



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: August 7, 2013

Sponsored by Council Members: Webb, Mihalko, Berg, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Papastrat

Introduced by Committee: Planning and Community Development

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE
OF 24 LIVINGSTON STREET TO RAJA M.
TARIQ FOR \$17,500.00**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is the owner of certain real property located at 24 Livingston Street, Binghamton, New York, Tax Parcel No. 160.65-2-13 (the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the City received an Offer to Purchase the Premises at auction for \$17,500.00 from Raja M. Tariq (the "Applicant"); and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the City of Binghamton has determined, subject to the conditions below, the sale price to be fair and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment approved and recommended sale of the Premises on July 3, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of Binghamton is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for sale and to execute all necessary and appropriate documentation, approved as to form and content by the Office of Corporation Counsel, to transfer 24 Livingston Street, Binghamton, New York, Tax Parcel No. 160.65-2-13 to Raja M. Tariq for \$17,500.00, to be paid by cash, certified or local bank check.

Section 2. The transfer is subject to the condition that the property will be owner-occupied by the Applicant for at least five years; any breach of this condition will require an additional payment of \$15,500.00 to the City in accordance with the City Assessor's appraisal of fair market value for the property. This condition will be memorialized as required by the Corporation Counsel.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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The within Ordinance was adopted by the Council of
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Code of the City of Binghamton

Adopted Defeated

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City Clerk

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Date Approved

Mayor



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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HOME
IMPROVEMENT TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton wishes to adopt Section 421-f of the New York State Real Property Tax Law to establish a Home Improvement Tax Exemption Program; and

WHEREAS, the Home Improvement Tax Exemption Program would allow for a limited exemption from City of Binghamton tax increases due to increased assessed value resulting from capital home improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Binghamton does hereby adopt Section 421-f of the New York State Real Property Tax Law to establish a Home Improvement Tax Exemption Program to allow for a limited exemption from assessment tax increases due to capital home improvements.

Section 2. In accordance with Section 421-f of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the City of Binghamton's Home Improvement Tax Exemption Program shall be limited by the following criteria: (a) the property for which the exemption is sought must be a one- or two-family residence; (b) the greater portion of the residence, as measured by square footage, after the capital improvement must be at least five years old; (c) the capital improvement must be commenced after the date this Ordinance is adopted; (d) this Program shall apply to reconstruction, alterations or improvements, but shall not apply to ordinary maintenance or repairs; and (e) the total value of the capital improvement, reconstruction or alteration must exceed the sum of \$3,000.00 and must not exceed the sum of \$80,000.00 in increased market value.

Section 3. That this program shall allow for the following exemption percentages:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Exemption Percentage</u>
1	100%
2	80%
3	60%
4	40%
5	20%

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Section 4. Exemptions granted through the Home Improvement Tax Exemption Program shall be terminated if the property ceases to be used primarily for residential purposes or if title to the property is transferred to persons other than the heirs or distributees of the owner.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2014.

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ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 346-4
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
BINGHAMTON, REGARDING SHOPPING
CARTS FOUND IN PUBLIC PLACES**

WHEREAS, § 346-4 of the Code of the City of Binghamton, entitled, *Carts found in public places*, states that the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to remove shopping carts found in public places, and authorizes a charge of \$10.00 per cart for redemption by the owner; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Binghamton wishes to increase this charge to \$50.00 per cart.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That §346-4, *Carts found in public places* of the Code of the City of Binghamton, is hereby amended in part, as follows:

§ 346-4. Carts found in public places. [Amended 10-6-1997 by Ord. No. 97-143; Amended 8-7-2013 by Ord. No. 13-___]

B. Within 30 days after said removal, the Commissioner shall mail a notice, by first-class mail, to the owner of the cart, stating that each cart may be redeemed by the owner upon payment to the City Treasurer of the sum of \$50.00 per cart.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2013.

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RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE
CENTER'S GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS
TO THE NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Roberson Museum and Science Center is submitting a grant proposal to the New York State Regional Economic Development Council to fund significant renovations and upgrades to the museum; and

WHEREAS, such grant proposal requires the approval of the governing municipality in which the renovations and upgrades will occur; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Binghamton wishes to endorse the Roberson Museum and Science Center's grant proposal to the New York State Regional Economic Development Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE that the Council of the City of Binghamton hereby wishes to offer support for the Roberson Museum and Science Center's grant proposal to the New York State Regional Economic Development Council, and be it further

RESOLVED that a certified copy of this legislation, with the Seal of the City of Binghamton embossed thereupon, shall be sent to the Executive Director of the Roberson Museum and Science Center.

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER'S GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK
STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH TO NOT
CLOSE INPATIENT SERVICES AT THE
GREATER BINGHAMTON HEALTH CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Greater Binghamton Health Center ranks first for the Office of Mental Health's Children's Hospitals & Units and third overall for adult hospitals in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is planning to close inpatient services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center (GBHC); and

WHEREAS, closing inpatient psychiatric services at the GBHC will result in a huge service gap; and

WHEREAS, currently it takes six to thirty-six hours to place a child in an inpatient center, but closing the GBHC will increase the time to twenty-four to seventy-two hours; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation plan will move children services to Utica and adult services to Syracuse, forcing families to travel long hours to visit their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, mental health experts argue that family support is critical for children during their recovery process.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session does hereby:

RESOLVE that the Council of the City of Binghamton urges the New York State Office of Mental Health not to close inpatient psychiatric services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution embossed with the seal of the City of Binghamton be sent to OMH officials, Senator Tom Libous, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

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