

## **COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA**

September 9, 2021

The following meeting has been scheduled for **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021:**

**6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Local Law No.5 of the year 2021 entitled “A Local Law of the City of North Tonawanda, New York to override the Tax Levey Limit Established in the General Municipal Law Section 3-c”**

**6:30 P.M. Presentation by Girl Scout Troop 70268 on their Silver Award Project of installing Stormwater Medallions on Storm Water Receivers throughout the City of North Tonawanda**

**6:45 P.M. Laura Wilson - RE: Presentation from Tolemi for Building Blocks Software**

**6:45 P.M. Common Council Re: General Discussion**

Respectfully submitted,



**Donna L. Braun  
City Clerk-Treasurer**

# LEGAL NOTICE

**Please take notice that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York 14120. The purpose of said public hearing will be to accept comments on proposed Local Law No. 5 of the year 2021 entitled “ A Local Law of the City of North Tonawanda, New York to override the Tax Levy Limit established in the General Municipal Law Section 3-c.” A copy of said proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 is available and may be inspected on the City Hall website “ [www.northtonawanda.org](http://www.northtonawanda.org) “**

## **LOCAL LAW No. 5 of 2021**

### **A LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of North Tonawanda in the county of Niagara, as follows:

#### **Section 1. Legislative intent**

It is the intent of the Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the City of North Tonawanda, County of Niagara, State of New York pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow City of North Tonawanda to adopt a budget for (a) City purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Common Council for the Fiscal Year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by the General Municipal Law 3-c.

#### **Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Common Council to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Common Council.

#### **Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law 3-c.

#### **Section 4. Severability**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of the Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of the Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

#### **Section 5. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with Secretary of State.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THE EXTENT THAT THIS LOCAL LAW MAY CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF THE GENERAL CITY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, IT IS STATED INTENTION OF THE CITY TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO SPERSEDE AND AMEND, AS GRANTED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SECTION 10. THE CITY HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE THAT IT IS EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE AND AMEND PURSANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SECTION 22.



# City of North Tonawanda

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September 7th, 2021

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City Hall  
216 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Building Blocks software license

Dear Honorable Body;

The City has received grant funding from the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) to analyze and address the issue of vacant and 'zombie' properties in North Tonawanda. There are a number of action items and deliverables to be completed with this grant program to make positive steps in identifying, understanding, and addressing these issues in our community.

One of the deliverables of the grant program is to utilize new technology and software to improve the City's capacity for tracking and understanding property issues. During the first round of LISC grant funding the City established the use of "Building Blocks", software provided by Tolemi. This program provides data aggregation and spatial analysis capabilities of a wide variety of public data including property sales, assessment, code violations, public safety, vacancy, zombie properties, and more. Tolemi provides annual technical and analytic support for Building Blocks. An annual license for Building Blocks includes 5 users.

The annual renewal for Building Blocks is \$12,600, and \$7,400 of this fee will be covered by grant funds. At this time I would like to respectfully request this Honorable Body consider approving the renewal of a 1-year license with Tolemi for the Building Blocks program which would cost the City \$5,200.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindest regards,

Laura Wilson  
Director