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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

June 9, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

RE: Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget

Council President Ponte:

Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the City Charter we submitted the City Municipal Budget within 45 days of the start of the fiscal year. At that time, we indicated our budget was created on the state aid as presented by the Governor as well as local receipts as we anticipated back in March and that we would need to revise the document when we have more clarity from both the state and the federal government.

On Friday, June 5, 2020 the Governor signed Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 relating to municipal governance during Covid-19. Specially, the time periods and deadlines set forth in section 32 of said chapter 44 for the mayor and city council to act on the annual budget are extended until 60 days after the termination of the Governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of the state of emergency; provided, however, that within 30 days after the termination of the declaration of emergency or on July 31, 2020.

At this time, being fiscally prudent we are withdrawing the budget which was submitted on May 15, 2020. We will continue to work with our departments to develop a fiscally sound budget.

In the meantime, as we await further guidance from the state on both the state aid and federal government on the potential use the CARES money, we respectfully ask the city council to vote the continuing appropriation budget for the city for the month of July 2020.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Mayor Paul E. Coogan