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REVISED LETTER

February 5, 2026

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

Re: Mr. Jawwad Abdul-Halim - Promotion from Code Enforcement Officer to Code Enforcement Coordinator

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to formally request approval to promote Mr. Jawwad Abdul-Halim, who currently serves as a Code Enforcement Officer within the Department of Public Works, to the title of Tree Trimmer, effective February 9, 2026.

Over the most recent enforcement period, the current Code Enforcement Officer has issued more than \$1.6 million in summonses and violations (*please see attached report*), representing an unprecedented level of compliance enforcement, revenue generation, and public-safety impact for the City. This level of output significantly exceeds the customary scope of an individual enforcement role and reflects responsibilities more consistent with a program-level position.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting the following legislative approval(s) by this Honorable City Council and thereafter submitted to the Board of Estimate for authorization:

Step 1 - Transfer of Funds

Funding for this acquisition is available via the following 2026FY Budget Transfer.

From	To
A8160.203 Sanitation (Equipment) - \$1,586.25	A8160.101 Sanitation (Salaries and Wages) - \$1,586.25

***The current salary of \$73,818 for Code Enforcement Officer is already budgeted within A8160.101 Sanitation (Salaries and Wages), therefore there is no need to transfer these funds.**



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Step 2 - Salary Amendment

The proposed promotion includes the following salary amendment to transfer the remaining salary for the Code Enforcement Officer to fund the Code Enforcement Coordinator, as follows:

Title	New Salary
Code Enforcement Officer	\$1.00
Code Enforcement Coordinator – Fund	\$75,069.64

Step 3 - Leave of Absence:

I respectfully request legislation from your Honorable Body granting a one (1) year leave of absence for Mr. Jawwad Abdul-Halim, **Code Enforcement Officer** to fulfill the position of **Code Enforcement Coordinator** within the Department of Public Works. Mr. Abdul-Halim's Leave of Absence will be effective from February 9, 2026, through February 8, 2027, in accordance with his Teamsters Local 456 Union Contract.

Step 4 – Salary Resolution - Subsequently, a corresponding separate Salary Resolution will be sent to the Board of Estimate, to coincide with this legislative request upon approval.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
DLB/db
Cc: Human Resources
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Attachments: Code Enforcement Report
Code Enforcement Coordinator – Civil Service Job Specifications