

Dear Members of the Haverhill City Council,

I am writing to respectfully request the City Council's consideration and support of a Home Rule Petition for an age waiver that would allow me the opportunity to pursue a career with the Haverhill Fire Department.

I have applied to take the **2026 Massachusetts Municipal Firefighter Examination** and am committed to pursuing the opportunity to serve the City of Haverhill.

Haverhill has been an important part of my life, and I would be proud to continue working in and serving the community I call home. My professional experience in maintenance, building operations, customer service, and problem solving has taught me the importance of hard work, responsibility, teamwork, and serving others.

A career with the Haverhill Fire Department would allow me to put those qualities to work in a meaningful way. I am also a father of three boys, and the fire department schedule would allow me to balance my career with being an active and involved parent. Being able to serve my community while continuing to be there for my family is especially important to me.

I believe my work experience, maturity, dedication, and commitment to Haverhill would make me a strong candidate for the opportunity to serve as a firefighter. I respectfully ask the City Council to support my Home Rule Petition age waiver and give me the opportunity to pursue this goal.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be grateful for the opportunity to speak with the Council and answer any questions regarding my request.

Respectfully,

John M. Roche