators.

If this request meets with the approval of your Honorable Body, we ask that legislation be enacted granting this approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Gibson".

David Gibson  
Commissioner of Public Safety

Cc: Mayor  
Comptroller  
Law Department



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*Commissioner*

**Cranson D. Johnson**  
*Deputy Commissioner*

July 16, 2025

Honorable Danielle Browne Esq.  
City Council President  
City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**(Through the Office of the Mayor)**

RE: Transfer of Funds

Dear City Council Members,

I am respectfully requesting legislation from your governing body authorizing the transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from Assessor's Contracted Outside Services (405) to Assessor's Overtime (110).

This transfer is within the Department of Assessment budget lines. The transfer between budget lines is necessary to cover overtime pay that was necessary to process the 2025 Enhanced STAR Eligibility report; for qualified residents to receive STAR checks from New York State..

**FROM**

**TO**

**A1355-405 Assessor's Contracted Outside Services**

**A1355-110 Assessor's Overtime**

Respectfully

Stephanie G. Vanderpool  
Commissioner of Assessment

Cc: Mayor

Comptroller Office

Law Department

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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
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July 21, 2025

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**RE: COMP2025-10 – Proposed Fund Balance Policy**

Honorable City Council Members:

I write to respectfully request that the Mount Vernon City Council (“the Council”) enact legislation adopting the attached proposed Fund Balance Policy for the City of Mount Vernon.

My office has worked with our financial advisors, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, to develop the proposed policy. The purpose of this Fund Balance Policy (the “Policy”) is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the City of Mount Vernon (“City”) by defining and setting guidelines to maintain a prudent level of fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability.

As noted in the City’s 2018 and 2019 annual audits, the fund balance has steadily declined over time. To safeguard the City’s long-term financial health and solvency, it is essential that we adopt formal written policies and procedures to maintain an adequate level of unassigned fund balance. Such a policy will help mitigate financial risks stemming from unforeseen revenue shortfalls and unexpected expenditures. A well-structured Fund Balance Policy not only enhances the City’s creditworthiness but also ensures sufficient cash flow to meet operational needs. Ultimately, maintaining a healthy fund balance serves as a critical financial cushion for taxpayers in the face of unforeseen or extraordinary events.

The attached document provides a comprehensive policy I would ask your honorable body adopt this policy and repeal all previous fund balance policies, if applicable.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

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

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Corporation Counsel  
File

# Fund Balance Policy

City of Mount Vernon  
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## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Fund Balance Policy (the “Policy”) is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the City of Mount Vernon (“City”) by defining and setting guidelines to maintain a prudent level of fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the City maintains adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risk that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, and unanticipated expenditures. A Fund Balance Policy protects the City’s creditworthiness and provides for adequate cash flow needs. Fund balance essentially provides taxpayers with a cushion against unforeseen and extraordinary events.

The Government Finance Officers Association (“GFOA”) recommends that local governments establish a policy to maintain *reasonable* levels of unexpended surplus funds in their General Funds and other principal funds to hedge against unanticipated expenditures and/or revenue shortfalls.

## II. DEFINITIONS

*Fund Equity* – A fund’s equity is generally the difference between its assets and its liabilities.

*Fund Balance* – An accounting distinction is made between the portions of fund equity that are spendable and non-spendable. The City records fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 which divides fund balance into the five (5) following classifications:

- A. **Non-spendable Fund Balance** – Includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact, including, but not limited to, prepaid items, inventories, and long-term portions of loans receivable, financial assets held for resale and principal of endowments.
- B. **Restricted Fund Balance** – Includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers either constitutionally or through enabling legislation.
- C. **Committed Fund Balance** – Includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
- D. **Assigned Fund Balance** – Comprises amounts *intended* to be used by the government for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates its authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.

- E. **Unassigned Fund Balance** – The residual classification of the General Fund includes all amounts not contained in other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose (i.e. Rainy-Day Fund).

### **III. UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE**

When possible, the City shall maintain a level of unassigned fund balances of ten percent (10%) of the prior year’s operating expenditures made from its General and Enterprise funds.

To the extent the City utilizes its unassigned fund balance, the City shall use these funds either for (i) non-recurring expenses that promote important policy objectives set forth by the City Council; or (ii) extraordinary operating and capital purposes that could not be anticipated, and which otherwise cannot be financed with current revenues in the annual operating budget. Such purposes include, but are not limited to, financing emergency capital repairs, offsetting an unexpected economic downturn, covering an unanticipated or excess shortfall in revenues or a spike in expenses, and/or providing necessary resources for emergencies.

### **IV. RESERVE FUNDS**

As financial circumstances warrant, the City shall look to establish and fund a number of formal reserve funds pursuant to the New York State General Municipal Law, the City Charter and other applicable rules and regulations.

### **V. REPLENISHMENT**

In fiscal years where the City’s unassigned fund balance falls below the level of ten percent (10%) set forth above, the City shall develop a plan to replenish its unassigned fund balance by direct appropriation commencing with the next operating budget. The City will appropriate an available amount of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the difference between its current level of unassigned fund balance and the minimum amount under this Policy, such that the minimum level of unassigned fund balance would be attained over a reasonable period. To the extent that a direct appropriation in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) is not possible in any particular fiscal year, the City Comptroller shall develop a strategy and recommend to the City Council to restore the fund balance to the minimum level in some other reasonable period of time.

### **VI. ANNUAL REVIEW & AMENDMENTS**

On an annual basis, or as deemed necessary, the City Council shall review this Policy and shall approve any revisions by formal resolution.

**ADOPTED:**



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
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July 21, 2025

The Honorable City Council  
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**RE: COMP2025-11 – Proposed Debt Management Policy**

Honorable City Council Members:

I write to respectfully request that the Mount Vernon City Council (“the Council”) enact legislation adopting the attached proposed Debt Management Policy for the City of Mount Vernon.

The purpose of this Debt Management Policy (the “Policy”) is to position the City’s debt plan amongst the best practices in municipal finance, as well as to underscore the City’s commitment to earn and maintain the highest credit rating possible while appropriately allocating its resources to the programs and services provided by the City.

Long-term debt is a strategic tool for financing capital improvements, allowing the City to align the repayment period with the useful life of the asset being acquired. When managed responsibly, debt financing enhances the City of Mount Vernon's flexibility in both current and future operating budgets while enabling the acquisition of essential long-term assets necessary to maintain and improve public services. As Comptroller, I believe it is critical to establish a comprehensive policy that outlines the responsible use of capital and capital debt to ensure sustainable investment in infrastructure and continued service delivery to our residents.

The attached document provides a comprehensive policy I would ask your honorable body adopt this policy and repeal all previous Debt Management policies, if applicable.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

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

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Corporation Counsel  
File

# Debt Management Policy

City of Mount Vernon  
New York



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## **I. SCOPE**

Long-term debt is an effective way to finance capital improvements by matching the term of the debt with the useful life of the asset being financed. Properly managed debt provides flexibility in current and future operating budgets and provides the City of Mount Vernon (“City”) with the long-term assets required to deliver services or other resources to the public. The City recognizes that effective debt management practices require a comprehensive Debt Management Policy (“Policy”) that details the use of capital and capital debt to support the services provided to its residents.

## **II. PURPOSE**

The Policy is adopted by the City Council upon the recommendation of the Mayor, City Comptroller and the City’s Municipal Advisor. It seeks to position the City’s debt plan amongst the best practices in municipal finance, as well as to underscore the City’s commitment to earn and maintain the highest credit rating possible while appropriately allocating its resources to the programs and services provided by the City.

## **III. OUTSTANDING AND MATURING OBLIGATIONS**

Nothing in this Policy shall be deemed to affect or impair any outstanding obligations of the City or any obligations issued to renew such outstanding obligations. Failure to comply with any goal or limit established by this Policy shall not of itself be deemed to invalidate any obligations.

## **IV. SHORT-TERM OPERATIONAL BORROWINGS**

The City is authorized under the New York State Local Finance Law (“LFL”) to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of taxes or other forms of revenue (primarily in the form of State or Federal aid). Such borrowings take the form of short-term notes and provide working capital to balance timing differences between revenue and expenditures. Short-term operational borrowings include tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes. Generally, tax anticipation notes shall be fully paid on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Revenue anticipation notes shall be paid in accordance with limitations imposed under the LFL.

The City shall not use its short-term borrowings to finance operating needs, except in the case of financial necessity, as determined by the City Comptroller, with approval by the Mayor and City Council.

## **V. PERIOD OF PROBABLE USEFULNESS**

The LFL assigns a period of probable usefulness (“PPU”) to each capital purpose that can be financed. The PPU establishes the maximum period of time over which assets may be financed.

The City Comptroller shall ensure that the final maturity date for any long-term debt will not exceed the expected life of the capital improvement so financed, however, for indebtedness contracted for any two or more objects or purposes, for which the PPU's are not all the same, such indebtedness may be contracted for a period no longer than the weighted average period of probable usefulness of the objects or purposes being financed.

## **VI. METHODS OF DEBT STRUCTURING**

The LFL permits bonds to be amortized using the "50 Percent Rule" or a "level" or "declining" debt structure.

### **Definitions.**

*The 50% Rule:* Under the "50% Rule" no annual principal payment on bonds may be more than 50% larger than the smallest, prior principal payment.

*Level Debt Structure.* In a "level" debt structure, annual principal and interest payments remain substantially level for the term of the debt.

*Declining Debt Structure.* In a "declining debt" structure, principal and interest payments decline from year to year over the term of the debt.

*Municipal Lease.* A "municipal lease" is a financing method in which a municipal jurisdiction acquires equipment or facilities through a lease agreement, with the intent of eventual ownership, and where the interest income is exempt from federal income taxes.

The determination of whether annual debt service is substantially level or declining shall not take into account the first twelve months after the debt's issuance to the extent that no provision is made for the payment of principal during such period. For substantially level or declining annual debt service, the aggregate amount of debt service in each year shall not exceed the lowest aggregate debt service in any prior year by more than the greater of 5% or ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

Under any debt structure, debt must begin amortizing no later than 24 months from the issue date of the bonds or, if the bonds are issued to take out bond anticipation notes, no later than 24 months from the issue date of the bond anticipation notes. However, refunding bonds are required to begin amortization either by the first maturity of the refunded bonds or 24 months from the issue date of the refunding bonds, whichever is the earliest.

The City shall select the amortization method that produces debt service payments compatible with the City's needs and ability to repay its existing and forecasted debt obligations. The City Comptroller shall confer with the City's Municipal Advisor and/or Bond Counsel relating to the structuring of debt obligations.

When appropriate, by recommendation of the City Comptroller, the City may use lease financing or other alternative types of financing as permitted by the LFL.

## **VII. METHOD OF SALE**

The City Comptroller shall confer with the City's Municipal Advisor and/or Bond Counsel to determine the most appropriate method of sale based upon various issuance specific factors.

### **Definitions.**

*Competitive Sale:* This sale process includes the advertising of the debt issuance with the sale date, time and place where sealed bids will be taken. The bids are then evaluated and the issuance is awarded to the bidder providing the lowest interest cost.

*Negotiated Sale.* In negotiated sale, the issuer selects a qualified underwriter, or team of underwriters. The underwriter(s) then offers to sell the issuer's debt to investors at an interest rate scale agreed to between the issuer and the underwriter prior to the day of pricing. The underwriter(s) will purchase any unsold bonds from the issuer at a price that will both produce the lowest interest cost to the issuer while selling the balance of the bonds to investors.

If a negotiated sale process is deemed appropriate, the underwriter(s) shall be selected through a competitive, Request for Proposals ("RFP") process. The City Comptroller may request the City's Municipal Advisor and/or Bond Counsel to assist in this process, analyze proposals received and provide recommendations with respect to the selection.

**Participation in State and Federal Loan Programs.** When determined appropriate, the City may issue debt obligations in conjunction with loans made pursuant to State and Federal programs, e.g., the State programs for providing funding of eligible drinking water and water quality projects and managed by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

## **VIII. TYPES OF DEBT**

*Tax-Exempt Bonds:* The City aims to finance its capital program on a tax-exempt basis to the extent permitted by the LFL and federal tax laws and regulations, and has post-issuance compliance procedures to ensure compliance with such laws and regulations to maintain the tax-exempt status of its bonds.

*Taxable Bonds:* For certain capital purposes not eligible for tax-exempt financing, the City may issue taxable bonds. Taxable bonds may be structured to mature earlier than permitted by state law, depending on market conditions and the impact on overall debt service of a given bond issue. The City may also issue taxable bonds for refunding purposes if it deems them in the City's interest, as approved by City Comptroller and City Council.

*Optional Redemption:* The City typically sells bonds with a par call date no later than eight (8) years from the date of issuance, with bonds maturing beyond the call date being subject to the par call option. However, the City may consider alternative structures after assessing the costs and benefits of such structure and market conditions at the time of issuance, and determining such issuance is in the best interest of the City, in consultation with the City's Municipal Advisor.

## **IX. DEBT LIMIT**

Pursuant to the State Constitution, the total amount of the City's outstanding debt may not exceed seven per centum (7%) of the five-year average taxable full valuation of real property assessments in the City. This is the Constitutional Debt Limit ("CDL"). The City's water debt, budgetary appropriations, and operational financings are excluded from the calculation of the debt limit. Self-supporting debt, including sewer debt, paid from non-real property tax revenue may also be excluded in full or part if authorized by the New York Office of the State Comptroller. If applicable, the City Comptroller should apply for all self-supporting debt exclusions in order to maintain sufficient debt capacity.

The City Comptroller shall ensure that the net general obligation debt of the City will not exceed the City's Constitutional Debt Limit.

## **X. INVESTMENT OF DEBT PROCEEDS**

The City Comptroller shall invest proceeds of obligations in accordance with the City's Investment Policy, adopted in accordance with Section 39 of the General Municipal Law, Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and in accordance with applicable Federal tax requirements. New York State law permits the City to co-mingle debt proceeds with operating monies under a pooled investment program. However, for disbursement purposes, debt proceeds are required to be deposited in one or more demand accounts separate from other funds of the City. Accounting records shall be maintained to ensure that debt proceeds are spent for the purpose(s) for which they are authorized.

## **XI. TIMELY REPAYMENT OF DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

The City must be certain that debt payments are made timely and in full, without impairing its cash flow and subsequently its ability to provide essential governmental services. The State Constitution requires that principal payments on outstanding debt be budgeted annually. Accordingly, the City Comptroller shall monitor the City's cash flow position and annual operating budget to ensure the full and timely repayment of all debt principal and interest due in each fiscal year.

## **XII. REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

The City Comptroller, with the assistance of the City's Municipal Advisor, shall periodically review the City's outstanding, long-term debt to identify opportunities to refinance (refund) its debt. Consistent with LFL §90, refunding bonds shall be issued only if they produce present value savings. If a refunding opportunity is identified, the City Comptroller shall work in conjunction with the City's Municipal Advisor to determine if the potential benefits of the refunding outweigh the risks or costs of delaying the refunding.

## **XIII. CREDIT RATING STRATEGIES**

The City's credit rating has a significant impact on its ability to access the capital markets, the issuance costs associated with a debt sale, and the interest rate that is obtained on its debt obligations. As such, the City is committed to maintaining a credit rating strategy. However, the rating strategy must not compromise the delivery of basic services to City residents. The City Comptroller will be responsible for maintaining relationships with rating agencies assigning ratings to the City's debt. The City Comptroller will confer with the City's Municipal Advisor regarding rating agency methodologies and the City's credit rating strategy. Changes to current methodologies could impact future fiscal decisions.

## **XIV. ARBITRAGE REBATE COMPLIANCE**

The City shall retain an arbitrage rebate consultant, selected pursuant to an RFP process, to perform calculations that may be required to comply with the arbitrage rebate compliance requirements set forth in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **XV. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

The City Comptroller shall work in conjunction with the City's Municipal Advisor in order to ensure compliance with secondary market information and disclosures timely made on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") website pursuant to Rule 15-2c-12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## **XVI. ANNUAL REVIEW & AMENDMENTS**

On an annual basis, or as deemed necessary, the City Council shall review this Policy and shall approve policy revisions, if any, by formal resolution.

### **ADOPTED:**



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

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

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July 22, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
1 Roosevelt Square - City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: NYCOM Fall 2025 Training School  
Referral # COMP2025-12

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes as a formal request for Darren Morton to attend the 2025 NYCOM Fall Training School from September 15 – 19, 2025 in Lake Placid, NY. There are several relevant workshops essential to our current fiscal status and planning goals. In addition, I serve on the Board of the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers, as the designated cities representative.

The conference fee is \$570 per person, plus hotel fee and ground transportation. The host hotel fees are \$220/per night, including breakfast. Funds to attend the training will be provided through appropriation code A1315.402 Travel and A1315.417 Education/Training and will not exceed \$2000.00.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have any questions, please call the Comptroller's Office at 914-665-2304 or email at [Comptroller@cmvny.com](mailto:Comptroller@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

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

cc: Mayor  
Law Department

# 2025 Fall Training School Conference

*September 15, 2025 - September 19, 2025*

→ REGISTER

## Featured Event

### Dates

Monday, September 15, 2025 - 8:30 AM

Friday, September 19, 2025 - 9:00 AM

### Early Registration Discount Deadline

Friday, August 22, 2025

### Online Registration Deadline

Friday, September 12, 2025

### Location

#### Conference Center at Lake Placid

2608 Main Street

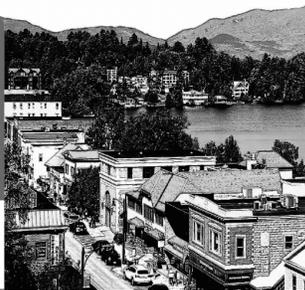
Lake Placid, NY 12946

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[Hotel](#)

## FALL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CITY & VILLAGE OFFICIALS

LAKE



PLACID

SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2025

CONFERENCE CENTER AT LAKE PLACID

### GENERAL INFORMATION TENTATIVE AGENDA

This year the NYCOM Fall Training School will take place at the Conference Center at Lake Placid (2608 Main Street). Sessions and all meals except breakfast (which is at your host conference hotel) will be held at the Conference Center. Accommodations for municipal officials will be at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, the Grand Adirondack Hotel, the Hampton Inn Lake Placid and the Crown Plaza Lake Placid.

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATE: \$570

#### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday LUNCH
- Monday Welcome DINNER
- Monday and Tuesday Hospitality

- Thursday Reception
- Conference Materials
- Participation in All Training Sessions and Tradeshow Breaks

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**CONFERENCE DINNER OPTIONS:**

*WEDNESDAY THEME DINNER: \$120*

*THURSDAY BANQUET DINNER: \$75*

*There will be a 15% surcharge for onsite meal purchases.*

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**NON-MUNICIPAL GUEST OF A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL MEAL OPTIONS:**

*BREAKFAST is included with your conference hotel stay (at your host conference hotel). Non-Municipal Guests may also participate in all social functions.*

- **FULL CONFERENCE MEAL PACKAGE: \$420** (Monday Reception-Style Welcome Dinner | Tuesday Lunch | Wednesday Lunch and Theme Dinner | Thursday Lunch, Reception and Banquet Dinner)
- **ONE-DAY MEAL OPTIONS:** (select day during registration process):
  - Monday Reception-Style Welcome Dinner: \$65
  - Tuesday Lunch: \$50
  - Wednesday Lunch and Theme Dinner: \$170
  - Thursday Lunch, Reception and Banquet Dinner: \$140

*There will be a 15% surcharge for onsite meal purchases.*

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**REFUND POLICY**

Refunds will be made in full for the conference registration fee, dinner packages and add-on guest meals **ONLY if you notify NYCOM no later than September 5, 2025**. For cancellations **AFTER September 5th there will be a \$100 administrative fee** and any conference meals purchased (including add-on guest meals) are non-refundable. **No-shows are also non-refundable (those not paid in advance will be invoiced following the conference).**

**POLICY ON ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED**

The Conference of Mayors makes every effort to plan meetings that are accessible to the disabled. NYCOM requests advance notice from the registrant (including on-site registrants) so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

**ATTIRE**

The attire for the meeting is casual, except for the Banquet on Thursday evening for which business attire is recommended. The Theme Dinner on Wednesday evening will be **"NOLA: New Orleans."**

**AUTHORITY TO ATTEND**

Local official attendance at this training event is permitted by General Municipal Law § 77-b(2), which permits a city or village to authorize attendance by "any of its members or any officer or employee ... or other person who has been elected pursuant to law to a public office of a municipality for which the term of office has not commenced...." Local officials are entitled to be reimbursed for all actual and necessary costs incurred while attending this program."

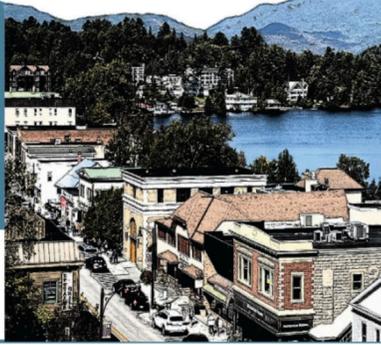
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*NYCOM Novelists Book Club Reads for 2025: The Measure, by Nikki Erilick and Last Twilight in Paris, by Pam Jenoff*



# FALL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CITY & VILLAGE OFFICIALS

# LAKE



# PLACID

SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2025

CONFERENCE CENTER AT LAKE PLACID

## Fall Training School Tentative Agenda

\* Denotes Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits

+ Denotes Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Credits

# Denotes Elected Officials Academy CORE Courses

*All other concurrent sessions qualify as Elected Officials Academy ELECTIVE Courses*

### Monday, September 15

11:00 a.m.

NYCOM Registration Desk Opens

1:00 p.m.

First-Time Attendee Orientation

2:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Municipal Finance Fundamentals + #
- Understanding and Issuing Vital Records
- An Introduction to the Structure of New York's City and Village Governments: Local Government 101  
\*+ #
- Women's Advisory Committee and Peer Mentoring

3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Overview of Governmental Accounting +
- The Fundamentals of Debt Issuance \*+#
- The Official Year: Local Government 102 \*+

7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception-Style Dinner

## Tuesday, September 16

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast at Your Host Hotel

8:00 a.m.

Coffee with the NYCOM Staff

9:00 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Fraud Prevention and Detection +
- OSC IT Audit Findings +
- How to Effectively and Efficiently Respond to FOIL Requests for Municipal Records \*#
- Civil Service \*#
- Albany Update +

10:45 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Using Financial Reports to Analyze Financial Conditions +
- Duties and Responsibilities of the Chief Fiscal Officer +
- What Everyone Needs to Know About New York's Open Meetings Law \*#
- Employee Handbooks \*
- Understanding How Libraries are Structured and Operate +
- From Permits to Protection: Insurance Strategies for Special Events

12:00 p.m.

- General Lunch
- NYS Society of Municipal Finance Officers Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting

1:30 p.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Improving Claims Processing +
- State Funding for Cities and Villages +#
- Municipal Clerks' Seminar
- Competitive Bidding: Part 1 \*+#
- Strategies and Best Practices for Worker Safety

3:15 p.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Establishing and Accounting for Reserves +
- The Challenges of Recruiting and Retaining Staff
- The Fundamentals of New York's Records Management Laws #
- A Local Officials Primer on the First Amendment \*#
- Competitive Bidding: Part 2 \*#

Evening

Dining Downtown on Your Own

## Wednesday, September 17

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast at Your Host Hotel

8:00 a.m.

Tea with Your OSC

9:00 a.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- City and Village Audit Findings +
- Managing Cash Flow +
- Clerk's Responsibilities: An Organized Panel Discussion \*
- Labor Relations Update \*#
- Enacting Local Laws and Conducting Referenda \*+

10:45 a.m.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Accounting for Capital Projects +
- Adopting Fund Balance Policies +
- Required Reporting to OSC +
- Adopting Municipal Policies and Procedures \*+#
- Employee Discipline \*
- Games of Chance: Local Government's Role in Charitable Gaming +

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Developing a Structurally Balanced Budget +#
- Retirement Readiness: Planning Your Next Chapter +
- Notary Exam: *Find link to the study guide under 'Resources'*
- Water and Sewer Administration \*+
- Streets and Sidewalks: The Clear and Not So Clear Law Governing Local Government's Most Ubiquitous Infrastructure \*
- Spies, Espionage, and The Cyber Threat Actors

7:00 p.m.

"NOLA-New Orleans" Theme Party and Dinner

## Thursday, September 18

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast at Your Host Hotel

9:00 a.m.

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Multi-Year Planning with Tools +
- OSC Annual Financial Report +
- The Do's and Absolute Don'ts of Taking Minutes & Running Meetings \*+
- Ethics for Municipal Officials \*+
- Social Media Strategies That Work
- Human Resources and Onboarding \*

10:45 a.m.

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Accounting and Reporting GASB Update +
- Real Property Tax Primer \*+
- Understanding and Embracing AI #
- Planning and Zoning for People Who Don't Plan or Zone \*
- Gifts and Loans \*+

12:00 p.m.

- Lunch
- NYS Association of City & Village Clerks Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting

1:30 p.m.

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Municipal Finance Officers's Seminar
- Retirement System Update +
- What Every Local Official Needs to Know About the NEW Municipal Website Requirement \*
- Applying for and Administering Grants +

3:00 p.m.

#### PLENARY

- Boot Camp!

6:00 p.m.

Reception

7:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner

## Friday, September 19

7:00 a.m. Conference Concludes: Breakfast at Your Host Hotel

*Updated 7/8/25*

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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
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**Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO**  
*Comptroller*

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Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
(914) 665-2303

August 5, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
1 Roosevelt Square - City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Travel and Expense Policy  
Referral # COMP2025-13

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 91 of the Mount Vernon City Charter, the Comptroller is entrusted with the supervision of the City's financial affairs and is authorized to establish rules, regulations, and general practices for organizing and regulating fiscal operations. This includes the authority to define the financial responsibilities and authority of City staff and elected officials.

In alignment with this responsibility, I respectfully request that the Mount Vernon City Council ("the Council") enact legislation adopting the attached Travel and Expense Policy for the City of Mount Vernon.

This proposed policy is intended to standardize and enhance the City's procedures for managing travel-related activities. City officials, whether elected or appointed official, employees, volunteers, board members, commissioners, and, at times, members of the public, may incur reasonable and necessary expenses in the course of conducting official City business. These expenses may relate to travel, education, training, or other authorized activities.

To ensure compliance with municipal finance regulations, applicable laws, sound accounting practices, and to support the efficient administration of City resources, it is essential to establish clear procedures, limitations, and safeguards. This policy provides the framework for the reimbursement or direct payment of such expenses in a consistent and transparent manner.

Accordingly, the attached legislation outlines updated and comprehensive guidance on:

- Authorization and approval of travel;
- Reimbursement procedures;
- Expense advances;
- Documentation and reporting requirements;
- Application of these procedures to all City-affiliated individuals, including non-employees engaged in City business.

It is both necessary and appropriate to periodically review and revise City policies to reflect best practices and ensure financial integrity. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this proposed legislation and look forward to your support in adopting a policy that promotes accountability, transparency, and operational consistency.

If you have any questions, please call the Comptroller's Office at 914-665-2304 or email at [Comptroller@cmvny.com](mailto:Comptroller@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Darren M. Morton".

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

cc: Mayor  
Law Department

# Travel and Expense Policy

## City of Mount Vernon New York



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## **Purpose of the Travel Policy**

The purpose of this Travel Policy is to provide clear guidance to City agencies, employees, board and commission members, elected officials, and volunteer members of the public regarding the City of Mount Vernon’s rules and procedures for official travel. It outlines the standards for reimbursement of expenses incurred while conducting official City business.

Pursuant to Section 91a of the City Charter, and consistent with the provisions of this policy, the Comptroller is authorized to establish rules and regulations governing the reimbursement of travel expenses deemed necessary and in the best interest of the City. Reimbursement will be made only for actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses directly related to official City business.

Travel Reimbursement Process

All travel-related reimbursements are processed through the Finance Department’s Accounts Payable (AP) process upon submission of a Payment Voucher, duly approved by the appropriate Department Head, designee, or other authorized official.

In addition to this approval, all travel expenses must be independently reviewed and certified by the traveler, affirming that the expenses were reasonable, necessary, and incurred on behalf of the City.

For travel expenses incurred by a Department Head, the certification must be performed by either the Mayor, the Comptroller, or their authorized designee, provided the reviewer is fully familiar with the City's travel policy.

## **Section 1. Authorization for Travel, Education, Training, and Acquisition of Certain Materials and Services – All Elected Officials.**

### **A. Approval and Budget Limitations for Travel, Education, and Training by Elected Officials**

All travel, education, or training expenses incurred by elected officials exceeding \$500, travel outside New York State must receive prior approval from both the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts. Approval must be sought through the submission of a Referral Letter, which must include a clear statement of the trip’s purpose, its anticipated benefits to the City, personnel attending and a detailed estimate of all associated costs. These expenditures must not

exceed the amount allocated in the respective department's annual budget for travel, education, and training. If additional funds are required, a formal request for a budget transfer must be submitted and approved by both bodies. All other city-related travel expenses must adhere to the approved accounts payable policies and procedures.

Furthermore, from the date of a municipal general election in which an elected official appears on the ballot and is not re-elected, through December 31st of that year, the official shall not engage in or incur any expenses for travel, education, or training unless such activity is explicitly authorized in advance by both the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

#### **B. Reservation Guidelines and Reimbursement Limits**

Elected officials are strongly encouraged to make travel and lodging arrangements early to secure the lowest available rates, including early bird or discounted conference rates. All transportation and accommodation bookings must utilize the most economical options available, such as coach-class airfare, government or conference hotel rates, and single occupancy lodging.

If an elected official makes arrangements independently rather than through the City and the cost exceeds what the City could have obtained, the excess amount will not be reimbursed unless approved by a simple majority vote of both the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

#### **C. Ownership of Materials and Services Purchased at City Expense**

All materials and services acquired by elected officials at City expense and charged to their travel, education, or training budgets shall become the property of the City, subject to the availability of departmental funds. This includes:

1. Books, periodicals, audio/video recordings, software, published papers, or reports with a value exceeding \$100 per item;
2. Professional services such as research, legal consultation, or work by contract employees or consultants.

#### **D. Reimbursement Procedures**

Elected officials must comply with the procedures outlined in Section 3 of this policy regarding the submission of travel reimbursement claims, the issuance of travel advances, and the direct payment of education or training expenses.

### **Section 2. Authorization for Travel, Education, Training, and Acquisition of Certain Materials and Services – City Employees, Members of Boards and Commissions, Volunteer Members of the Public, and Other Non-Employees.**

#### **A. Request for Training and Travel Authorization**

Any request involving expenses exceeding \$500, travel beyond a 35-mile radius from the City of Mount Vernon, out-of-state travel, or the use of a City vehicle must be accompanied by supporting documentation and receive prior approval from both the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts. All other city-related travel expenses must adhere to the approved accounts payable policies and procedures.

Prior to approval by the City Council and Board of Estimates and Contracts, a Request for Training and Travel form, detailing the purpose of the trip, its anticipated benefits to the City,

the personnel attending, and a comprehensive estimate of all associated costs must be submitted and approved by the Department Head or their designee before the scheduled departure date.

**B. Travel Arrangements: Transportation, Accommodations, and Registration**

1. Transportation, lodging, and conference registration should be coordinated in advance by a designated staff member and, whenever possible, billed directly to the City.
2. All travel arrangements must reflect the most economical options available. This includes coach-class airfare, applicable special discounts or conference rates, and single occupancy accommodations at government rates. If government rates are unavailable at the selected lodging facility, the Department Head must approve any alternate rate prior to booking.
3. In situations where there is an emergency or a limited timeframe to complete the approval process in order to secure lower costs, and sufficient funds are available in the relevant departmental budget, the Comptroller may authorize payment for registration and transportation costs (such as airfare or train fare). Such expenditures must be subsequently ratified by the City Council and the Board of Estimates and Contracts.

**C. Reimbursement Procedures and Travel Advances**

All travel reimbursements, advance payments, and direct payments related to education and training, and subject to the provisions of this section, must follow the procedures, standards, and guidelines outlined in Section 3 of this policy.

**Section 3. Procedures and Standards for Travel Reimbursement Requests and for Travel Advances – Applies to All Elected Officials, Employees, Volunteers and other Non-Employees.**

This section applies to all elected city officials, employees, members of boards and commissions, volunteer members of the public, and other non-employees. The processing, approval, and payment of each expense in a travel reimbursement claim, or a travel advance request, shall be done in compliance with this section. In order to qualify for reimbursement, each expense must be reasonable and prudent under the circumstances and directly related to the conduct of city business, or a service or substantial benefit provided for the City. Care must be taken to avoid unnecessary or excessive expenses.

It shall be the responsibility of the Comptroller or his/her designee to ensure that these policies are uniformly applied, and to provide the forms, instructions, and training, necessary for implementation.

Exceptions to this section may be made only for unusual or extenuating circumstances and upon the written approval of the Comptroller that:

- (a) The expenses to be reimbursed are reasonable under the circumstances that occurred; and
- (b) That such expenses reasonably relate to the conduct of city business, or provide a service or substantial benefit received by the City; and
- (c) That compliance with this section was not feasible.

- A. Travel and Reimbursement Voucher. All reimbursement claims must accompany the approved legislation, and Travel and Reimbursement Voucher, which include departmental information, description of the authorized travel, detailed expenditures,

and Certification of Travel Expense Report.

- B. Documentation for All Claims. Claims for reimbursement shall be paid if accompanied by a bona fide vendor's receipt and consistent with the following policies. Such receipts must show the date, a description of the purchase, vendor identification, and amount paid. Credit card receipts are acceptable if they meet the information requirements above. Other specific rules for the documentation of a reimbursement are included below.
- C. Meals – Travel Related - Per Diem Rate. Meals shall be reimbursed at the per diem rate for Mount Vernon/Westchester County per the US General Services Administration (GSA) in effect during the date(s) of travel. The per diem rate includes the costs of tax and gratuity. No receipts are required for daily meal per diem.
- D. Meals – Not Travel Related – Reimbursement or Direct Payment for Actual Meal Costs, or Direct payment for the Provision of Food on Certain Occasions. Reimbursement, or direct payment, for meals, or direct payment for the provision of food on certain occasions, for Elected Officials, board members, commissioners/department heads, volunteers, members of the public, non-employees, and staff conducting formal city business at meetings, events, or other activities, during meal times is specifically authorized if the following requirements are met:
1. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct official city business or to provide training to city employees or city officials; AND
  2. The meals are an integral part of the business meeting or training session. AND
  3. The meeting or training is a special situation or occasion outside of the normal daily business of city employees. City funds may not be used to provide meals for staff parties, routine staff meetings, routine departmental meetings, or any event deemed to be social in nature.

Expenses for meals or food where city business is conducted and that could otherwise reasonably occur during non-meal periods, are not eligible for reimbursement. Meal reimbursement, not related to travel or otherwise authorized in a Collective Bargaining Agreement, for city staff must be approved in advance by the Department Head in accordance with this policy.

Under no circumstances may alcohol be provided at city expense.

- E. Whenever a situation arises under subsections B or C above, where a meal(s) is included in a registration or conference fee, or where direct payment from the city or any third party is used for food during the conduct of city business, and the person requesting reimbursement or submitting a travel advance claim actually attends that meal, then the per diem rate for that day shall be reduced to reflect such a meal(s). The per diem rate shall follow the GSA per diem rate for Mount Vernon/Westchester County in effect at the time of travel.
- F. Travel Related Expenses Authorized. Reimbursement for the reasonable costs of business travel is acceptable. In determining the "reasonableness" of an expense the following general guidelines shall apply:

1. City Vehicle. Out of the area costs of vehicle operation are acceptable, such as gas. Any other vehicle-related expenditures such as oil, tires or other repairs must be preapproved by the Commissioner of Public Works or his/her designee.
  2. Personal Vehicle Mileage Expense and Limitation.
    - a. Mileage expenses shall be reimbursed for travel within a 300-mile radius of the City, at the current mileage rate per GSA in effect at the time of travel. The point of origin shall be city hall (or other place of city employment) or home, whichever is shorter under the circumstances. Mileage will be paid only for such point to point travel and only for necessary travel between city business activities, and not for personal local trips, at the travel destination.
    - b. Trips beyond a 300 mile radius shall be reimbursed in an amount equal to the appropriate round trip coach air fare to the destination (plus travel to/from airport, parking fees and other necessary expenses associated with air travel), based upon the date and approximate time of departure.
    - c. The Comptroller or his/her designee shall approve computations necessary to comply with this section.
  3. Rental Vehicle. The cost of vehicle rental will be handled on an exception basis and must be approved in advance as part of the official approval or by the Comptroller or his/her designee, if the expense does not exceed the total approved travel budget. Only business miles are reimbursable. If the vehicle was used for non-business purposes, the cost of the rental shall be pro-rated accordingly.
  4. Air Travel. Advance tickets should be purchased using City of Mount Vernon Credit/Purchasing Cards. Where it is not feasible to follow that procedure, as determined by the Comptroller or designee, direct reimbursement of incurred expenses is authorized.
  5. Airport Delivery/Pick-up Mileage or Parking Expenses. Round trip mileage to the airport will be reimbursed provided the cost of mileage based on the current GSA rate is less expense than parking or alternate transportation.
  6. Other Travel Expenses. Miscellaneous travel expenses such as bus, taxi, bridge or other tolls, parking, ferry, rail or ride share will only be authorized if necessary and are included on the Request for Travel and Training form.
- G. Accommodations and Lodging. Hotel/motel accommodations will be reimbursed or paid at a maximum of the single room rate. A vendor's receipt for this category is required for all claims.
- H. Incidental Travel Expenses – Reasonable and Necessary. Reasonable and necessary incidental travel expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Allowable Incidental Expenses.
    - a. Baggage check fees.
  2. Non-Allowable Incidental Expenses. Non-allowable incidental travel expenses, include but are not limited to:
    - a. Personal entertainment.

- b. Room Service.
- c. Theft, loss or damage to personal property.
- d. Expenses of a spouse, family or other person not authorized to receive reimbursement under this policy.
- e. Airline or other trip insurance.
- f. Any travel upgrade fees.
- g. Personal postage, reading material, personal telephone calls.
- h. Personal toiletries .
- i. Liquor.
- j. Laundry or dry-cleaning.
- k. Cash advances.
- l. Fines or traffic tickets.
- m. Personal health expenses

I. Reimbursement Claims and Advance Travel

- 1. All claims for reimbursement and travel advances shall be submitted on forms supplied by the Finance Department and should be submitted for payment within thirty (30) days from the completion of the travel.
- 2. Reimbursement claims for which special approval of the Comptroller, or designee, is required must include such written approval.
- 3. Reimbursement claims submitted by the Mayor, City Council member, Comptroller and/or Department Heads **may include** the otherwise reimbursable travel or business-related expenses of other City of Mount Vernon elected or appointed officials, or employees, who are part of the specific travel and would be entitled in their own right to make a claim for reimbursement of such travel or city business-related expenses. The Comptroller, Mayor, City Council Member or their designee, is authorized to charge such travel or city business related expenses on a city credit card.
- 4. All reimbursement claims by the Mayor and City Council President shall be reviewed and approved by the Comptroller.
- 5. All city credit/purchase card charges are subject to audit by the Comptroller or designee. Any person guilty of misuse or violation of relevant policies governing the use of city credit/purchase cards shall be subject to personal reimbursement or penalty by law.

**Volunteers, Members of Boards and Commissions, Members of the Public, and Other Non-Employees – Substantial Benefit Requirement for Reimbursement of Travel, Education, Training, or Other Expenses Under This Resolution.** Expenses incurred by individuals who are not City employees or officials may be reimbursed when such reimbursement can reasonably be considered compensation for a service rendered or a substantial benefit provided to the City, of comparable value.

To qualify, the following conditions apply:

Written documentation must be provided demonstrating the expected benefit to the City unless one of the following exceptions applies:

- a. The individual is a board member or commissioner acting within the reasonable

- scope of their official duties; or
- b. The individual is a volunteer, member of the public, or other non-employee who verifiably participates in a bona fide City-sponsored activity alongside City officials.

In such cases (a or b), no further documentation of benefit is required, as their participation is presumed to confer substantial value to the City.

This section may also apply to applicants for City employment, provided reimbursement is specifically authorized by the Mayor or their designee.

Any dispute regarding whether an activity qualifies as a bona fide City activity shall be resolved by the Mayor or Comptroller, subject to appeal to the City Council.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Board of Estimates and Contracts. However, any claims for reimbursement, travel advances, or direct payment of expenses related to events or travel activities that occurred prior to the effective date of this resolution shall be reviewed and processed in accordance with the policies and resolutions in effect at the time those expenses were incurred.

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CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
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**Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO**  
*Comptroller*

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August 5, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council  
1 Roosevelt Square - City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Extension of Capital Markets, LL Contract for  
Financial Strategic Planning  
Referral # COMP2025-14

Dear Honorable Members:

I respectfully submit this letter to request authorization for the Comptroller to extend the City's agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC to provide expanded financial advisory services critical to advancing the City of Mount Vernon's fiscal affairs.

Capital Markets Advisors has served as a trusted financial advisor to the City for over a decade, offering technical expertise and guidance on a wide range of fiscal matters. In light of ongoing financial challenges, evolving economic conditions, and the recommendations outlined in the recent audit report by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), it is now imperative that the City adopt a comprehensive, strategic approach to long-term financial planning.

To that end, I propose to engage Capital Markets Advisors as Strategic Consultants to assist with the following deliverables:

1. Preparation of a Fiscal Conditions Analysis, including cost-saving strategies and sustainability benchmarks
2. Development of a Multi-Year Financial Plan
3. Design of a Retirement/Separation Incentive Plan to address structural workforce costs

These services are vital to improving the City's fiscal health and achieving sustainable solvency. Their implementation will enable better forecasting, improve budgeting discipline, and support informed decision-making at all levels of government.

Compensation for these services is proposed as follows:

- \$15,300 due on September 15, 2025
- \$15,300 due on November 15, 2025
- \$15,300 due upon delivery of the final plans, for a total of \$45,900

Funding for these services will be drawn from Budget Line A1315.405 – Contracted Services. Additionally, I request authorization to transfer \$15,000 from A1316.498 – C.P.A. Audit Fees to A1315.405 to support this engagement.

Please find the proposed agreement attached for your review. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, feel free to contact the Office of the Comptroller at (914) 665-2304 or via email at [Comptroller@cmvny.com](mailto:Comptroller@cmvny.com).

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request and your continued support in advancing the City's financial resilience.

Respectfully,

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

cc: Mayor  
Law Department



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
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*Comptroller*

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August 8, 2025

Honorable Members of the City Council and  
Board of Estimates and Contracts  
1 Roosevelt Square - City Hall  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: RFP/Q for Consultant Team to implement  
Innovative Finance and Asset Management  
Referral # COMP2025-15

Dear Honorable Members:

I write to respectfully request permission to issue a Request for Proposals/Qualification for seeking consultant teams made up of experienced firms to provide real estate, economic, and development consultant services to advise the City as it strategizes to manage its real property assets. These services will support the “Innovative Finance and Asset Management Initiative”, which is funding through the \$1M Innovative Finance & Asset Concession Grant Program from the US Department of Transportation.

The successful awardee will help the City with a process to develop several public/private partnerships (P3) that will require help in the pre-construction process to identify and prioritize projects. Among the duties include:

1. Solicit and negotiate asset concessions, including hiring staff to manage these and other efforts
2. Conduct financial analyses related to concessions, public debt, and other procurement opportunities
3. Evaluate options for structure and use of funds from the asset concession payments
4. Evaluate and present project risks and benefits transparently for public accountability
5. Identify best practices to protect the public interest and consider environmental and social equity priorities
6. Identify best practices for facilitating the use of public transit and access to public transit as it relates to the assets

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have any questions, please call the Comptroller's Office at 914-665-2304 or email at [Comptroller@cmvny.com](mailto:Comptroller@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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JAMES RAUSSE, FAICP, WEDG  
COMMISSIONER

August 7, 2025

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to authorize the Mayor to execute a Contract Amendment with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to incorporate Legacy Planning Services into the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center. For consideration on the agenda at the August 13th, 2025, City Council meeting.

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract amendment with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) that will update the existing Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Implementation Grant Agreement. This amendment will allow the City of Mount Vernon to expand the FEC's service offerings to include Legacy Planning services for residents.

The amendment, titled "First Grant Amendment," dated June 1, 2025, modifies the original agreement dated February 1, 2024, and provides an additional \$50,000 to support the integration of Legacy Planning into the City's FEC program. The funds will be deposited in Revenue Code A2705.1 Gifts and Donations. These additional funds will enhance the City's ability to help residents plan for the future, including support for wills, beneficiary designations, estate planning education, and intergenerational asset preservation.

**Key updates to the contract include:**

- Extension of the contract term through May 31, 2027 to accommodate a two-year implementation period for Legacy Planning services;
- Addition of new disbursement conditions tied to deliverables and reporting requirements for Legacy Planning Year 1 (June 2025–May 2026) and Year 2 (June 2026–May 2027);
- Updated Scope of Work, Model, and Budget Exhibits (B, C, and D) to reflect expanded programming and use of funds, which may include staffing, counselor training, stakeholder events, administrative support, and community outreach;
- A revised disbursement schedule of \$25,000 in Year 1 and \$25,000 in Year 2, including progress-based benchmarks and documentation requirements.





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This amendment aligns with the City's goals to expand access to financial empowerment services and help residents secure long-term financial stability through legacy planning.

Attached for your review is the proposed First Grant Amendment and supporting documentation.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and stand ready to provide additional information or respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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JAMES RAUSSE, FAICP, WEDG

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Comptroller Darren M. Morton  
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff



## FEC Public Outcome Definitions and Calculations

### Outcome Documentation and Verification

As a public service, Financial Empowerment Centers must hold themselves to the highest standards of accountability. A key way the FEC does this is by requiring that all FEC outcomes are documented and verified. The official or client-signed documentation must be uploaded or recorded in FECBOT as part of the client's record and should be readily accessible in cases of a formal audit. The local FEC management team should develop verification protocols to confirm that all outcomes claimed can be substantiated. Documentation can include scanned paper documents, electronic communications, mobile screenshots, or a declaration signed by the client.

### **BANKING OUTCOMES**

#### ***Outcome***

Open a safe and affordable banking account

#### ***Definition***

A client opens a safe and affordable account.

#### ***Philosophy***

Banking access is critical to individual and community financial security.

#### ***Outcome Achievement***

- The outcome is achieved once per account opened by and for the client.
- Up to two outcomes can be achieved per session, one for savings and one for checking and up to three outcomes over the course of the client's FEC engagement.
- A safe and affordable account is determined by each local FEC management team, following guidance from CFE Fund and the Bank On National Account Standards.
- Transaction and savings accounts are eligible.
- All clients are eligible to achieve this outcome regardless of their initial or current banking status.

#### ***Calculation***

This outcome is achieved every time a counselor indicates, "Yes" to the question "Did client achieve this?" for a maximum of 3 outcomes.

#### ***Eligible Documentation***

- Statement of account with client's name & account terms and conditions; OR
- Official confirmation of account opening from financial institution; OR
- Declaration signed by client

### ***Open a Safe and Affordable Account Banking Account—Example Scenarios***

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Relevant Data Field(s)</b>	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Total Outcomes Achieved</b>
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has opened new safe and affordable checking account?</li> <li>Has opened new safe and affordable savings account?</li> </ul>	No	Yes	2 outcomes are achieved. The client is eligible for one additional outcome at a later date if a third account is opened.
		No	Yes	
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has opened new safe and affordable checking account?</li> <li>Has opened new safe and affordable savings account?</li> </ul>	No	No	0 – Client did not open any new accounts.
		No	No	

#### ***Outcome***

Use banking account actively

#### ***Definition***

A client begins using a banking account in two or more of the following ways and maintains active use of the account over the course of multiple sessions.

- Eligible Account Uses:
  - Making debit transactions
  - Using direct deposit
  - Making deposits (any non-ACH (check or cash) deposit)
  - Using online or automatic bill pay
  - Making withdrawals (ATM, teller withdrawal, transfer to another account)
  - Using bank issued money order or cashier's check
  - Making peer-to-peer transactions (inflow and outflow)

#### ***Philosophy***

Fostering active use of the banking account furthers a client's ability to manage finances.

#### ***Outcome Achievement***

- Can be achieved once over the course of the client's FEC engagement.
- Clients are eligible for the outcome who have never used the account or have only used it in one of the listed ways.
- The outcome is achieved when the client uses an account in two or more ways, for at least two follow-up sessions. The sessions do not need to be consecutive, and the ways the client used the account do not need to be the same.

- Initial Session: To determine eligibility and set a baseline for the outcome counselors should ask whether the client has used their account(s) in the listed ways in the last month. If they already are using their account(s) in two or more ways, they are ineligible for achieving this outcome.
- 2+ Follow-up Sessions: Counselors should ask whether the client has used their account in the listed ways since the most recent session. If the client has used the account in two or more of the listed ways, they will achieve only one outcome, regardless of the number of new account uses registered.
- Only clients who attend three or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

### Calculation

If counselor answers, “No” to “Is the client actively using their banking account(s)?” when the initial intake of banking account uses is taken, then answers “Yes” to that assessment question (regardless of number of uses registered) in two subsequent sessions.

### Eligible Documentation

Documentation from financial institution demonstrating:

- debit transactions
- direct deposit
- deposits (any non-ACH (check or cash) deposit
- online or automatic bill pay
- withdrawals (ATM, teller withdrawal, transfer to another account)
- bank issued money order or cashier’s check
- peer-to-peer transactions (inflow and outflow); OR
- Merchant receipt or proof of payment demonstrating one of the above payment methods; OR
- Screen shot of financial institution app demonstrating one of the above uses; OR
- Declaration signed by client

### Use Banking Account Actively—Example Scenarios

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	Is the client actively using their banking account(s)?	Yes – client says they have done two or more of listed uses in the past month	N/A	N/A	N/A	0 - Ineligible

B	Is the client actively using their banking account(s)?	No – Client only made a withdrawal in the past month (1 use)	Yes – client says they've made a withdrawal and a deposit since last session (2 uses)	No – Client only made a withdrawal (1 use)	Yes – Client says they've made a debit transaction, made a withdrawal and received a direct deposit (3 uses)	1 outcome achieved (no additional outcomes possible)
C	Is the client actively using their banking account(s)?	No – Client doesn't have account	No – Client just opened up account, but plans to set up direct deposit (0 uses since last session)	Yes – Client received a direct deposit, made a withdrawal, and made a debit transaction (3 uses)	Yes – Client received a direct deposit and made a deposit (2 uses)	1 outcome achieved (no additional outcomes possible)

## **CREDIT OUTCOMES**

### ***Outcome***

Establish a credit score.

### ***Definition***

A client, who originally had no credit score, now has a credit score.

### ***Philosophy***

Credit history and score are key indicators of a person's financial life and used by a diverse range of actors to make decisions about a person's access to financial and non-financial opportunities.

### ***Outcome Achievement***

- This outcome can be achieved once over the course of the client's FEC engagement.
- Clients are eligible if they have a '0' credit score: are unscored (9003 or 9002 code) or are credit invisible (no record found) on the Experian credit report that is pulled into FECBOT.
- The outcome is achieved when the credit report score changes to being between 300 and 850.
- Only clients who attend two or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

### ***Calculation***

Comparing client's baseline credit score, '0' to most recent score in 300-850 range.

### ***Eligible Documentation***

Two or more Experian credit reports in FECBOT demonstrating change in status.

### ***Establish a credit score—Example Scenarios***

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	Current FICO Credit Score	0	300 – 850 range	1 outcome achieved (no additional outcomes possible, client will now work towards increasing their credit score)
B	Current FICO Credit Score	0	0	0 - Client remains unscored/credit invisible

#### ***Outcome***

Increase credit score by at least 35 points.

#### ***Definition***

A client's credit score increases by at least 35 points.

#### ***Philosophy***

Higher credit scores allow for better terms and conditions for a range of services and cheaper ways to borrow money.

#### ***Outcome Achievement***

- This outcome can be achieved multiple times per session and over the course of a client's FEC engagement (e.g. 70 points counts as two outcomes).
- Clients with score between 300 and 850 are eligible for this outcome.
- Only clients who attend two or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

#### ***Calculation***

- This outcome is calculated by comparing a client's baseline credit score value to their most recent.
- The baseline credit score is updated every time the outcome is achieved (the new baseline is the new score that is 35+ points higher than the old baseline). The baseline can also be updated if the client's credit score decreases (e.g. they only have to increase it 35 points from the more recent, lower value).

#### ***Eligible Documentation***

Two or more Experian credit reports in FECBOT demonstrating change in score.

***Increase credit score by at least 35 points—Example Scenarios***

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	Current FICO Credit Score	550	550	600			1 outcome achieved
B	Current FICO Credit Score	520	510 – baseline reset to lower value	550 – 1 outcome, positive increase of 40 points	555 – no outcome, baseline remains 550,	600 – 1 outcome achieved, positive increase of 50 points, baseline is updated to 600	2 outcomes achieved
C	Current FICO Credit Score	620	635	640	700 – 2 outcomes, positive increase of 80 points, baseline is updated to 700		2 outcomes achieved
D	Current FICO Score	600	550 – baseline reset to lower value	570			0 – client would need to increase to 585+ in future session to achieve 1 outcome)

**DEBT OUTCOMES**

***Outcome***

Decrease non-mortgage debt by at least 10%

***Definition***

A client’s non-mortgage debt decreases by at least 10%.

***Philosophy***

Although some debt represents a productive investment in assets, reducing non-mortgage debt can make resources available for saving or spending to improve quality of life; it can also lead to a higher credit score.

### **Outcome Achievement**

- This outcome can be achieved only once per session, if the total non-mortgage debt is reduced by 10% or more.
- This outcome can be achieved multiple times over a client’s FEC engagement.
- Clients whose credit reports show debt, and those who report other debt, are eligible for this outcome.
- Only clients who attend two or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

### **Calculation**

- The outcome is calculated by comparing a client’s baseline total non-mortgage debt value (sum of client’s revolving balance and non-mortgage installment balance reported on the credit report in FECBOT plus “other debt” reported by the client and manually entered into FECBOT), to their most recent total value.
- The baseline value is updated every time the outcome is achieved (new baseline is the lower value that is less than or equal to 90% of the previous baseline) or when the total debt value increases.
- Only one outcome can be achieved in each session even if the total amount of non-mortgage debt reduced is greater than 10% (e.g. a 100% decrease in non-mortgage debt in one session is only one outcome).

### **Eligible Documentation**

- Credit pull demonstrating debt reduction; OR
- Letter from creditor or debt collector demonstrating debt reduction; OR
- Declaration signed by client.

### **Decrease non-mortgage debt by at least 10%--Example Scenarios**

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Report Non-Mortgage Debt:</li> <li>• Other Debt:</li> <li>• Total Nonmortgage Debt:</li> </ul>	\$5,000  \$0 \$5,000	\$4,700  \$0 \$4,700	\$4,225  \$0 \$4,225			1 outcome achieved, reduction of 15.5%

B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Report Non-Mortgage Debt:</li> <li>• Other Debt:</li> </ul>	\$9,000	\$9,500	\$9,300			1 outcome achieved, reduction of 13.1%
Total Nonmortgage Debt:		\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0			
Total Nonmortgage Debt:		\$10,200	\$10,700 *baseline updated to higher value	\$9,300			
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Report Non-Mortgage Debt:</li> <li>• Other Debt:</li> </ul>	\$500	\$250 – 1 outcome achieved (50 % reduction), baseline reset to lower value	\$200 – 1 outcome achieved (20% reduction), baseline reset to lower value	\$5,000 – baseline reset to higher value	\$4,800	2 outcomes achieved, would need to decrease by another \$300 to claim 3 <sup>rd</sup> outcome
Total Nonmortgage Debt:		\$0					
Total Nonmortgage Debt:		\$500					

**Outcome**

Reduce the number of delinquent accounts.

**Definition**

A client has at least one fewer delinquent (past due) account on their credit report.

**Philosophy**

On time bill payment is the most important part of the credit score algorithm.

**Outcome Achievement**

- This outcome can be achieved multiple times per session (once per account brought current) and over a client’s engagement.
- Only clients with delinquent accounts are eligible.
- Only clients who attend two or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

**Calculation**

- This outcome is calculated by comparing a client’s baseline number of delinquent accounts reported on their credit report in FECBOT to their most recent value.
- The baseline value is updated every time the credit report is pulled if the number of delinquent accounts is higher.

**Eligible Documentation**

Two or more Experian credit reports pulled directly into FECBOT demonstrating reduction in delinquent accounts.

**Reduce the number of delinquent accounts—Example Scenarios**

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	Number of Delinquent Accounts	5 accounts	5 accounts	3 accounts– 2 outcomes achieved, baseline updated to 3	4 accounts, baseline updated to 4	2 outcomes achieved
B	Number of Delinquent Accounts	0	0	1	0 – 1 outcome achieved	1 outcome achieved

## **SAVINGS OUTCOMES**

### ***Outcome***

Increase amount set aside for the future.

### ***Definition***

A client increases their total monetary savings by an amount equal to at least one week’s worth of their income.

### ***Philosophy***

Small amounts of savings can mitigate income volatility and unexpected expenses, which can lead to financial instability.

### ***Outcome Achievement***

- This outcome can be achieved once per session, and multiple times over a client’s FEC engagement.
- To achieve this outcome, counselors must enter all income sources and current savings (not being used in the coming month) in FECBOT’s Money Tracker. These values must be updated in the Money Tracker every session where savings is discussed.
- All clients are eligible for this outcome.
- Only clients who attend two or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

### ***Calculation***

- This outcome is calculated by comparing a client’s “Current Amount of Total Savings” value (sum of savings types) to their baseline.
- The baseline is set when they first complete both the income and savings sections of the Money Tracker, and updated every time the outcome is achieved, their income increases or decreases, or their baseline savings decreases.

- The client's monthly income (post-tax) recorded at a *prior* session is used to calculate the increase in savings required to achieve the outcome (changes to income recorded at the current session would not impact an outcome that could be otherwise achieved).
- One week's worth of income is calculated by taking the sum of all income listed on the Money Tracker and multiplying the monthly amount by 24%.

### **Eligible Documentation**

- Statement of account with client's name (if a formal location); OR
- Financial institution-based account balance information; OR
- Letter signed by entity or individual holding funds; OR
- Declaration signed by client.

### **Set aside at least one week's worth of income for the future—Example Scenarios**

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	Current Amount of Total Savings	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	1 outcome achieved in Session 3 (based on most recent monthly income as reported at Session 2)
	Monthly Income	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	
	Baseline	$(2,000 \times .24) + 1,000 = \$1,480$	\$1,480	\$1,480	\$2,100	
B	Current Amount of Total Savings	\$500	\$0	\$150	\$2,000	1 outcome achieved in Session 4 despite more than 5x increase
	Monthly Income	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
	Baseline	$(1500 \times .24) + 500 = \$860$	\$860	\$360	\$360	

### **Outcome**

Adopt new savings behaviors.

### **Definition**

A client reports using any one or more of several research-based savings behaviors or strategies over multiple sessions.

### **Philosophy**

Adoption of positive behaviors (aka strategies) may be more indicative of long-term financial stability than a snapshot of savings balances.

<b>Behavior</b>	<b>Examples (counselors may use other examples as well)</b>
<b>Spend Less</b>	Reduce Spending: buy less expensive things Avoid Spending: don't buy things you want Follow a budget or rules about how much to spend or save
<b>Set Aside Bigger Amounts of Money</b>	Set aside change or a percent of each purchase Set aside windfalls or spikes in income
<b>Make More Money to Set Aside</b>	Sell something you own and set aside the money Earn more (work more hours, take another job) and set aside the money Move money to higher interest accounts
<b>Set Aside Money More Frequently</b>	Make more deposits Get reminders to move money into savings from an app or a person
<b>Convert Cash to Assets So it Can't be Spent</b>	Pay in advance or buy in bulk Buy something to sell later Lend money to someone who will pay it back later Increase withholding to get a bigger tax return
<b>Mentally Separate Spending Money from Money Set Aside for the Future</b>	Keep funds in one place but tell yourself that certain amounts are for spending versus saving
<b>Physically Separate Spending Money from Money Set Aside for the Future</b>	Put cash at home in different places for spending versus saving (envelopes, jars etc.) Use separate checking and savings accounts Use multiple savings accounts for different goals or timeframes
<b>Set Aside Money Automatically</b>	Use direct deposit Split direct deposit or tax refund into savings and checking Use automatic transfers into savings Use an app that automatically moves money into savings
<i>Note: Opening a bank account is critical to savings and could be considered a 10th good savings behavior. It is not included here because opening a banking account is a separate outcome.</i>	

### **Savings Behaviors**

#### **Outcome Achievement**

- This outcome can be achieved only once per session, regardless of how many behaviors were adopted at that session, but multiple times over a client's FEC engagement if they continue to adopt more behaviors.
- Clients are eligible for this outcome if there is at least one behavior which they were not using when their initial intake of savings behaviors was completed.
- To achieve this outcome, counselors must discuss all eight savings strategies during the initial savings session, and enter whether the client used any of the behaviors in the last month. At

each follow-up session, counselors should ask whether the client has started any of previously unused strategies and enter their responses.

- Only clients who attend three or more sessions can achieve this outcome.

### **Calculation**

The outcome is achieved when: (a) Client was not currently engaged in a given savings behavior when their initial intake of savings behaviors was completed “No”; (b) Client started the behavior while in counseling “Yes”; and (c) The new behavior is recorded “Yes” at any two subsequent (not necessarily consecutive) counseling sessions.

### **Eligible Documentation**

To demonstrate that a behavior has been adopted at least two forms of documentation must be provided (one per occurrence)

- Credible documentation demonstrating behavior; OR
- Declaration signed by client

### **Adopt new savings behaviors—Example Scenario**

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	1. Spend Less 2. Set aside bigger amounts of money 3. Make more money to set aside 4. Set aside money for frequently 5. Convert cash to assets so it can't be spent 6. Mentally separate spending-money from money to set aside for the future 7. Physically separate spending-money from money set aside for the future 8. Set aside money automatically 9. Other	1. No 2. No 3. No 4. No 5. No 6. No 7. Yes 8. Yes 9. No *Because they are already “physically separating” and “setting aside money automatically” these two are ineligible to count towards future outcomes	1. Yes 2. Yes 3. No 4. No 5. No 6. Yes. 7. Yes 8. Yes 9. No	1. Yes 2. No 3. No 4. No 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes 8. Yes 9. No *1 outcome achieved, two new behaviors adopted (Spending Less & Mentally separating)	1. Yes 2. Yes 3. No 4. No 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes 8. No 9. No *1 outcome achieved, 1 new behavior adopted (set aside bigger amounts of money)	2 outcomes achieved

## LEGACY PLANNING OUTCOMES

### Outcome

Prepare for legacy planning.

### Definition

A client completes any two research-backed counseling activities which increase their readiness to take actions that protect and/or transfer assets in the event of their incapacitation or demise.

### Philosophy

Identifying assets and beginning to understand legacy planning options prepares clients to take action to protect and/or transfer assets in the event of their incapacitation or demise.

### Outcome Achievement

- All clients are eligible for this outcome.
- This outcome can be achieved multiple times in one FEC session.
- This outcome can be achieved multiple times over the course of a client’s FEC engagement.

### Calculation

- This outcome is achieved every time a client achieves any two of the following activities:
  - Create list of assets
  - Estimate legacy planning expenses
  - Complete Trust&Will.com Preparation Document
  - Review life insurance policies
  - Review other insurance plans (disability, accident, home, etc.)
  - Review property title
  - Review vehicle title
  - Organize and safely store executed legacy planning materials
- Each counseling activity can be achieved multiple times, but only once per session.
- Achievements do not need to occur in the same session to count towards the outcome.

### Eligible Documentation

- Client signs Client Outcome Declaration form.
- Counselors may **not** upload any documents related to achieving this outcome into the FEC database.

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	• Create list of assets	No	Yes	No	1 outcome is achieved in Session 2. The client is eligible for additional outcomes at a later date once 2 additional counseling activities are achieved.
	• Review life insurance policies	No	Yes	No	

B	• Create list of assets	No	Yes	No	0 – Client needs to achieve 1 additional counseling activity to achieve an outcome.
	• Review life insurance policies	No	No	No	
C	• Create list of assets	No	Yes	No	1 outcome is achieved in Session 3. The client is eligible for additional outcomes at a later date once 2 additional counseling activities are achieved.
	• Review life insurance policies	No	No	Yes	

### **Outcome**

Protect an asset.

### **Definition**

A client creates formal documentation of asset ownership and/or asset transfer instructions.

### **Philosophy**

Formally documented asset ownership and transfer instructions prevent the client’s assets (including their self-determination concerning their health and finances) from being lost or diminished in the event of their incapacitation or demise. Taking formal action to protect an asset in the event of a client’s incapacitation supports the client’s wishes and facilitates the transfer of assets to subsequent generations.

### **Outcome Achievement**

- This outcome can be achieved multiple times in one FEC session.
- This outcome can be achieved multiple times over the course of a client’s FEC engagement.
- All clients are eligible for this outcome.

### **Calculation**

- This outcome is achieved every time a client achieves any of the following counseling activities:
  - Add beneficiaries to bank account(s)
  - Add beneficiaries to retirement/investment account(s)
  - Add beneficiaries to insurance policies
  - Update property title
  - Update vehicle title
  - Execute Last Will & Testament
  - Execute HIPAA Authorization
  - Execute Power of Attorney
  - Execute Living Will
- Each counseling activity can be achieved multiple times over the course of a client’s FEC engagement but only once per session. Multiple outcomes can be achieved each session – one per each counseling activity achieved.

**Eligible Documentation**

- Declaration signed by client via Client Outcome Declaration Form.
- Counselors may **not** upload into the FEC database any documents related to achieving this outcome.

Scenario	Relevant Data Field(s)	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total Outcomes Achieved
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add beneficiaries to bank account(s)</li> </ul>	No	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b> - one outcome in Session 2 and another in Session 3. The client is eligible for additional outcomes if the counseling activity is achieved again in a future session.
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Execute Last Will &amp; Testament</li> <li>• Execute HIPAA Authorization</li> <li>• Execute Power of Attorney</li> <li>• Execute Living Will</li> </ul>	No	Yes	No	<b>4</b> outcomes are achieved in session 2. The client is eligible for additional outcomes if any of the counseling activities are achieved again in a future session.

## Financial Counselor Code of Ethics and Professional Practices

### Code of Ethics

CFE certified financial empowerment counselors and coaches shall be guided by the following principles and values:

- Integrity and honesty
  - Engage and conduct oneself in a manner that encourages honesty and ethical conduct among clients, the organization and external parties
  - Disclose any potential conflicts of interests
  - Avoid the appearance of impropriety or self-dealing
- Client-Centered Focus
  - Ascertain the client's goals and vision, and ensure that financial advice and guidance given aligns with client goals and vision
  - Ensure that the client understands financial advice given, any potential risks and is able to make informed decisions
  - Maintain awareness of diverse cultural practices, norms and beliefs in order to provide culturally responsive guidance
- Confidentiality
  - Acquire and disseminate information through ethical and appropriate means
  - Safeguard restricted or confidential information
  - Secure client's informed consent and understanding of need to share before sharing client's restricted or confidential information
- Competence
  - Apply and continuously update knowledge, skills and/or training necessary to assist clients
  - Acknowledge and openly communicate to clients limits on expertise, skills and/or training
  - Maintain and facilitate access or referrals to professionals and other resources to provide the client with competent guidance in matters beyond the scope of counselor/coach expertise
- Professionalism
  - Exhibit respect and honesty in all dealings with client and others
  - Engage in conduct that exhibits respect for a client's concerns, goals and values; and does not dismiss, disparage or display untrustworthy behavior towards client or others
- Respect
  - Treat everyone with respect and dignity
  - Promote and enforce zero tolerance towards conduct and policies that discriminate based on gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion or sexual orientation, socio-economic status or educational attainment; or demonstrate favoritism, or create a hostile environment for clients, co-workers or others

## Code of Conduct

Integrity and honesty	Financial counselors and coaches shall not:	Integrity and honesty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Engage and conduct oneself in a manner that encourages honesty and ethical conduct among clients, the organization and external parties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Engage in conduct that encourages or suggests tolerance of lack of honesty and unethical conduct by clients, the organization or external parties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Counselor/coach falsifies or encourages or leads client to falsify information; conspiring with creditor to misrepresent debt status on client’s credit report in exchange for payment</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Disclose any potential conflicts of interests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Fail to disclose personal, organization’s or related party’s interest in outcomes, or benefits to be derived from client’s case</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Referring client: to an attorney who is a relative; to bank that makes an annual contribution because of customer referral</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Avoid the appearance of impropriety or self-dealing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Engage in conduct that creates the impression that counselor/coach is involved in dishonesty, inappropriate behavior, or stands to gain from actions even if unintended or not guided by inappropriate motives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Counselor/coach deliberately withholds information from client, becomes romantically involved with client; presses client to open account at specific bank without evaluating costs and terms because of year-end performance metrics</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Provide client with best financial advice based on most objective factual information available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Fail to maintain and update knowledge on latest changes or new information on rules/regulations, or information derived from handling client’s case</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Not staying abreast of changes to consumer regulations so client cannot best assert rights; not informing client of new offer from creditor in negotiating debt settlement because counselor/coach thinks a lower offer is possible</li> </ul>

Client centered focus	Financial counselors and coaches shall not:	Examples:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ascertain the client’s goals and vision, and ensure that financial advice and guidance given aligns with client goals and vision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to discuss and solicit information from client on concerns and what s/he wants to accomplish before offering guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Making assumptions about what is best in the counselor/coach’s judgment; substituting own judgment for client’s, and creating plan based on own judgment</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure that the client understands financial advice given, any potential risks and is able to make informed decisions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to confirm client’s understanding of financial advice given, that client understands the pros and cons of the advice and its consequences, and makes a decision based on a full explanation of information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advising a parent to help a child build credit by obtaining an authorized user card without explaining that the parent is primarily liable for the debt, and credit can be damaged if child is not as responsible user or guarantying a loan that might result in collection action again guarantor when primary borrower doesn’t pay</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attend to and execute duties for client in timely manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to meet deadlines for which they have taken responsibility, advise client if there are delays or need to reschedule or extension requests needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not showing up at all or on time for scheduled meetings without giving client reasonable notice; not meeting deadlines for which s/he has taken responsibility, or completing work as agreed with client</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update client on relevant developments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to update client on new developments, progress or setbacks in case</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not informing client that circumstances have changed in consumer protection laws; letting client know about additional information needed and deadline if any; not informing client of decisions received on relevant aspect of case such as creditor’s settlement offer or denial</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain awareness of diverse cultural practices, norms and beliefs in order to provide culturally responsive guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to learn about the client’s cultural, concerns and values; fail to provide guidance and solutions that are culturally appropriate in the context, and can be implemented by the client</li> <li>● Make assumptions about the client’s culture, religion or values; impose own values and perspectives; take for granted that client understands the process or system without confirming understanding respectfully and tactfully</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assuming client is familiar with the real estate transactions in a home buying process; not taking a client’s immigration status into account when providing financial advice; not arranging for a competent and non-conflicted translator for a limited English language speaker; not making appointments on certain holidays</li> </ul>

Confidentiality	Financial counselors and coaches shall not:	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercise care in protecting client information from unintended and unauthorized disclosure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fail to exercise care to prevent unauthorized access or exposure to client information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaving client file, or computer screen unattended in a public space; sharing client information over a public platform; speaking with an authorized client about a client in an open space where an unauthorized person may overhear</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain an environment that protects client privacy and confidentiality during counseling/coaching sessions and during all communications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide counseling sessions in a setting in which client information, and counseling/coaching session can be overheard, or documents and communication are open to view by public or others without the consent of the client</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing counseling/coaching sessions in an open area vs. a private area; speaking to client or to a third party about a client matter over the phone where conversation can be overheard by others</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and store client information, data and communications in a manner that results in the greatest security and privacy possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and store client information, data and communications in areas accessible by unauthorized individuals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placing client files in cabinet with general organization operational files accessible by non-counseling/coaching staff; not requiring a password, or security code or key for access to storage modality with client records</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide client with confidentiality and privacy policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fail to advise client in writing about his/her right to have information shared with counselor/coach be held in confidence, and there is a right to privacy, including when and under what circumstances information will be shared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advising client that information may be shared with supervisor or colleagues to develop solutions; that information will not be shared with third parties including spouses and family members without specific consent</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain written consent or authorization of client for all external client information disclosures except where there is a violation of any legal or regulatory provisions, where the law requires disclosure of reporting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share client information with external social service, government, institutions or individuals without express written consent of a client, except where the law requires disclosure or reporting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call bank to discuss client's account; contacting a social service agency and divulging identifying information without the client's written consent; discussing a case with identifying information with a counselor/coach's family member. Exception where the law requires reporting of instances of physical or other abuse, or threat of danger</li> </ul>

Competence	Financial counselors and coaches shall not:	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apply the knowledge, skill, and preparation necessary to advise the client</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Undertake a client case without preparation, education, knowledge and/or training necessary to assist the client, or access to professionals or resources to provide the client with competent guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Counselor/coach has not received education or training in financial content, and or is a new counselor who does not have access to a supervisor, colleagues or others who can work closely to ensure that client is getting the proper financial advice</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engage in continuous update of knowledge of changes, trends and best practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to continue formal and informal education after initial training to keep abreast of changes in rules, regulations, financial products and industry best practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not continue to read industry related materials, attend conferences, seminars or training</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engage other professionals, partners and resources when necessary to address client needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to engage other experts, partners and resources when necessary to adequately address the client's needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A legal or health issue is identified during a session on which the counselor/coach is not qualified to address, and is should be referred to an attorney or appropriate medical service provider</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Acknowledge and openly communicate to clients limits on expertise, skills and/or training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to inform clients that requested advice is beyond the scope of counselor's expertise, skills and/or training; deliver advice in an area where a professional license is required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A client asks for legal advice about creating a will vs. a trust</li> </ul>

Professionalism	Financial counselors and coaches shall not:	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exhibit respect and honesty in all dealings with client and others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disparage, dismiss or act in a manner that exhibits lack of respect towards a client or his concerns and values; or display untrustworthy behavior towards client or others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counselor/coach dismisses concerns expressed by client as unimportant, or failures to deliver on promises or commitments; demonstrating a lack of due care in handling the client's matter</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspire towards excellence in service and responsibility for best client outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intentionally, or knowingly fail to do all that is necessary and appropriate to deliver the best outcomes for the client</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counselor/coach does not consult colleagues or legal counsel to examine alternatives solutions to client's issues when s/he is aware that such additional advice may impact an outcome</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspire to contribute to the body of knowledge and best practices in financial empowerment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fail to learn and improve own knowledge and skills, and share them with colleagues and others in the financial empowerment community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counselor learns about new banking product for low-income clients, or new resources, and does not share it with colleagues and/or organization</li> </ul>

Respect	Financial counselors and coaches shall not:	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treat everyone with respect and dignity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discriminate based on gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion or sexual orientation, socio-economic status or educational attainment; or demonstrate favoritism, or create a hostile environment for clients, co-workers or others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Counselor/coach refuses to work with members of certain groups, or provides more service to group not based on need but on favoritism, or makes members of certain groups feel unwelcome, or subject to inappropriate behavior</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strive to enhance access to information, opportunities and resources for the vulnerable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to attempt to identify resources and opportunities for those who are likely to have no limited access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Having documents, explanations written in foreign language; connecting client to benefits they are unaware of, but for which they are eligible</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strive to contribute to the body of knowledge that will improve policies that address the needs of the poor, working poor, and disadvantaged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fail to call attention to issues or trends that are identified that have an impact on the financial well-being of clients or communities, and creating or contributing to opportunities to improve policies</li> </ul>	



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August 8, 2025

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
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RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with **Mount Vernon United Tenants** to install a City Resource Kiosk at their Mount Vernon facility. For consideration on the agenda at the August 13th, 2025, City Council meeting.

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mount Vernon United Tenants (MVUT) for the installation of a City-operated Resource Kiosk at their Mount Vernon facility.

This partnership supports the City's ongoing efforts to expand equitable access to essential City services. The proposed electronic kiosk will serve as a one-stop access point for residents to connect with a wide range of resources and programs, including:

- Filing housing and quality-of-life complaints
- Accessing senior services and benefits
- Exploring youth and recreation opportunities
- Learning about veterans' programs and support services

The MOU outlines mutual responsibilities for installation, maintenance, and access. The City will install and maintain the kiosk at its own expense, while MVUT will host the kiosk and provide reasonable access for City maintenance and support personnel. There is no additional cost to the City as the kiosks were already purchased with grant funds. The smart tablet will be provided by Management Services from existing inventory. The kiosk will remain the property of the City.

A copy of the proposed MOU is attached for your review. We believe this initiative represents a meaningful opportunity to bring City government closer to the community and improve service delivery for Mount Vernon residents.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and stand ready to provide additional information or respond to any questions you may have.





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RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with **Westchester Neighborhood Health Center** to install a City Resource Kiosk at their Mount Vernon facility. For consideration on the agenda at the August 13th, 2025 City Council meeting.

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Westchester Neighborhood Health Center (WNHC) for the installation of a City-operated Resource Kiosk at their Mount Vernon facility.

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August 13, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
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Subject: Request to Establish Custodial Account for 55 Pondfield Parkway.

This letter respectfully requests that the City Council approve legislation authorizing the Office of the City Comptroller to establish a custodial account to support the management of funds associated with a Planning Board project. This custodial account will be used by the Planning Board to retain the services of a consultant and or expert in the review and evaluation of applications. The initial use of this custodial account will support the review of a subdivision application for:

**55 Pondfield Parkway**

c/o Dan Amicucci dan@designbldr.com  
914-907-3940

The custodial account will be necessary to ensure proper management of funds and be in compliance with all city requirements. It will also allow the consultant for this project (LaBella) to proceed with the scope of work that has already been prepared for the current application before the Planning Board - 55 Pondfield Parkway.

If this meets with the City Council's approval, I ask that the necessary legislation be enacted to reflect this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Legislative Assistant to the  
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August 11, 2025

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members  
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RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to amend the Professional Services Agreement between LaBella Associates, DPC and the City of Mount Vernon to add consulting services for Planning Board review. For consideration on the agenda at the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 City Council meeting.

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request for the City Council to enact legislation amend the Professional Services Agreement between LaBella Associates, DPC and the City of Mount Vernon to add consulting services for Planning Board review.

As per Article XVII of the Rules of Procedure for the City of Mount Vernon Planning Board, "The Board may hire any consultant and/or expert necessary to assist the Board in reviewing and evaluating an application." The Rules of Procedure go on to establish a method of payment for these consultant services using an escrow account funded by a project applicant.

The Planning Board is currently in need of consultant services to assist in their review of a subdivision application for 55 Pondfield Parkway and it would be beneficial to both the Planning Board and future applicants to have a consultant in place who can provide these services in relatively short order once the Planning Board identifies an application that is in need of additional review.

The Department of Planning and Community Development has requested LaBella to prepare a change order that will be reviewed by the Law Department prior to the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 City Council meeting. If approved by the Mayor and City Council, this will allow LaBella to proceed with the scope of work that has already been prepared for the current application before the Planning Board (55 Pondfield Parkway) as well as future applications.

We thank the City Council for its consideration with this matter. It is critical for PCD to be able to help process and resolve matters before the City's land use boards as expeditiously as possible so as to not impede the future growth of the City or cause unnecessary delays for applicants before our Boards. I am available to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request.

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August 4, 2025

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RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to update the City Municipal Code to extend the expiration of approvals from the City's Land Use Boards from 2 years to 30 months after the issuance of a building permit. For consideration on the agenda at the August 13, 2025 City Council meeting.

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request for the City Council to enact legislation to extend the expiration of approvals from the City's Land Use Boards. This would require an amendment to *Chapter 267 – Zoning* as well as *Chapter 10 – Architectural Review Board*.

All three of the City's Land Use Boards (Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Architectural Review Board) currently issue approvals to applicants which expire if construction has not been completed within 2 years of the issuance of a building permit. In recent months, however, this has led to a number of requests for time extensions for situations where work was not completed within 2 years.

While 1- and 2-family residential projects can typically be completed within two years after receiving a building permit, anticipated changes to the City's zoning after the completion of the comprehensive plan will likely lead to more multi-family or commercial projects which have the potential to take longer to construct. To bring applicants back in front of multiple boards for approval extensions creates additional cost and burden for applicants and adds to the workload of our volunteer boards and the staff that serve them. We believe that allowing applicants an additional 6 months to complete their construction projects will help applicants avoid these extra costs, while still requiring construction to be completed within a reasonable timeframe.

Specifically, we recommend the following sections of the municipal code be amended as follows:

[§ 267-49 Expiration.](#)

A variance granted under this chapter shall automatically expire if a building permit for construction in accordance with the plans for which such variance was granted has not been issued within one year of the date of the variance and if all construction is not completed within ~~two years~~ **[30 months]** of the date of issuance of the building permit, or if both have not occurred within such other time limits as may be established by the Board of Appeals in connection with its decision. Such time limits shall be tolled by any judicial proceedings to review the Board's decision.

[§ 267-36\(D\) Expiration.](#) Unless otherwise specifically set forth by the Planning Board in connection with its approval of a site plan, such approval shall expire if a building permit is not issued within one year from the date of approval and if





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all construction work is not completed within ~~two years~~ **[30 months]** of the date of issue of such permit. Upon application to the Planning Board, extensions totaling a maximum of 12 months may be granted to each of these time periods, for appropriate cause. Such time limits shall be tolled by any judicial proceedings to review the Board's decision.

§ 10-8(E) Expiration. Unless otherwise specifically set forth by the Architectural Review Board in connection with its approval of a certificate of appropriateness, such approval shall expire if a building permit is not issued within one year from the date of approval and if all construction work is not completed within ~~two years~~ **[30 months]** of the date of issue of such permit. Upon application to the Architectural Review Board, extensions totaling a maximum of 12 months may be granted to each of these time periods for appropriate cause. Such time limits shall be tolled by any judicial proceedings to review the Architectural Review Board's decision.

We thank the City Council for your support in addressing the needs in the city. I am available to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
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THE CITY'S LAND USE BOARDS TO THE CITY CORPORATION COUNSEL,  
CITY PLANNING BOARD, AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
PLANNING BOARD, AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon proposes to amend Chapter 10 (Architectural Review Board) and Chapter 267 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon to extend the expiration of approvals from the City's Land Use Boards from two years to 30 months after the issuance of a building permit ("Code Amendment"); and

**WHEREAS**, although one- and two-family residential projects can typically be completed within the presently allotted two years after receiving a building permit, anticipated changes to the City's zoning after the completion of the comprehensive plan will likely lead to more multi-family or commercial projects which have the potential to take longer to construct; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring applicants to return to multiple boards for approval extensions creates additional cost and burden for applicants and adds to the workload of the City's volunteer boards and the staff that serve them, and the City Council finds that it is necessary and desirable, as a matter of public policy, to allow applicants an additional six months (for a total of 30) to complete their construction projects and to help applicants avoid these extra costs, while still requiring construction to be completed within a reasonable timeframe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, in conjunction with its Staff, prepared a draft "Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 (Architectural Review Board) and Chapter 267 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon to Extend the Expiration of Approvals from the City's Land Use Boards from Two Years to 30 Months" ("Code Amendment"), a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Amendment is classified as a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 ("SEQRA"), and no further review is required in accordance with SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is required to refer the Code Amendment to the Corporation Counsel and Planning Board for their respective reviews and reports pursuant to Section 267-59 of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 267-59 of the Code requires the Corporation Counsel and the Planning Board to report its recommendations to the City Council with respect to the Code Amendment within 30 days after referral; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is also required to refer the Code Amendment to the Westchester County Planning Board pursuant to Section 267-62 of the Code, and Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of scheduling a Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment for \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 pursuant to Section 267-60 of the Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for review of the Code Amendment under SEQRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the City Clerk to refer the Code Amendment to the City of Mount Vernon Corporation Counsel and Planning Board for their respective reports pursuant to Section 267-59 of the Code; and be it

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council shall hold a Public Hearing on the Code Amendment on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Council Chambers – Room 206, 1 Roosevelt Square N., Mount Vernon, New York, 10550, where public comment will be heard regarding the Code Amendment, and written comments on the Code Amendment are requested, and will be accepted by the City Council up to ten (10) days following the close of the Public Hearing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk shall arrange to fulfill the notice requirements for the Public Hearing pursuant to Section 267-61 of the Code; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Council Person

THIS RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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President

Attest:

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City Clerk

APPROVED

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Date

By

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Mayor



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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JAMES RAUSSE, FAICP, WEDG  
COMMISSIONER

August 6, 2025

VIA EMAIL:

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: Request for the City Council to enact legislation to update the City Municipal Code to permit and regulate gyms and health clubs. For consideration on the agenda at the August 13, 2025 City Council meeting.

Honorable City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request for the City Council to enact legislation to update the City Municipal Code to permit and regulate gyms and health clubs. This would require an amendment to *Chapter 267 – Zoning*.

Although Mount Vernon has several existing and well-known gyms/health clubs that have operated in the city for many years, Chapter 267 – Zoning does not list gyms or health clubs as permitted uses anywhere in the city. This has meant that these businesses, although currently operating, cannot receive Certificates of Tenancy or Certificates of Occupancy from the Building Department. This has also meant that new businesses of this type cannot receive approvals from any of the city's land use boards.

Although not listed as a permitted use in *Chapter 267 – Zoning*, this chapter does, however, contain a definition for health clubs as follows:

**HEALTH CLUB** - Membership facilities designed and used for body conditioning and rehabilitation, including activities such as aerobic and related class exercises. Health clubs may contain equipment such as whirlpools, saunas, steam rooms, showers, locker facilities and, as an accessory use, a health food bar.

Health clubs are also listed in the schedule of off-street parking and loading requirements with a parking requirement of 5 spaces per 1,000 sf of gross floor area.

Given that *Chapter 267 – Zoning* already provides the above definition and parking requirements for Health Clubs, it suggests that the absence of health clubs being listed as a permitted use in the ordinance is perhaps an oversight or error in the existing code. We believe that the best course of action would be for the City Council to consider making an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add health clubs as principal permitted uses in the following zoning districts: CB, NB, DB, OB, LI-7.5, I, MVW-H, MVW-C, DTOAD, MX-1, TOD-1. We also recommend that the definition of Health Club be amended to include mention of amenities such as free weights, cardio equipment and boxing equipment, since these amenities are now commonly found in health club facilities.

We thank the City Council for your support in addressing the needs in the city. I am available to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request.





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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Rausse".

JAMES RAUSSE, FAICP, WEDG

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Comptroller Darren M. Morton  
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
DESIGNATING ITSELF AS LEAD AGENCY FOR PROPOSED ZONING  
AMENDMENTS REGARDING HEALTH CLUBS IN THE MX-1, MVW-H,  
MVW-C, NB, OB, DB, CB, LI-7.5, LI-15, I, TOD-1, AND DTOAD DISTRICTS,  
REFERRING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CORPORATION COUNSEL,  
CITY PLANNING BOARD, AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
PLANNING BOARD, AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon proposes to amend Chapter 267 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon (“Code”) to permit and regulate, as principal permitted uses, “Health Clubs” in the City’s MX-1 Commercial Corridor, MVW-H Mount Vernon West Transit Oriented Development Zone (Hub), MVW-C Mount Vernon West Transit Oriented Development Zone (Corridor), NB Neighborhood Business, OB Office Business, DB Downtown Business, CB Commercial Business, LI-7.5 Landscaped Industrial, LI-15 Landscaped Industrial, I Industry, TOD-1 Mount Vernon East TOD High Density, and DTOAD Downtown Transit Oriented Arts Districts in the City of Mount Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary and desirable, as a matter of public policy, to permit health clubs as principal permitted uses in the aforementioned Districts in the City of Mount Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 267 already provides a definition of “Health Club” in Section 267-4 (Definitions), as well as parking requirements for “Health Clubs” in 267 Attachment 3 (Off-Street Parking and Loading Space Requirements), suggesting that the absence of health clubs being listed as a permitted use in any district was an oversight or error in the existing Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, in conjunction with its Staff, prepared a draft “Ordinance to Amend Chapter 267 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Mount Vernon to Permit and Regulate Health Clubs in the MX-1, MVW-H, MVW-C, NB, OB, DB, CB, LI-7.5, LI-15, I, TOD-1, and DTOAD Districts” (“Code Amendment”), a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code Amendment is classified as a Type I Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (“SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to designate itself as Lead Agency for the review of the Code Amendment under SEQRA pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.6(b)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is required to refer the Code Amendment to the Corporation Counsel and Planning Board for their respective reviews and reports pursuant to Section 267-59 of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 267-59 of the Code requires the Corporation Counsel and the Planning Board to report its recommendations to the City Council with respect to the Code Amendment within 30 days after referral; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of scheduling a Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment for [REDACTED], 2025 pursuant to Section 267-60 of the Code.

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Council Person

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Attest:

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August 8, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square Mount  
Vernon, NY 10550

Subject: Request to Establish a Custodial Account - Sentinel on Third

This letter respectfully requests that the City Council approve legislation authorizing the Office of the City Comptroller to establish a custodial account for the above-mentioned project. This custodial account will serve as a holding account until the developer of this project successfully completes their required presentation to the City Council and successfully submits their application, and reimbursement for attorney fees associated with the development.

A custodial account is necessary to ensure proper management of funds to follow all city requirements. This will help streamline the onboarding process for this project and make for a smoother transition once the developer is prepared to move forward with the City Council review process.

If this meets with the City Council's approval, please approve the above requested legislation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicole Bonilla, MBA  
City Clerk