

BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 05 - 53

AMEND HIRING FREEZE ORDERED ON CITY OF BUFFALO FOR CERTAIN HIRES

WHEREAS, Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2003 as amended by Chapter 86 of the Laws of 2004 authorizes the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (“BFSA”) to review and approve or disapprove contracts or other obligations binding or purporting to bind the City or any covered organization; and

WHEREAS, Section 3858(2)(C) of the BFSA Act authorizes the BFSA to impose a hiring freeze during a control period upon a finding by the BFSA that a hiring freeze is essential to the maintenance of a financial plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 3858(2)(O) of the BFSA Act further provides that the BFSA may, to the extent it deems necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the BFSA Act, including but not limited to the timely and satisfactory implementation of an approved financial plan, issue a binding order to the appropriate City official; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2003, the BFSA found that the immediate imposition of a hiring freeze upon the City of Buffalo was essential to the maintenance of the City of Buffalo Revised Financial Plan and was necessary to accomplish the purposes of the BFSA Act and to ensure the timely and satisfactory implementation of the Revised Financial Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2003 the BFSA approved Resolution 03-70, ordering a hiring freeze on the City of Buffalo with certain exemptions; and

WHEREAS, among the exemptions granted to the hiring freeze are numerous short-term part-time hires engaged by the Common Council, commonly known as interns, who are funded from a Council discretionary spending line, which also includes funding for travel and auto allowances and is limited to \$15,000 for each Councilmember; and

WHEREAS, given the high turnover of interns and their minimal budgetary impact, the time and resources to process a request to hire an intern pursuant to the waiver process outlined in Resolution No. 04-89 could be considered a poor allocation of resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority hereby authorizes the Common Council to hire interns within the individual budget lines of the Councilmembers, not to exceed \$15,000, and that any expenditure for interns beyond the budgeted allocation requires separate approval by the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 8, 2005

/S/ Richard Tobe
Richard Tobe
Secretary