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COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

September 3, 2026

The following meeting has been scheduled for TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026:

6:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – To Discuss the Possible Submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant Applications for the 2026 Program Year.

**6:30 PM Laura Wilson
Dir. Community Development**

**Re: Submitting a Grant Application to the NYS
Office of Homes and Community Renewal**

- Police Chief

**Re: Amending Chapter 96 Vehicle & Traffic
§96-22 Penalties for Offences**

- Flock Representative

Re: Discussion on Flock Camera Usage

**- New Beginnings Monument
Committee – Rich Andres**

**Re: Presentation on a Sculpture called New
Beginnings**

- Common Council

Re: General Discussion

Respectfully submitted,



**Donna L. Braun
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September 1st, 2026

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 13120

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Re: Request for Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funding

Dear Honorable Body:

The City of North Tonawanda Community Development Department seeks authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to support a housing rehabilitation program.

If awarded, these funds would enable the City to assist approximately 6 to 10 low-to-moderate-income homeowners with rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units. Eligible activities may include health and safety improvements, correction of code violations, weatherization, roof replacement, window replacement, HVAC improvements, and lead, asbestos, and radon testing, remediation, and abatement.

To prepare for a competitive application, the Community Development Department has been conducting outreach to potential program participants and held a public outreach event at the North Tonawanda Public Library on August 31, 2026. In addition, the Department currently maintains a waiting list of 45 eligible applicants from throughout the City.

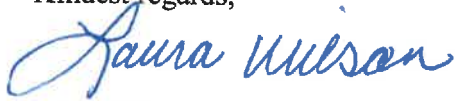
As part of this application, the Community Department is also requesting a \$25,000 commitment from the City to serve as local leverage. This local investment will strengthen the competitiveness of the application and demonstrate the City's commitment to preserving affordable housing and improving the quality of the City's housing stock.

The attached resolution would authorize the City to submit a grant application for an amount not to exceed \$500,000; authorize the Mayor, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney, to execute all necessary documents with the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal; authorize the City to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Lumber City Development Corporation for program administration; designate the Mayor as the Certifying

Officer responsible for the federal environmental review process associated with the project; and authorize the City's \$25,000 local contribution in support of the application.

I respectfully request that this Honorable Body approve the attached resolution.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Wilson

Director of Community Development

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda is an eligible applicant for New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for housing activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda is seeking funding to provide housing rehabilitation activities for low-to-moderate-income homeowners throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Lumber City Development Corporation will assist in the administration of the program and will enter into a subrecipient agreement with the City of North Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in substantial public benefit by assisting approximately six (6) to ten (10) low-to-moderate-income homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda proposes to commit **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** in local funds as leverage in support of the Community Development Block Grant application, demonstrating the City's commitment to the Project and strengthening the competitiveness of the application; and

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing on **September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** to obtain citizens' views regarding the CDBG program as administered by the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and the proposed Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda is authorized to commit **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** in local funds as leverage for the Community Development Block Grant application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Lumber City Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed **\$500,000** to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) to support the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents between the City and HCR and all related documents associated with the HCR grant application, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project.



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August 18, 2026

Mayor Austin Tylec and
The North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body,

I respectfully request that the Common Council consider amending Chapter 96 of the City Code to increase the penalties for violations involving designated truck routes and vehicle weight restrictions. The current penalty structure, which provides for a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$250, was last substantially updated many years ago. Since that time, truck traffic within the City has increased significantly, and violations involving trucks traveling off designated truck routes and exceeding weight restrictions on residential streets have become an ongoing concern.

The North Tonawanda Police Department and the Mayor's Office routinely receive complaints from residents regarding commercial trucks operating on streets where they are prohibited. These complaints consistently describe homes shaking as heavy trucks pass, excessive noise, and concerns for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Residents have also expressed frustration over the deterioration of neighborhood streets caused by overweight vehicles using roads that were never designed to accommodate heavy truck traffic.

In addition to the quality-of-life concerns, these violations have a direct financial impact on the City. Heavy commercial vehicles traveling on residential streets accelerate pavement deterioration, contribute to premature roadway failure, and increase long-term maintenance and reconstruction costs. These expenses are ultimately borne by the taxpayers of North Tonawanda.

The existing maximum penalty has not proven to be a sufficient deterrent for repeat violators. For many commercial operators, the current fine may simply be viewed as a cost of doing business rather than an incentive to comply with the City's designated truck route system.

To encourage compliance and provide a stronger deterrent against repeat violations, I recommend adopting a progressive penalty schedule as follows:

- **First offense:** Fine not less than \$250, not to exceed \$500.
- **Second offense:** Fine not less than \$500, not to exceed \$750.
- **Third and subsequent offenses:** Fine not less than \$750, not to exceed \$1500.

A progressive penalty structure recognizes that occasional mistakes may occur while holding repeat offenders increasingly accountable. It also demonstrates the City's commitment to protecting residential neighborhoods, preserving public infrastructure, and improving roadway safety for all residents.

The City's truck route system exists for a reason—to safely move commercial traffic while minimizing the impact on residential neighborhoods and protecting local infrastructure. Increasing the penalties for violations will reinforce the importance of compliance, discourage habitual offenders, and help address one of the most common traffic-related complaints received by City officials.

I respectfully request the Common Council's consideration of this proposed amendment to Chapter 96.

Keith Glass
Chief of Police
North Tonawanda Police Department

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§ 96-20 Certain trucks excluded from other streets.

All trucks having a total combined gross weight of vehicle plus load in excess of five tons shall be excluded from all streets in the City of North Tonawanda except those streets above designated as truck routes.

§ 96-21 Local deliveries and pickups.

[Amended 9-17-1974]

Trucks making local deliveries and pickups shall use the above-designated truck routes to the place or point nearest their destination.

§ 96-22 Penalties for offenses.

[Amended 2-18-1986; 9-21-1999]

~~Violators of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250.~~

§ 96-22 Penalties for offenses.

~~Any person who violates any provision of this Part, including but not limited to operating a truck on a street not designated as a truck route or operating a vehicle in excess of the weight restrictions established herein, shall, upon conviction, be subject to the following penalties:~~

~~A. **First offense:** A fine not less than **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)**, **not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500)**.~~

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~~B. **Second offense:** A fine not less than **five hundred dollars (\$500)**, **not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750)**.~~

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~~C. **Third and each subsequent offense:** A fine not less than **seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750)**, **not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)**.~~

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~~For purposes of this section, each unlawful operation of a vehicle in violation of this Part shall constitute a separate offense. Each day on which a violation occurs shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the issuance of multiple citations for separate violations occurring on the same day when supported by the facts and authorized by law.~~

~~The penalties provided herein are cumulative and are intended to encourage compliance with the City's designated truck routes and weight restrictions in order to protect public safety, preserve public infrastructure, and minimize adverse impacts on residential neighborhoods.~~