



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President Gina-Louise Sciarra, At-Large
- William H. Dwight, At-Large
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- Karen Foster, Ward 2
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- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: December 2, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The December 2, 2021 City Council meeting will be held by remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. For the active YouTube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

Live public comment will be available using telephone call-in or video conferencing technology beginning at 7p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

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MEETING ID: 820 4956 2305

PARTICIPANT #: #

1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.347 and 21.348 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid petition to install underground conduit and heavy-duty handholes on Old Ferry Road (Petition #30408955)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid's petition to install 330 feet of underground conduit leading to this pole along with two heavy-duty handholes on Old Ferry Road (Petition #30408955). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the December 16, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city's website (www.northamptonma.gov) no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.347 National Grid-Verizon Joint Pole Petition for Cross Path Road \(Petition No. 30408955\).pdf](#)

[21.348 National Grid Petition to Install Underground Conduit on Old Ferry Road \(Petition No. 30408955\).pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

A. ARPA Survey and Transition Update

8. Resolutions

9. Presentations

A. City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report

Presentation by City Council Rules Select Committee Members

Documents:

[CouncilRulesAsProposed tobeAmended.112321.pdf](#)
[FINAL_Final Report.pdf](#)

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of November 18, 2021

Documents:

[11-18-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 21.364 Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night

Documents:

[21.364 Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night.pdf](#)

11. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

12. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

A - J 1st round of FY2022 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funding Recommendations

Documents:

[21.360 Community Preservation Committee Cover Letter.pdf](#)

A. 21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.358 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities](#)

B. 21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.359 An Order to Appropriate 31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project.pdf](#)

C. 21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.360 An Order to Appropriate 20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden.pdf](#)

D. 21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.361 An Order to Appropriate 100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project.pdf](#)

E. 21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.362 An Order to Appropriate 230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program.pdf](#)

F. 21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.365 An Order to Appropriate 608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project.pdf](#)

G. 21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment - 1st reading

Documents:

H. 21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.367 An Order to Appropriate 70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project.pdf](#)

I. 21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.368 An Order to Appropriate 82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project.pdf](#)

J. 21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.369 An Order to Appropriate 233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions.pdf](#)

K. 21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road.docx](#)

L. 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to meet the immediate needs of people with disabilities.

Documents:

[21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines.pdf](#)

M. 21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land

on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road.pdf](#)

[21.372 Survey of Land Now or Formerly of Luman E. Bartlett.pdf](#)

[21.372 Order of Taking.pdf](#)

N. **21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

O. **21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.374 An Order to Accept 21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

14. Orders

A. **21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules - single reading only required**

Documents:

[21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules.pdf](#)

15. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

16. Ordinances

A. **21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 - 1st reading**

Process note: Waiver of referral of the ordinance to Legislative Matters is respectfully requested.

Documents:

[21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022.pdf](#)
[21.371 Amy Cahillane Letter.pdf](#)

B. 21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- Positive recommendation - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue.pdf](#)

C. 21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- Motion to amend title to substitute word 'Accessible' for word 'Handicapped'
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces.pdf](#)

D. 21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- LM discussed Councilor Foster's language change request but deferred action based on Attorney Seewald's advice that he is undertaking a wholesale ordinance amendment to address this language change throughout the ordinance.
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street.pdf](#)

E. 21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path

Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road.pdf](#)

F. 21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street.pdf](#)

17. Zoning Ordinances

A. 21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB), Community Resources (CR) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/22/2021
- Positive recommendation, PB - 9/23/2021
- Positive recommendation, CR - 10/18/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading with attention drawn to some anomalies in the numbering and correction requested - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.318 An Ordinance to Amend 350-17 FFR District and 350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - FINAL.pdf](#)

B. 21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB), Community Resources (CR) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/22/2021

- Positive recommendation w/amendment to remove reference to conduit, PB - 9/23/2021
- Positive recommendation from CR as amended by PB - 10/18/2021
- Positive recommendation as amended by PB, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - POST PB.pdf](#)

18. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

Contact: G-L Sciarra, Council President
glsciarra@northamptonma.gov

(413) 570-3133

nationalgrid

October 14, 2021

The City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON, covering joint NATIONAL GRID-VERIZON pole location(s)

If you have any questions regarding this permit, please contact:

Diane Clowes 413-582-7408

Please notify National Grid's **Lisa Ayres** of the hearing date / time.

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to each of the above-named Companies.

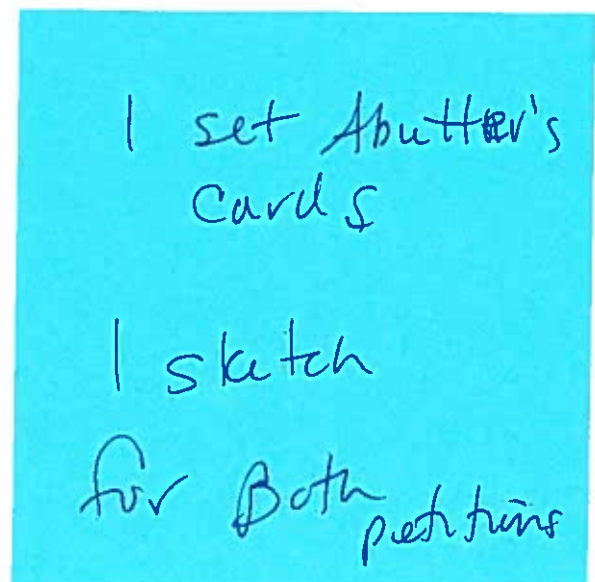
National Grid: Lisa Ayres; 1101 Turnpike Street; North Andover, MA 01845
978-725-1418

Very truly yours,

Jim Kehrer/lla

Jim Kehrer
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures



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card &
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for both petitions

Questions contact - Diane Clowes 413-582-7408
PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council
Of Northampton, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Cross Path Rd. - National Grid to install (1) JO pole 20-50 on Cross Path beginning at a point approximately 85 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Old Ferry Rd. for underground primary riser.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Cross Path Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

30408955

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID *Jim Kehrer/lla*

BY _____
Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY *Albert E. Bessette*
Manager / Right of Way

Dated: September 22, 2021

30408955 Joint Pole Petition - Cross Path Rd.

Questions contact – Diane Clowes 413-582-7408

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

To the City Council - Northampton, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 22nd day of September 2021.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Cross Path Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

30408955 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Cross Path Rd. - National Grid to install (1) JO pole 20-50 on Cross Path beginning at a point approximately 85 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Old Ferry Rd. for underground primary riser

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the
Of the City/Town of _____, Massachusetts held on the _____ day of _____ 20 .

Massachusetts

City/Town Clerk.
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Received and entered in the records of location orders of the City/Town of
Book _____ Page _____

Attest:
City/Town Clerk

I hereby certify that on _____ 20____, at _____ o'clock, M
At _____ a public hearing was held on the petition of
Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND,
INC. for permission to erect the poles, wires, and fixtures described in the order herewith recorded,
and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of
said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment
for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to erect
Poles, wires, and fixtures under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

City/Town Clerk.

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Board or Council of Town or City, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

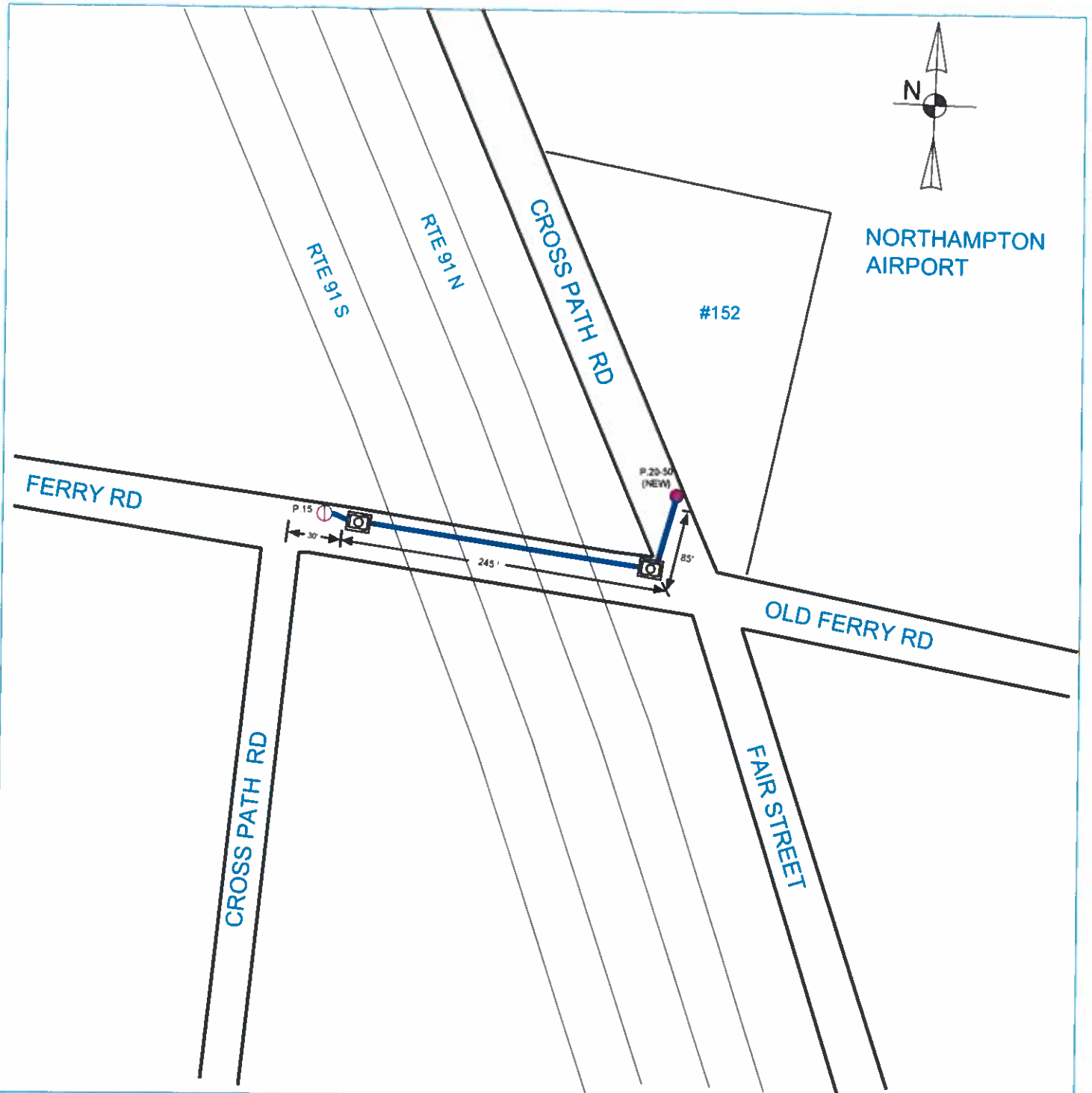
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the location order and certificate of
hearing with notice adopted by the _____ of the City of
Massachusetts, on the _____ day of 20____ and recorded with the records of location orders
of the said City, Book _____, and Page _____. This certified copy is made under the
provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:
City/Town Clerk



NORTHAMPTON AIRPORT

#152



UNDERGROUND PETITION

nationalgrid

LEGEND

- CONDUIT (2-4" CONCRETE ENCASED) W/ NGRID UNDERGROUND PRIMARY
- PROPOSED JO POLE
- HEAVY DUTY HANDHOLE (IN STREET)
- EXISTING JO POLE

Date: 08/24/2021

Plan Number: 30408955

To Accompany Petition Dated:

To The: CITY of NORTHAMPTON, MA

For Proposed: INSTALL (2) HDHH & ~330' CONDUIT / UG PRIMARY FROM EXISTING P.15 OLD FERRY RD TO PROPOSED P.20-50 CROSS PATH RD

Location: OLD FERRY RD & CROSS PATH RD

Date Of Original Grant:

Date: 08/24/2021 Drawn By: D.CLOWES

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE



October 14, 2021

City Council
Town of Northampton

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID covering the installation of underground facilities.

If you have any questions regarding this permit, please contact:

Diane Clowes 413-582-7408

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to:

National Grid: Lisa Ayres; 1101 Turnpike Street; North Andover, MA 01845
(978)725-1418

Very truly yours,

Jim Kehrer/lla

Jim Kehrer
Name: Distribution Design Supervisor
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Questions contact – Diane Clowes 413-582-7408

Petition of the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID
Of NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
For Electric Conduit Location:

To the City Council of Northampton

Respectfully represents the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID of North Andover, Massachusetts, that it desires to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Old Ferry Rd @ Cross Path Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

The following are the streets and highways referred to: **30408955**

Old Ferry Rd. @ Cross Path Rd. - Beginning at a point approximately 30 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Cross Path Rd. and continuing approximately 330 feet in an easterly and northerly direction; National Grid to install 2-4" conduit bank (encased in concrete) for primary underground cable beginning at Pole 15 Old Ferry Rd. and continuing east for ~ 245' then north for ~ 85' to new pole # 20-50 Cross Path Rd.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID *Jim Kehrer/lla*

BY _____
Engineering Department

Dated: September 22, 2021

30408955-UG Conduit Petition Old Ferry Rd. @ Cross Path Rd.

ORDERED:

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law, that the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID be and it is hereby granted permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, and to make the necessary house connections along said extensions, as requested in petition with said company dated the 22 day of September 2021.

Said underground electric conduits shall be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Old Ferry Rd. @ Cross Path Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts 30408955

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the underground electric conduits above referred to may be laid:

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Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID for permission to construct the
underground electric conduits described in the order herewith recorded, and that I mailed at least
seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the
owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways
or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to construct the underground electric
conduits under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

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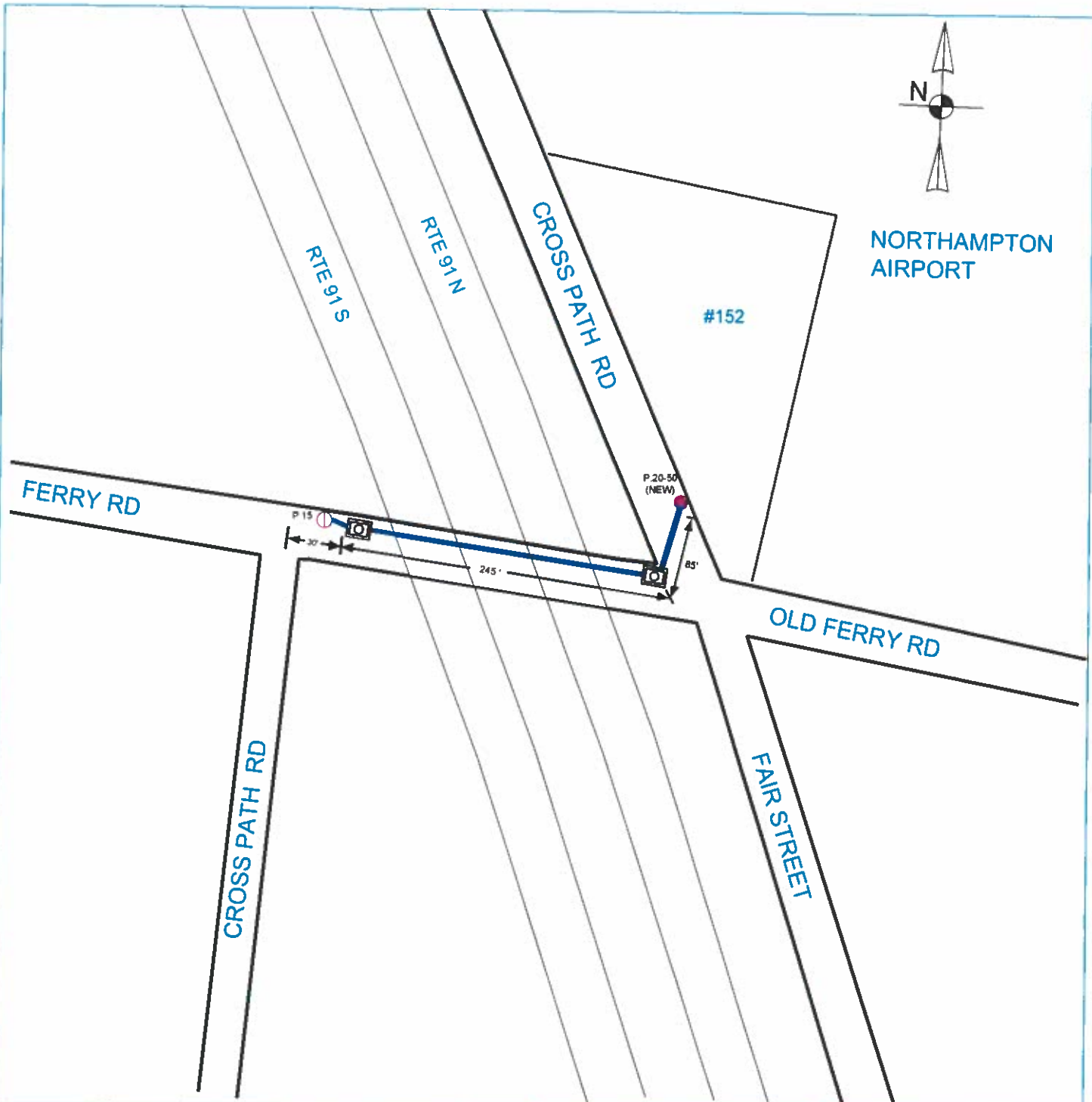
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RULES OF THE 2020-2021 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

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1. These Rules

- 1.1. **ADOPTION.** When adopted by the City Council, these Rules shall take effect at the time of the first Council meeting following January 1, 2020.
- 1.2. **REPEAL OR AMENDMENT.** City Council Rules may only be repealed or amended with a two-thirds majority vote of quorum present. The latest version of these Rules shall be published online.
- 1.3. **PRECEDENCE.** The City Council Meetings shall conform to parliamentary practices as set forth in the Rules of the City Council. The procedures defined in the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order will resolve questions not addressed by the Council Rules.
- 1.4. **SUSPENSION.** Suspension of these rules or any part thereof shall require a two-thirds majority of the quorum present. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize suspension of any provision of the Charter of the City of Northampton, or any ordinance of the City of Northampton.

2. Organization

2.1. PRESIDING OFFICER

- 2.1.1. **DUTIES.** When present, the Council President shall be the presiding officer of the City Council at every meeting. The duties as presiding officer shall be only those set forth herein:
 - 2.1.1.1. To open the meeting at the appointed time by taking the chair, calling the meeting to order, and ascertaining that a quorum is present.
 - 2.1.1.2. To announce in proper sequence the business that comes before the City Council.
 - 2.1.1.3. To recognize members who are entitled to the floor.
 - 2.1.1.4. To state and to put to vote all questions that legitimately come before the City Council as motions or that otherwise arise in the course of proceedings (except questions that relate to the presiding officer as noted below), and to announce the result of each vote or, if a motion that is not in order is made, to rule it out of order; or, to refuse to recognize obviously frivolous or dilatory motions as defined by Robert's Rules;.
 - 2.1.1.5. To expedite business in every way compatible with the rights of all members of the body.

- 2.1.1.6. To respond to inquiries of City Councilors relating to parliamentary procedure or factual information bearing on the business of the City Council.
- 2.1.1.7. To declare the meeting adjourned when the City Council so votes or, when applicable, at the time prescribed in the order of business, or at any time in the event an emergency.
- 2.1.1.8. To determine whether an amendment is germane to the motion under consideration.

2.1.2. **PARTICIPATION.** The Presiding Officer may make statements, ask questions and give opinions during debate without relinquishing the chair.

2.1.3. **ORDER OF SUCCESSION.** In the absence of the Council President, the first of the following list of persons who is not absent shall preside and shall retain voting privileges:

First, the Council Vice-President

Second, the Chair of the Committee on Finance

Third, the Chair of the Committee on Legislative Matters

If none of the above are present or able to preside, the City Council shall elect by majority vote a President pro-tempore who shall preside for that meeting and shall retain voting privileges. Should the City Council fail to elect a President pro-tempore the meeting shall be adjourned.

2.2. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

2.2.1. The City Council President and Vice-President shall be elected:

2.2.1.1. At the first City Council meeting of a two-year session; and

2.2.1.2. In the event of a vacancy for either office.

2.2.2. At any meeting when a City Council President is to be elected, the previous Council President will preside. If the previous Council President is absent or no longer a member of the Council, the longest serving member of the Council will preside. If two members of the Council are equal in seniority, a coin toss will determine which Councilor presides over the election of the Council President. If more than two members of the Council are equal in seniority they will draw lots to determine which Councilor will preside over the election of the Council President.

2.2.3. After nominations are made by members of the Council, candidates may present to the council.

2.3. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT POWERS AND DUTIES.** The powers and duties of the Council President shall include all duties pursuant to the Charter and also:

- 2.3.1. To assign councilors to serve on any committee established by the City Council.
 - 2.3.2. To remove members of a committee from a committee, or reassign them, at any time.
 - 2.3.3. To appoint members to select committees, as provided below.
 - 2.3.4. To determine seating arrangements for the members of the City Council.
 - 2.3.5. To appoint the membership of Enrollment Committee and modify the membership meeting to meeting for any reason.
 - 2.3.6. To set an agenda for the City Council.
 - 2.3.7. To hire the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and to supervise the individual in that position generally, including conducting an annual performance review. The administrative assistant appointment must be ratified by the whole City Council.
 - 2.3.8. To issue a Committee Study Request to any committee. Such a request shall require a committee to report to the full Council on a particular policy or issue area within 120 days optionally accompanied by legislation. However a committee may by majority vote decline to consider or respond to such a request.
- 2.4. COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT - POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of the City Council Vice-President will include all duties pursuant to the Charter.
- 2.5. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
- 2.5.1. DUTIES. The Administrative Assistant shall report to the City Council President, who may assign duties in addition to the following:
- 2.5.1.1. To maintain a record of all matters and their status as they proceed through various legislative stages and committees, as well as all amendments and related documents.
 - 2.5.1.2. To provide staff support and recordkeeping to ~~all~~-standing Council committees and select committees as assigned and to assist committees with all aspects of reporting.
 - 2.5.1.3. To act as custodian of all books, documents and papers belonging to the City Council and to keep an accurate list thereof.
 - 2.5.1.4. To notify the chair of any Council committee, board, executive commission, or other body when a matter is referred to it and to provide the body with all documents relative to the matter.
 - 2.5.1.5. To ensure that all documents addressed to the Council shall be provided to each Councilor, and that any documents reviewed during the meeting become part of the permanent public record of ~~Council~~that meeting-at which the documents are distributed.
 - ~~2.5.1.6. To secure two video records of meetings of the City Council that were so recorded.~~

~~2.5.1.7~~~~2.5.1.6.~~ To notify the appointees to all Council committees in writing upon their appointment.

~~2.5.1.8~~~~2.5.1.7.~~ To assist in preparing requests for proposals for an independent auditor in accordance with Sec 7-6 of the Charter.

~~2.5.1.9~~~~2.5.1.8.~~ To advise the Council President on matters of parliamentary procedure.

2.6. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2.6.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The following committees are established as described below.

2.6.1.1. COMMITTEE on FINANCE

~~2.6.1.1.1.~~ Process. Financial orders will be introduced at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda or the Finance Committee for more granular discussion and recommendation. The Finance Committee will then convene separately outside of the full council meeting and before the next meeting.

~~2.6.1.1.1~~~~2.6.1.1.2.~~ Jurisdiction. Financial matters. The Committee shall review all orders authorizing a loan, supplemental appropriation, or financial transfer submitted by the Mayor in accordance with such authority by either the Massachusetts General Laws, the Charter of the City of Northampton, or the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton and make recommendations on ~~the matter referrals~~ to the City Council.

~~2.6.1.1.2~~~~2.6.1.1.3.~~ In addition to the outside audit provided by Section 7-6 of the Charter, the Committee may request access to all books, vouchers, notes, securities, and bonds in the possession of the Treasurer-Collector, City Auditor or any board or executive commission and make a report thereof to the City Council.

~~2.6.1.1.3~~~~2.6.1.1.4.~~ The Committee shall review all proposals to sell or lease any City-owned land or building not put to public use that are submitted to the City Council for approval and all proposals to purchase or lease real property that are submitted to the City Council for approval. The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council on the matter. All instruments of conveyance and leases approved by the City Council shall be executed by the Mayor on behalf of the City unless otherwise provided by Massachusetts General Laws.

~~2.6.1.1.4~~~~2.6.1.1.5.~~ The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

~~2.6.1.1.5~~~~2.6.1.1.6.~~ The Committee may hold public hearings on water, sewer, Stormwater and other municipal utility rates.

2.6.1.2. COMMITTEE on COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- 2.6.1.2.1. Jurisdiction. Matters affecting the community including economic development, local business, tourism, the environment, the arts, planning, zoning, sustainability, land use, housing and affordability, among others.
- 2.6.1.2.2. The Committee may review and make recommendations on licenses and permits.
- 2.6.1.2.3. The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

2.6.1.3. COMMITTEE on CITY SERVICES

- 2.6.1.3.1. Jurisdiction. Matters related to the activities and operation of municipal government.
- 2.6.1.3.2. The Committee shall serve as the standing committee to review all candidates for appointment to boards and commission in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Charter.
- 2.6.1.3.3. The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

2.6.1.4. COMMITTEE on LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- 2.6.1.4.1. Jurisdiction. Upon referral by the City Council, the Committee shall have the power to make recommendations on ordinances, orders, resolutions and the rules of the City Council. Such recommendations shall be made in consultation with the City Solicitor.
- 2.6.1.4.2. The Committee may choose to be the last committee to review any matter that is also referred to another Council committee. The Committee shall not be required to wait to receive the report of any executive commission.
- 2.6.1.4.3. The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

2.6.2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES. The following shall apply to all committees unless otherwise stated:

- 2.6.2.1. Election of officers. Council Committees shall elect officers from among their members, such as Chair and Vice-Chair. At a committee's first meeting, the member who was first in the order of those announced by the Council President to serve on the committee shall preside until a Chair is elected.
- 2.6.2.2. Meetings. Committees shall meet as required by the City Council, the Committee's Chair, or at the request of two members. Committees shall hold an initial meeting no later than three months

after the appointment of its members.

- 2.6.2.3. Requests to appear before committees. A committee may make information requests pursuant Section 2-7 of the Charter.
 - 2.6.2.3.1. Notice. A committee shall give a minimum of 7 days notice to a person it may require to appear before it. No person shall be required to respond to any question not related to those questions presented in advance and in writing. The Committee will notify the Mayor of any Information Request under this section.
 - 2.6.2.4. Committees shall have the power to hold hearings on and develop, review and recommend policies on any matter within their jurisdiction.
 - 2.6.2.5. Power to amend. Council committees may recommend amendments to any measure. However, when a measure has been referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, the Committee on Legislative Matters shall consider all amendments previously proposed by other committees and report one version of an amended measure to City Council.
 - 2.6.2.6. Duty to report. “To report” shall mean transmitting a positive/favorable, negative/neutral or neutral recommendation and associated votes as well as any suggested textual amendments and related documents.
 - 2.6.2.6.1. For matters referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, among others: All committees other than the Committee on Legislative Matters shall report to the Committee on Legislative Matters and the City Council within 60 days, whereupon the Committee on Legislative Matters shall report to the full City Council within an additional 30 days.
 - 2.6.2.6.2. For matters referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters exclusively: The Committee on Legislative Matters shall report to the full City Council within 60 days.
 - 2.6.2.6.3. For matters referred to committees not including the Committee on Legislative Matters: Committees shall report to the full City Council within 90 days.
 - 2.6.2.6.4. Committees shall make all reports in writing.

- 2.6.3. **SELECT COMMITTEES.** The City Council may establish select committees for the purpose of considering a particular policy or issue or for other purposes. Such committees may make recommendations and may sponsor ordinances, resolutions or other matters. Such committees may be created by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of a quorum. The resolution shall specify the composition and scope of the select committee. No such committee shall exist beyond the current term of the Council. The Council President shall appoint all members to such committees, and may appoint members of the public who are residents of the City of Northampton or city employees provided the Mayor approve the appointment of any city employee. Select Committees shall elect their own Chair and other officers from among those appointed. At the first meeting, the person whose appointment was first announced by the Council President shall serve as temporary Chair until elections occur.
- 2.6.4. A majority of those appointed and serving on a committee shall constitute a quorum.

3. Duties and Powers of the City Council.

The City Council shall have those duties and powers pursuant the Charter and also:

- 3.1. **SELECTION OF AN OUTSIDE AUDITOR.** Pursuant Section 7-6 of the Charter, the City Council shall select an independent auditor according to the following provisions:
- 3.1.1. The Council shall by October 1 of the fiscal year for which the audit is to be done establish a Select Committee for the purpose of making a recommendation on an independent auditor to the full Council.
- 3.1.2. The Council shall award a contract to audit on or before March 1 of the fiscal year for which the audit is to be done.
- 3.1.3. The Council shall require the report of the audit to be filed in final form with the Council not later than January 15 in the year following its award.

4. Order

- 4.1. **QUORUM.** The presence of 5 members shall constitute a quorum of the City Council.
- 4.2. **CALLING MEETINGS TO ORDER.** The presiding officer shall call the City Council to order at the time appointed for the meeting or to which it may have adjourned, if a quorum be present, which shall be determined by calling the roll. The names of members not present at the meeting shall be recorded by the Administrative Assistant to the City Council.
- 4.3. **RECOGNITION OF MAYOR AND DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.** The Mayor and all City department representatives are recognized at all Council Meetings.
- 4.4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 4.4.1. When any item of business requires action by the City Council, but is of a routine nature, such item may be presented at a regular meeting of the City Council as part of the Consent Agenda. Items eligible for consideration on the Consent Agenda include: approval of minutes, appointments, licenses, and petitions.
 - 4.4.2. The Consent Agenda may be introduced by a motion “To approve the Consent Agenda,” and may be considered by the City Council as a single item.
 - 4.4.3. The presiding officer shall read the title of each item contained in the Consent Agenda before a vote.
 - 4.4.4. There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.
 - 4.4.5. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.
 - 4.4.6. Approval of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda shall be fully equivalent to approval, adoption, referral or enactment of each item of business thereon, exactly as if each had been acted upon individually.
 - 4.4.7. When an appointment has not received a recommendation from the standing committee pursuant Sec 2-10 of the Charter, a vote within the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to a motion to refer it to said standing committee. Otherwise a vote shall be equivalent to approval.
- 4.5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

- 4.5.1. The order of business at every regular meeting of the Council shall be as follows unless otherwise decided by the Presiding Officer:

Roll Call

Public Hearings

Public Comment

~~Roll Call~~ Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

~~Public Hearings~~

~~Recognitions and One Minute Announcements by Councilors~~

~~Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor~~

~~Resolutions~~

Presentations

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes
- Licenses and Petitions
- Appointments

~~Recess for Committee on Finance~~

Financial Orders

Orders

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)

Ordinances

Resolutions

~~Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs~~

Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study

Requests

New Business

- 4.5.2. The agenda shall be published in this manner and adhered to at all meetings. The presiding officer may implement a change in the order of business unless any single Councilor objects, in which case the rules may be suspended as provided in these Rules.

- 4.6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. The Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall submit the minutes of the previous meeting with the Council agenda for the next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council.
- 4.7. CONDUCT. City Councilors and members of the public shall conduct themselves with civility and respect at all times.
- 4.8. PUBLIC COMMENT. Members of the public may address the Council and all Council Committees on any matter for a period of ~~three~~two minutes. This period may be extended or reduced at the discretion of the presiding officer. Public comment may be accepted for no more than 90 minutes. Whenever language translation is required for a member of the public to address the City Council, such person shall be provided ~~six~~four minutes. Individuals wishing to speak will be recognized by the presiding officer and shall state their name and

city or town of residence and, optionally, their address. Councilors will not respond to any comments from the public. The City Council will take public comment in person or by remote participation as the technology allows.

- 4.9. NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.
- 4.10. RECESS. Any Councilor may call for and be granted a recess the length of which will be determined by the presiding officer.
- 4.11. ORDER AND MANNER OF SPEAKING. No City Councilor shall speak more than once on a question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken,— and is desirous of speaking. The presiding officer may allow a brief immediate response to any statement posed directly to a particular City Councilor by a City Councilor. The presiding officer may request that any speaker discontinue any overly lengthy speech, but the right of a City Councilor to speak shall not be limited unless a formal motion is passed to set limits to debate for all City Councilors.
- 4.12. ORDER DURING DEBATE. No member should be interrupted while speaking, but by a call to order, or a request for information, or a question of privilege to appeal a decision from the presiding officer, or for the correction of a mistake, nor shall there be any conversation among the members while a paper is being read, or a question stated from the presiding officer
- 4.13. VOTING
 - 4.13.1. DECIDING VOTES. The presiding officer shall decide all votes, but if a member rises to doubt a vote the presiding officer shall order a roll call vote.
 - 4.13.2. VOTES REQUIRED TO PASS MEASURES
 - 4.13.2.1. The affirmative vote, taken by roll call, of 6 members shall be required to adopt an appropriation order or transfer.
 - 4.13.2.2. The affirmative vote, taken by roll call, of 6 members shall be required to adopt a zoning ordinance.
 - 4.13.2.3. In the absence of statutory requirements providing otherwise, the affirmative vote, taken by roll call, of 5 members shall be required to adopt any other ordinance.
 - 4.13.2.4. In the absence of statutory requirements providing otherwise, an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum shall pass any other measure.
 - 4.13.3. ROLL CALL VOTES.

4.13.3.1. REQUEST. Any member may request a roll call vote on any question before the City Council and the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall take the census of the Council in that manner.

4.13.3.2. METHOD OF RECORDING. Roll call votes shall be conducted by this method. The first roll call vote of every session of the City Council shall be in alphabetical order. Each roll call vote after that shall progress to the next City Councilor in the alphabet to be the first Councilor voting, so that at the end of every nine roll call votes each Councilor has by alphabetical progression voted first in one of the nine roll call votes.

4.13.4. RECONSIDERATION.

4.13.4.1. When a vote has passed, except for adjournment or to lay on the table, any member voting with the majority may move a reconsideration, to be acted upon at the same meeting. Any member voting with the minority may move a reconsideration to be acted upon at the next meeting.

4.13.4.2. Minority reconsideration shall have priority over majority reconsideration. Minority reconsideration shall be used to allow time for the submission of new or additional information. Reconsideration shall not be used in a dilatory manner as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

4.13.4.3. No motion shall be twice reconsidered.

4.14. REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION. Councilors may participate remotely in meetings pursuant to the following regulations:

4.14.1. Requirements

4.14.1.1. Any Councilor who participates remotely and all persons present at the meeting location shall be clearly audible to each other;

4.14.1.2. A quorum including the presiding officer shall be physically present at the meeting location;

4.14.1.3. Any Councilor who participates remotely may vote and shall not be deemed absent.

~~4.14.1.4. Any Councilor may not participate remotely more than six times in a calendar year.~~

4.14.2. Permissible Reasons for Remote Participation. Any Councilor may participate remotely if the presiding officer determines that one or more of the following factors make the participation of the Councilor's physical attendance unreasonably difficult:

4.14.2.1. Personal Illness;

4.14.2.2. Personal Disability;

4.14.2.3. Emergency;

4.14.2.4. Military Service; or

4.14.2.5. Geographic Distance

4.14.2.5-4.14.2.6. Family Illness or Family Caretaking

4.14.3. Technology

4.14.3.1. The following media are acceptable methods for remote participation. Remote participation by any other means is not permitted. Accommodations shall be made for any Councilor who requires TTY service, video relay service, or other form of adaptive communications.

4.14.3.1.1. Telephone, Internet, or satellite-enabled audio or video conferencing;

4.14.3.1.2. Any other technology that enables the remote participation and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another.

4.14.3.2. When video technology is in use, the remote participant shall be clearly visible to all persons present in the meeting location.

4.14.3.3. The presiding officer may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, but is encouraged, wherever possible, to call a brief recess while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with a remote participant's ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location. If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred shall be noted in the meeting minutes.

4.14.3.4. All costs associated with remote participation, if any, shall be borne by the Councilor remotely participating.

4.14.4. Procedures

4.14.4.1. Any Councilor who wishes to participate remotely shall, as soon as reasonably possible prior to a meeting, notify the presiding officer of their desire to do so and the reason for and facts supporting their request.

4.14.4.2. At the start of the meeting, the presiding officer shall announce the name of any member who will be participating remotely and the reason for their remote participation. This information shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

4.14.4.3. All votes taken during any meeting in which a member participates remotely shall be by roll call vote.

4.14.4.4. Any Councilor participating remotely may participate in executive session, but shall state at the start of any such session that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location. Any Councilor participating remotely who cannot certify that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location may not participate in executive session.

4.14.4.5. When feasible, the presiding officer shall distribute to remote participants, in advance of the meeting, copies of any documents of exhibits that they reasonably anticipates will be used during the meeting. If used during the meeting, such documents shall be a part of the official record of the meeting, and shall be listed in the

meeting minutes and retained in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A Section 22.

- 4.14.5. Application. This rule shall apply to Council Committees.
- 4.14.6. Amendment. This section may not be amended unless it is in accordance with the Mayor's Remote Meeting Participation Policy, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A Sections 18-25 and 940 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 29.10.

- 4.15. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. The City Council shall create and maintain accurate minutes of all executive sessions in accordance with the following:
 - 4.15.1. The minutes shall set forth the day, time and place, the members present or absent, a summary of the discussions on each subject, a list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting, the decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, including the record of all votes.

 - 4.15.2. Any vote taken in an executive session shall be recorded by roll call and entered into the minutes.

 - 4.15.3. The minutes of any executive session and the notes, or other materials used in the preparation of such minutes, and all documents and exhibits used at the session may be withheld from disclosure to the public in their entirety, according to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 4 § 7 (26) (a), as long as publication would defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session, but no longer.

 - 4.15.4. Approving minutes.
 - 4.15.4.1. Votes to approve executive session minutes may be, but are not required to be, taken in executive session.
 - 4.15.4.2. Review of, deliberation on and amendments to executive session minutes shall be done in executive session.

 - 4.15.5. Releasing minutes.
 - 4.15.5.1. As provided in MGL Ch 30A, Sec 22(g)(1), The Council President, with the assistance of the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and City Solicitor, shall, at reasonable intervals, not to exceed three months, review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if the relevant statutory provisions warrant continued nondisclosure. Such determination shall be announced at the City Council's next meeting and such announcement shall be included in the minutes of that meeting.
 - 4.15.5.2. Whenever the Council President requests that a vote of the Council be taken to determine whether to release executive session minutes, that vote must be taken in executive session.

4.15.6. Upon request by any person to inspect or copy the minutes of an executive session or any portion thereof, the Council shall respond to the request within 10 days following receipt and shall release any such minutes that would not defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session.

4.15.7. Any notes, documents or other exhibits used in the preparation of the minutes of executive sessions shall be retained for at least 60 days following the approval of the minutes of the executive session by the Council. The Council President shall periodically review said notes and other documents prior to the discarding or destruction thereof.

5. Legislative Process

5.1. PROPOSED MATTERS

5.1.1. Matters proposed for inclusion in City Council agendas shall be filed with the Administrative Assistant to the City Council. Agendas shall be published in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

5.1.2. **COMMUNICATION WITH MAYOR’S OFFICE.** The Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall serve as a point of contact with the Mayor’s office regarding the City Council’s agendas.

5.1.3. **ADDING MATTERS TO COUNCIL AGENDA.** The Council President shall have discretion over the items added to Council agendas, except that if the addition of an item has been once requested by a member of the City Council or the Mayor and at the discretion of the Council President that item is not placed on an agenda of a regular Council meeting, then before the next regular Council meeting any two members of the City Council may petition the Council President who shall then add the item to the agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

5.1.4. PRESENTATION AND ENACTING STYLE OF MATTERS

5.1.4.1. Matters shall be presented in a format as indicated in the table below:

Line	Ordinances	Orders	Resolutions
1. Date	“In the Year 2016”	“In the City Council, February 2, 2016.”	“In the Year 2016”
2. Sponsorship	“Upon the recommendation of...”		
3. ID Number	Not prefaced	Prefaced by “O”	Prefaced by “R”
4. Type of Matter	“An Ordinance”	“An Order”	“A Resolution”
5. Short Title	“Relative to...” “Entitled the ...	“To...” et al.	“To...”, “In support of...”, et al.

	Ordinance of 2016”, or “To ...” et al.		
6. Enacting Clause	“Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton in City Council assembled, as follows”	“Ordered, that”	“Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton in City Council assembled, as follows”

5.1.4.2. Administrative ID Number. The Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall assign each matter, upon formal submission, a unique identification number, in the form of the last two digits of the calendar year followed by an incrementally increasing number. The incrementally increasing portion shall reset to “1” every Council session.

5.1.4.3. Additions to the Code of Ordinances shall be indicated in bold and/or underline. Deletions shall be indicated by striking through.

5.1.5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. Maps and visuals, along with all other supportive evidence essential to a matter, shall be presented in a clear and intelligible way.

5.2. REFERRAL OF MATTERS

5.2.1. In general, all matters may be referred to Council committees or executive multiple-member bodies, which shall constitute a request for a report on such matters.

5.2.2. Financial orders. No order or resolution authorizing a loan, the levying of a tax or the expenditure of money (with the exception of the printing of the annual reports) shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Finance. It shall be the duty of such committee to report on the relation of such order, resolution, levy or expenditures to the finances of the City, but new provisions shall not be added to such resolution, order, levy or expenditure by the Committee unless directly connected with the financial features thereof, and then by recommendation only.

5.2.3. Ordinances. No ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

5.2.4. Licenses and permits. Licenses and permits may be referred to the Committee on Community Resources for the committee’s recommendation.

5.2.5. Should a committee fail to report within the time set forth in Section 2.6.2.6, or if a multiple-member body fails to report within 45 days of

referral to that body, the City Council shall be authorized to proceed with the matter in absence of such report.

5.3. SOLICITOR REVIEW OF ORDINANCES. At or before the meeting at which the Committee on Legislative Matters considers any matter for approval and/or recommendation the City Solicitor shall be requested to examine the matter's form and legal character.

5.4. WITHDRAWAL OF MATTERS. If the Council has previously acted on a matter, the matter may be withdrawn by this method. At the written request of any sponsor(s) of a matter, a matter shall be withdrawn from consideration in the City Council and in all City Council Committees to which the matter had been referred provided the withdrawal be placed on the agenda of a City Council meeting. No vote shall be required. However, if at that meeting all sponsors of a matter do not unanimously agree to withdraw a matter, the matter shall not be withdrawn. However at that time any Councilor shall upon their request have their individual sponsorship removed.

5.5. MATTERS REQUIRING TWO ~~VOTES~~ READINGS. ~~To be approved, every matter shall have two separate votes on two separate days unless otherwise provided in these Rules. Before a vote on a matter may be held, it must first have been introduced at a prior City Council meeting. Introduction shall include a description of purpose and effects. Council discussion is allowed for questions and clarification~~

5.6. MATTERS REQUIRING ONE ~~VOTE~~ READING. The following shall require only one ~~vote~~ reading of the Council:

~~5.6.1. Administrative orders submitted by the Mayor for either approval or disapproval~~

~~5.6.2.~~ 5.6.1. Licenses

~~5.6.3.~~ 5.6.2. Approval of minutes

~~5.6.4.~~ 5.6.3. Acceptances of reports

~~5.6.5.~~ 5.6.4. Petitions, and orders to grant petitions

~~5.6.6.~~ 5.6.5. Appointments, and

~~5.6.7.~~ 5.6.6. Orders to adopt or amend the Council Rules.

5.7. ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE. When matter has passed the required number of votes, it shall be signed by the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and signed by the Enrollment Committee consisting of two City Councilors.

5.8. AUTOMATIC CARRYOVER. Matters that have not passed the required number of votes by the end of the current session shall automatically carry over to the next session of the City Council and shall remain in the Council and in all committees and executive commissions to which they have been referred at the start of the next session unless:

5.8.1. A matter has already failed on the first of two required votes; or

- 5.8.2. A matter has received a negative recommendation from the Committee on Legislative Matters; or
- 5.8.3. The City Council votes to prevent automatic carryover of a matter to the next session. For this purpose, at the request of any City Councilor, the City Council President shall place any such pending matter on the agenda at the final meeting of the session. Only one vote shall be required to prevent automatic carryover, but 2/3 majority of the full Council shall be required; or
- 5.8.4. None of the sponsors of a matter will be serving in the next session of the City Council.

6. APPENDICES

6.1 SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY

Chair/Moderator

I. Selection of a Chair/Moderator

The City Council President will serve as the presiding officer of the hearing.

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

II. Notice of Public Hearings

Notice of hearings shall be advertised as required by the provisions of General Law Chapter 40A. In addition to the legally required notices the City Council will make every

effort to publish this notice broadly so the public will be fully informed, methods might include the City website, email distribution list and Northampton Community Television.

III. Calling of Public Hearing

All hearings held by the Council as a Special Permit Granting Authority Shall be open to the public.

IV. Public Hearings

1. Public hearings, when called, will be conducted in the following manner:
 - A. The presiding officer will announce that it is time for a Public Hearing and will announce the subject of such hearing.
 - B. The presiding officer will review evidence of adequate advertisement and legal notice and, if found to be appropriate and proper according to law, will have the advertisement read into the record. The presiding officer will then explain the procedure to be followed, including the time limits on speakers' and the fact that each speaker shall give their name and address for the record. By majority vote the City Council may extend the time granted to a particular speaker by the presiding officer. The chair may limit testimony that is repetitive.
 - C. The presiding officer will report on any new or changed information pertinent to the subject, if any, and then have read into the record all memoranda, opinions, comments and recommendations or City departments or boards pertinent to the matter.
 - D. The applicant will be given a reasonable amount of time to make a presentation regarding the matter.
 - E. Other persons supporting the position of the proponents will then be allowed to express the fact of their support and to present such supportive information as was not included in the initial or previous presentations. A five-minute time limit shall apply but the Council could extend the time on a majority vote.
 - F. Before opponents to an application or petition are called to speak, a member of the Council may move for invocation of a summary procedure and, if seconded and approved by a majority of the quorum, may subsequently move to deny the request made by the applicant, based on a finding that the evidence presented was not adequate to justify the request. If the motion for denial is then seconded and is approved by the quorum, the public hearing may be deemed complete.
 - G. Those persons speaking in opposition to the position taken by the principal proponent are then allowed to speak, each being allowed to express the fact of their opposition and to present such supportive information as was not included in previous presentations before the Council. A five-minute time limit shall apply and the Council could extend the time on a majority vote.
 - H. After all opponents have been heard, the presiding officer will then allow the proponent and or project staff person to respond to any issues/questions raised by the opponents.

- I. After the proponents have responded to the opponents, the opponents shall have an additional opportunity to respond, the presiding officer shall determine which opponent shall respond at which time. A three minute time limit shall apply but the Council may extend the time by majority vote. The motion to extend time is non-debatable.
- J. The presiding officer will then enter all documents received concerning the matter into the record. The applicant or project staff may then answer any questions raised in the letters.
- K. If new information is presented the presiding officer or the Council may allow additional time for the appropriate party to respond. Immediately or in writing later but before the close of the public hearing.
- L. The presiding officer will then hear questions from the general public regarding aspects/issues that have not been addressed in previous testimony. The presiding officer shall refer questions to the appropriate person and may rule questions out of order if the subjects of the questions have already been addressed. Questions may also be submitted in writing.
- M. At any point, a public hearing may be continued or postponed to a time, place and date certain, provided that these rules and procedures are adhered to when it is resumed, or may be continued or postponed to a time, place and date not certain, providing required advertising and notice procedures are followed to announce the time, place and date of resumption. Each meeting is a continuation of the same public hearing.

V. Votes of the Council

All votes for Special Permits shall require a 2/3 majority of the Council to pass.

Applications before the City Council

VI. Permit Applications

Applications for a Special Permit before the City Council shall be prepared in accordance with the procedures in the Northampton Zoning Ordinance and the instruction on and attached to the application form. Every application for action by the Council shall be made on the official application form, and as approved by the Council and adopted by reference in these Bylaws and Rules of Procedure.

6.2 Examples of Presentation and Enacting Styling of Matters

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor J. Calvin Coolidge

15.073

AN ORDINANCE

**RELATIVE TO ZONING IN CENTRAL BUSINESS (OR)
ENTITLED THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2016 (OR)
TO REVISE SEC. 000 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor J. Calvin Coolidge

R-15.003

A RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY (OR)
TO CREATE A SELECT COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A
STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council

In the City Council, January 1, 2016

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor J. Calvin Coolidge

O-15.001
AN ORDER

**TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT FUNDING**

Ordered, that:

MEMBERS

Councilor Rachel Maiore, Chair
Al Simon, Citizen, Vice-Chair
Ezekiel Baskin, Citizen
Councilor William H. Dwight
Councilor Karen Foster



Report of the City Council Rules Select Committee

Summary of Recommendations

The City Council Rules Select Committee was formed pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Northampton City Council on April 15, 2021. Sponsored by Councilor At-Large William H. Dwight, **21.233 A Resolution to Review and Revise the Rules and Committees of the City Council** requested that Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra appoint a select committee made up of three city councilors and two community members to review the Council Rules and Council Committees and present its recommendations to the City Council for deliberation and vote before the end of the current term. The committee was appointed on April 30, 2021 and held 10 virtual meetings by Zoom on June 28, 2021, July 13, 2021, August 5, 2021, August 23, 2021, September 15, 2021, September 29, 2021, October 12, 2021, October 26, 2021, November 9, 2021 and November 23, 2021. The meetings were open to the public and an opportunity for public comment was provided at every meeting.

This document summarizes the recommendations of the select committee resulting from its study of the current rules, as adopted by the 2020-2021 City Council on January 7, 2020. The Rules Committee's recommendations for changes to the council rules are attached as Exhibit A.

The committee considered several issues which did not result in recommended changes to the rules. These are listed in Exhibit A under the subheading, "Changes Considered and Not Agreed to."

REFLECTIONS ON CULTURAL NORMS

Additionally, in the process of reviewing the rules, the Rules Committee became aware of numerous 'norms' or common practices of the City Council which have developed over time and are cultural in nature rather than being authorized or required by a specific council rule. An example of this is the practice of the Finance Committee meeting within the regular meeting of the full council rather than meeting separately on a different day as other subcommittees do. Members discussed and debated the advantages and disadvantages of these norms and decided to identify some of them within this report to encourage the council as a body to think critically about them going forward. Exhibit A contains a partial list of these unspoken rules.

Finally, due to time constraints, the committee was not able to have as full a discussion as desirable around some topics. These are listed as 'Topics Recommended for Further Study.'

Respectfully submitted,

City Council Rules Select Committee

By _____

City Councilor Rachel Maiore, Chair

Dated: November 23, 2021

Rules Committee Recommendations:

- Public comment be limited to 90 minutes and two minutes per speaker (July 13, 2021; November 9, 2021).
- Rule 4.8 be modified to add that the city council will take public comment in person or by remote participation as the technology allows (August 5, 2021)
- Rule 4.14.1.4 providing that councilors may not participate remotely more than six times in a calendar year be removed and 'family illness or family caretaking' be added to permissible reasons for remote participation under 4.14.2 (August 5, 2021)
- Not to set a firm end time and to leave the 7 p.m. start time as is with the knowledge that it can be revisited either later by this committee or by the next council (August 5, 2021)
- Remove the Finance Committee from the set agenda (4.5 Order of Business) listed within the council rules (August 23, 2021)
- Financial orders will be introduced at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda or the Finance Committee for more granular discussion and recommendation. The Finance Committee will then convene separately outside of the full council meeting and before the next meeting. (As voted September 15, 2021 and restated and clarified at the September 29th meeting)
- Amend Rule 4.5 Order of Business as follows (September 15, 2021):
 - Place public hearings at the beginning of the order of business
 - Combine 'Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs,' 'Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors' and 'Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor' into 'Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor' and put immediately after roll call
 - Place resolutions after ordinances
 - Remove recess for Finance Committee
 - Put small subheadings explaining what each of the categories mean on the agenda as published so members of the public and councilors know what each agenda item is
- Substitute the following for existing language in Section 5.5 Matters Requiring Two ~~Votes~~ Readings: "Before a vote on a matter may be held, it must first have been introduced at a prior City Council meeting. Introduction shall include a description of purpose and effects. Council discussion is allowed for questions and clarification." (September 29, 2021)
- Change the title of Section 5.6 to 'Matters requiring one reading' instead of one 'vote' and eliminate administrative orders from the list. The text would read, "The following shall require only one reading of the council. . . (September 29, 2021)
- Delete Rule 2.5.1.6, the rule requiring the Administrative Assistant to obtain two copies of the recording of each meeting (October 12, 2021)
- Amend Rule 2.3.7 (Council President – Duties and Powers) as follows:

2.3.7 To hire the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and to supervise the individual in that position generally, including conducting an annual performance review. The administrative assistant appointment must be ratified by the full City Council. (October 12, 2021 and October 26, 2021)
- Amend Rule 2.5.1.5 (Administrative Assistant to the City Council Duties) to read as follows:

2.5.1.5. To ensure that all documents addressed to the Council shall be provided to each Councilor, and that any documents reviewed during the meeting become part of the permanent public record of Council-that meeting. ~~at which the documents are distributed.~~ (October 12, 2021)
- Amend Rule 2.5.1.2 as follows:

- 2.5.1.2 To provide staff support and recordkeeping to ~~all~~-standing Council committees and select committees as assigned and to assist committees with all aspects of reporting. (October 12, 2021)
- Move Public Comment into the body of the convened meeting after Roll Call (Roll Call>Public Hearings>Public Comment) (November 23, 2021)

Changes Considered and Not Agreed to:

- Limiting overall Public Comment to one hour (July 13, 2021)
- Removing the responsibility of acting as parliamentarian from the Administrative Assistant position (Rule 2.5.1.9) (October 12, 2021 meeting)
- Removing Rule 4.13.2 Votes Required to Pass Measures/Roll Call Votes and the requirement to rotate the order of roll call by alphabetical order so that no one member always votes first. (October 12, 2021)
- Combining City Services and Community Resources (9/15/2021. No vote taken, but consensus reached to leave two committees 'as is.')
- Change to membership and definition of Youth Commission to make sure it meets the robust legal requirements for a committee sponsoring/initiating legislation. This was agreed to be outside of the purview of the Rules Committee. (September 29, 2021)
- 2.6.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES. All committees are required to have 4 members, **reduce committee membership to 3 members**-odd numbers better to voting
- 3.1.1 SELECTION OF AN OUTSIDE AUDITOR. **Currently Select Committee is set up to recommend. Eliminate this and give responsibility to Finance.** Are multiyear contracts allowed? Language is silent, but infers it is to be done yearly.
- 4.13.2 VOTES REQUIRED TO PASS MEASURES
Eliminate requirement for roll calls in subsections 1,2,3 except as required by statute. The Presiding Officer can currently call for roll calls at its discretion. Use of raised hand or voice votes also at discretion of P.O.
- 5.1.5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. This is an example of unnecessary instruction. A requirement that information be presented in a clear manner doesn't ensure that it is! **Eliminate this.**

EXHIBIT A

[An outline summarizing the committee's 'Reflections on City Council Norms' drafted by Councilor Foster is to be presented for acceptance at the time of presentation of the final report.]

Topics Recommended for Further Study:

- Committee Structure and Purpose
- Policy for Onboarding New Councilors
- Youth Commission Structure and Purpose
- Compensation for Elected Officials



*CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING
Northampton, MA*

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording
Public Comment

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra at 7:02 p.m.

Councilor Sciarra announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded. There being no public comment, Councilor Sciarra moved to the next item on the agenda.

Roll Call

At 7:02 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra	At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight
Ward 1 Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.	Ward 5 Councilor Alex Jarrett
Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster	Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge
Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash	Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore
Ward 4 Councilor John Thorpe	

Public Hearings

Public Hearings
None.

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs
The next City Council Rules Select Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6 p.m., Councilor Maiore announced. The group is starting to wrap up and get its report together and will accept public comment as usual, she noted.

Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors
Councilor Jarrett let the public know that new way-finding signs will soon be coming to seven proposed locations around Florence Center. The signs will help people unfamiliar with the area to navigate whether on foot, bike or motor vehicle. Residents can visit the city website at www.northamptonma.com/Florence to view the current draft and are welcome to give feedback by December 1st to either himself or the planning department.

Manna is holding its annual Thanksgiving dinner at Edwards Church from noon to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25th, Councilor Maiore reminded. Anyone interested in volunteering can do so by clicking on the Volunteers tab at www.mannanorthampton.org

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor
The Mayor's office received a request for a proclamation to be issued at City Council, Mayor Narkewicz advised. He read aloud a proclamation recognizing November of 2021 as National Family Caregivers' month and officially proclaiming November of 2021 to be Family Caregivers' Month in the City of Northampton.

Earlier today he issued another proclamation honoring Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) workers and hospice workers who also play a vital caregiving role, he shared. Caregiving was the theme today and is the theme in the month of November, which is also hospice and homecare month. He expressed deep appreciation and respect for everyone engaged in this critical work

Public Hearings

Public Hearings
None.

<p><u>Resolutions</u></p>	<p><u>Resolutions</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Presentations</u></p>	<p><u>Presentations</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u> Councilor Sciarra reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request. There being no removals, Councilor Dwight moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda: A. Minutes of November 4, 2021 regular meeting and November 8, 2021 special City Council meeting</p>
<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u> The City Council recessed for Finance Committee at 7:11 p.m. The Finance Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Financial Orders (On 1st reading)</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (On 1st reading pending Finance Committee review)</u> <u>21.354 An Order to Surplus City Land for Shared Use Parking at the Roundhouse Parking Lot - 1st reading</u> Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor Quinlan moved to suspend rules to allow a second ruling. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p><u>The following order passed two readings:</u></p>

21.354 An Order to Surplus City Land for Shared Use Parking at the Roundhouse Parking Lot - 1st reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 18, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

21.354 An Order to Surplus City Land for Shared Use Parking at the Roundhouse Parking Lot

WHEREAS, As part of the 2021 reconstruction and expansion of the Roundhouse Parking Lot, the city reviewed the history of the overall parking layout and management;

WHEREAS, When the Roundhouse Plaza (a/k/a Peter Pan bus terminal) was first developed on the site of a DPW maintenance building, the city permitted the owner to locate a portion of its adjacent parking lot on city property, both to encourage the redevelopment and to improve inter-urban bus access;

WHEREAS, An extensive search of city and registry records as part of the Roundhouse Parking Lot project revealed that the long-term lease agreement between the city and property owner for that additional land was never formally executed; and

WHEREAS, The eight parking spaces on the southernmost edge of the Roundhouse Plaza building, which are located on city land, remain integral to the successful operation of the bus terminal and offices and the owner wishes to continue that historical use and is willing to execute a proper 30-year lease with the city, consistent with MGL 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act; and

WHEREAS, Those eight spaces are heavily used during the day by the Roundhouse Plaza, but have a high vacancy rate after office hours and on weekends, the times when the public parking system is most stressed;

WHEREAS, The Roundhouse Plaza property owner supports a lease that would limit use of the eight parking spaces by its tenants to office hours while allowing the city to utilize the spaces for public parking when needed most at nights and on weekends;

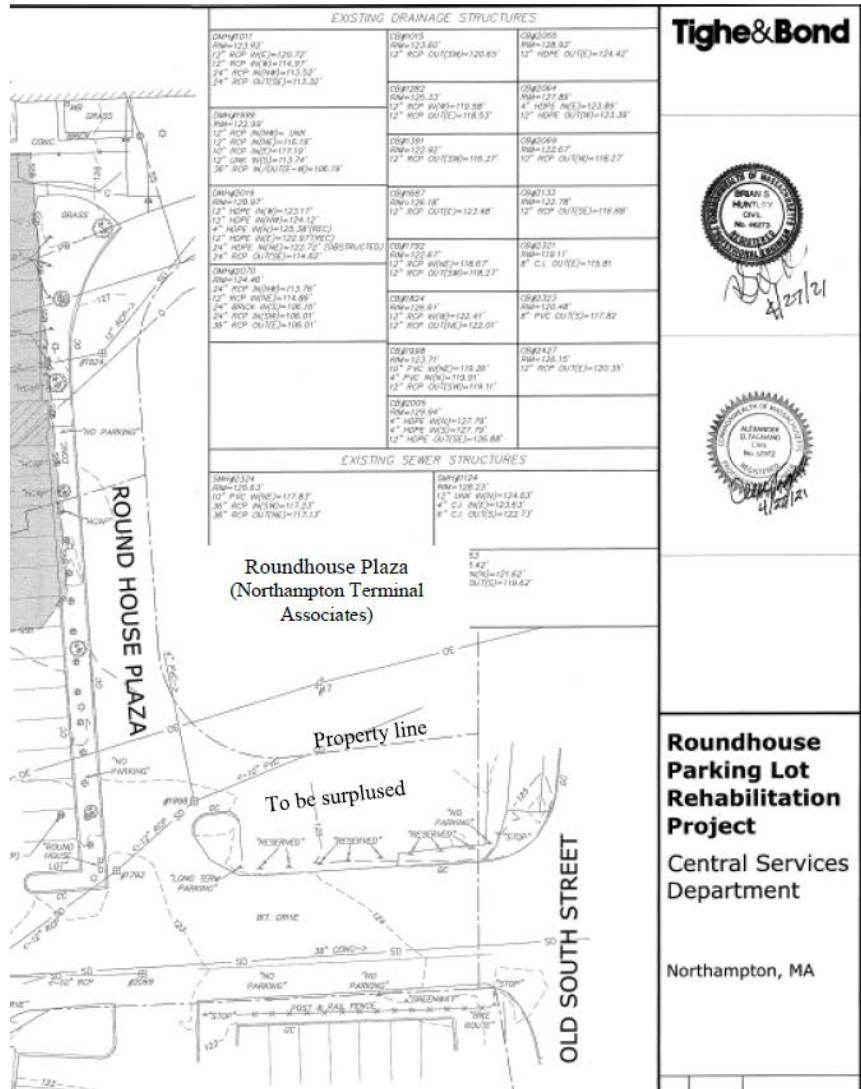
WHEREAS, The property owner would continue to be responsible for all of the maintenance, landscaping, and snow removal in and around the eight parking spaces resulting in no additional maintenance costs to the city as a result of any lease agreement;

Ordered, that

City Council declares the land on which those eight Roundhouse Plaza parking spaces sit surplus to city needs;

Further that the Mayor is authorized to sign a lease for parking during office hours on those eight spaces, subject to restrictions and conditions that the Mayor imposes to accomplish these needs.





Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Financial Orders (On 2nd reading)
 21.350 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2022 – 2nd reading

Financial Orders (On 2nd reading)
 21.350 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2022 – 2nd reading
 Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Councilor Dwight reported that the Town of Hadley voted to split its tax rate, approving a seven percent (7%) shift of the overall levy to commercial properties. The move was in response to a decision made during the pandemic to keep taxes artificially low.

He isn't going to speak to Hadley's decisions and choices but still holds that it is absolutely critical as this economy emerges and starts to reform that they keep the tax rate even across the board, Councilor Dwight professed. It is a burden for everyone, residents and businesses alike. To assign a greater onus to one population over another would only make sense if they were a community of second homes in which very wealthy and expensive properties actually affected the tax rate for everyone surrounding. He continues his advocacy for a flat rate, he concluded.

Councilor Nash thanked the finance director, assessor and former City Councilor David Murphy for being so helpful over the past week helping him wrangle questions of how a three percent (3%) increase in the mill rate can actually result in an 8% increase in somebody's bill. He thanked all three for sharing their expertise.

Councilor LaBarge echoed Councilor Dwight and Councilor Nash's comments, saying she thinks it is very critical to keep the factor of one. It is bad timing to split the rate with many still in dire need of help. There are businesspeople having a hard time getting back on their

feet. She thanked Mr. Murphy for coming forth and presenting. As a councilor, she has received some calls from people on her ward a little upset about the increase. She told them they need to look at what's happened to the economy, their city and its residents. Right now, Northampton's rate is lower than Amherst, Westhampton and other areas. She thanked the three departments involved in maintaining the flat rate, noting that shifting it "would have been very detrimental for many, many people in the city and businesspeople."

Councilor Sciarra also extended thanks to the responsible departments.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council November 4, 2021

Upon recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

21.350
An Order
To Establish a Tax Classification for FY2022

Ordered, that

The Northampton City Council approves a Residential Factor of One (1) for Fiscal Year 2022.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

Orders

Orders

21.351 An Order for District Heating and Microgrids – 2nd reading
Councilor Jarrett moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

21.351 An Order for District Heating and Microgrids – 2nd reading

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 4, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and Energy and Sustainability Commission

21.351 An Order for District Heating and Microgrids

WHEREAS, The *Climate Resilience and Regeneration Plan*, an element of the *Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan*, acknowledges that natural gas leaks and generation results in higher greenhouse gas emissions than is often disclosed and creates a goal of replacing natural gas for building and water heating with renewable and potentially renewable energy sources;

WHEREAS, In endorsing that plan, and other City Council orders and resolutions, City Council has gone on record numerous times to supports efforts and innovations to reduce the city’s carbon footprint, while helping the city thrive even with climate change; and

WHEREAS, Eversource, which provides natural gas to a majority of buildings in the city, is undertaking a pilot study of networked geothermal systems for heating and cooling potential, potentially combined with other sources of waste heat, which could reduce or eliminate the need for natural gas;

WHEREAS: Replacing fossil fuel sources with geothermal for building water and space heating and cooling can reduce building carbon emissions by about 60 percent;

WHEREAS: Northampton’s participation in the geothermal pilot can significantly advance progress toward the City’s climate goals and advance Eversource’s offerings;

WHEREAS: The city is exploring options for extraction and distribution of ground source (geothermal) energy, which could potentially include Main Street which will be open during the Picture Main Street construction project and which already supports diverse energy use demands;

Ordered, that

City Council enthusiastically supports participating in the Eversource Geothermal Pilot, including for Main Street; and

The City Clerk is requested to forward a certified copy of this order to the Eversource Geothermal Pilot and the state legislative delegation.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.353 An Order for Special Legislation to Eliminate Party Appointments to the License Commission - 1st reading

21.353 An Order for Special Legislation to Eliminate Party Appointments to the License Commission - 1st reading

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Two multiple-member bodies in the city are bound by state law with a party affiliation requirement - the Board of Registrars (BOR) and the License Commission, Mayor Narkewicz explained. The BOR requires equal representation from the two leading political parties so he generally solicits members from the Democratic and Republican parties. (Ironically, ‘independent’ and ‘unenrolled’ designations are not considered parties, he said.)

The other odd one is the License Commission. He thinks it is from a bygone era when the city had partisan local elections with Republican and Democratic mayors, city councilors, etc. He can only assume it was intended to make sure there was party equity among this very powerful board but today it doesn’t actually make sense in a non-partisan environment for a board that issues liquor and common victualler licenses.

The order would send a request to the legislature for an exemption from this state requirement for the License Commission only, not the BOR. He can’t really see a reason for it and thinks it is from a bygone era. Although the state may not have corrected the law, he wants to bring it up to modern standards for Northampton.

He expressed uncertainty about when exactly it would be acted on by the legislature. The city could at least get it filed for the start of the next session.

Councilor LaBarge and Councilor Foster expressed support. She reached out to one of the License Commissioners, and, similar to the mayor, this commissioner said the requirement felt archaic to her as well, Councilor Foster shared. She appreciates him taking this up.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 18, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

21.353 An Order for Special Legislation to Eliminate Party Appointments to the License Commission

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, M.G.L. c. 138, § 4 provides that “[o]ne member [of the License Commission] shall be appointed from each of the two leading political parties and the third member may also be appointed from one of said parties”; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-5 of the Northampton City Charter provides for non-partisan elections in the city; and

WHEREAS, Appointments to the License Commission on the basis of party affiliation does not serve the interests of the City of Northampton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED

Voted, to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows.

The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the mayor approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The mayor is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FROM APPOINTMENTS TO THE NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION ON THE BASIS OF PARTY AFFILIATION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the second sentence of section 4 of chapter 138, the mayor of the city of Northampton may appoint members to the Northampton License Commission without regard to party affiliation.

SECTION 2. The remaining provisions of section 4 of chapter 138 shall continue to apply to appointments to the Northampton License Commission.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

<p><u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>21.355 Ordinance Relative to House-keeping Changes to the General Ordinances</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances</u> Councilor Dwight moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion carried 9:0 by roll call vote.</p>
<p><u>Ordinances</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances</u></p>

21.335 Ordinance
Relative to Stop
Signs on Ever-
green Road and
Chestnut Avenue -
1st reading

21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue - 1st reading

The order is to establish multi-way stop signs on Evergreen Road in both directions (East/West) at the intersection of Chestnut Avenue and Chestnut Avenue Extension and on Chestnut Avenue in the northbound direction at the intersection of Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue Extension, Councilor Sciarra advised.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Residents have been increasingly concerned about this intersection because Chestnut Avenue Extension has a lot of young children crossing it to get to the Leeds Elementary School and visibility coming up the hill is not good, Councilor Maire reported. There have been some near misses. She is in full support as are the residents.

One question that came up in the Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC) is why there is no stop sign for the southerly direction of travel, Councilor Jarrett noted. It is because it is on private property and there is already a stop sign there, he volunteered.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.

21.336 Ordinance
Relative to Off-
Street Accessible
Parking Spaces -
1st reading

21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces - 1st reading

The order establishes accessible parking spaces at various recreational fields, including Florence Recreation Fields, Sheldon Field, Arcanum Field, etc., Councilor Sciarra noted.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Maire seconded.

Councilor Foster made not only a reasonable but an appropriate recommendation to modify the language to remove the term 'handicapped' and replace it with 'accessible' as an expression of dignity, Councilor Dwight noted. Legislative Matters members agreed this was appropriate and right but in this case only changed the title. The city solicitor is in the process of going through the entire code to make changes to all language denoting accessibility and intends to present such changes throughout the code to the City Council as a package, he advised.

He was concerned that if they removed the term 'handicapped' from the schedule it wouldn't have a place to go in the code book because there is not currently a section for 'accessible' parking. The choice made was to endorse the changing of terms generally without changing the language in this section in isolation.

Councilor Foster and Councilor LaBarge spoke in favor of this important change to modernize language related to people with disabilities. ADA Coordinator Keith Benoit has actually gone through the code of ordinances and identified 47 or so occurrences of the term 'handicapped' which can be changed to the term 'accessible,' thereby providing an opportunity to codify this kind of dignity and proper language in city ordinances.

Administrative Assistant Krutzler pointed out that some if not all of those language changes are in the package of ordinances referred tonight to Legislative Matters. The city solicitor has in fact presented those changes for approval, she confirmed.

Councilor Dwight commented that little prosaic actions such as changes in terminology actually have value and resonate beyond their immediate effect because they help define a culture. He finds it touching that they are playing catch up at the end of this term by correcting language, adding accessible parking spaces, etc.

Councilor Maire said she is glad to see these spaces being established. When she was a special education teacher, she was surprised to see pushback around handicapped spaces with some people complaining that they are not ever all full. Often caregivers are dropping people with accessibility issues off so it is really crucial that those spaces be available and

not taken by people without mobility issues, she stressed.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.

21.337 Ordinance
Relative to Parking
on Main Street -
1st reading

21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street - 1st reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded.

The proposed changes are to various parking spaces listed on the 'Parking Prohibited at All Times' and 'On-Street Parking Meter Zones' schedules (Schedule I and Schedule VIII), Councilor Sciarra noted.

The proposed changes to eliminate certain parking spaces came out of the Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC), largely at the recommendation of Parking Administrator Nanci Forrestall, Councilor Nash advised. To exit or enter these parking spaces motorists have to either drive through or back up into a crosswalk. Ms. Forrestall has been working behind the scenes on the TPC for years to move this forward. He thinks it is a great idea to eliminate these spaces which could be dangerous.

As a Legislative Matters (LM) member, she voted to positively recommend the change but her only question is how the empty spaces will be delineated, Councilor Maiore said.

Councilor Nash said he did not know but that he imagined there would be some striping to indicate it is no longer a space.

The Office of Planning and Sustainability (OPS) received a shared streets grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) so the city has funding for cross-hatched lines and 'No Parking' signs, Director Feiden confirmed.

Councilor Maiore asked if it made sense to put bike racks there.

He thinks it would be fine for the summer, Director Feiden responded. They did actually just buy a six-bike movable rack which they are primarily planning on using for 'Summer on Strong.'

Since they are eliminating an accessible parking space, Councilor Nash asked if there are plans to replace it.

Yes; they are just sliding it over, Director Feiden confirmed.

Councilor Foster said she also thinks it's a great idea to free up space and increase safety in the crosswalks. However, without an appropriate deterrent, it would be awfully tempting for people to pull up and park in a vacant slice of asphalt when picking up a pizza, etc., she suggested.

Councilor Jarrett made the request that, in the future, staff please carry over links to maps associated with parking ordinances from the TPC's agenda.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.

21.338 Ordinance
Relative to a Stop
Sign on Cross
Path Road - 1st
reading

21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road - 1st reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Nash seconded.

Over the summer, somebody went and removed vegetation along the river bank on Riverbank Road, Councilor Nash reported. Cross Path Road runs directly into Riverbank Road and, without vegetation there, both the police and DPW were very concerned that someone might not stop and might drive directly into the river. Emergency steps were

taken; a concrete barrier was placed along the opposite side of the roadway to make sure people wouldn't enter the river by mistake and DPW employees assessed ways to make the intersection safer. It was from this assessment that the recommendation for a stop sign at the T-intersection came. Along with the stop sign, there will be line striping to indicate where cars should stop and an arrow sign opposite the stop sign on the other side of Riverbank Road indicating that cars should go in either direction rather than straight. There will also be some cleanup of brush on the side of the road to improve sight lines.

The ordinance was positively recommended by both TPC and LM, he added. **The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.

21.349 Ordinance
Relative to Parking
on Meadow Street
- 1st reading

21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street - 1st reading

This ordinance establishes an area on Meadow Street where parking is prohibited at all times, Councilor Sciarra indicated.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Maiore seconded.

The field's parking lots are closed in winter, leading residents using the field and visitors to Grow Food Northampton to park along the side of the road, evidently degrading the shoulder, Councilor Maiore explained. A 'No Parking' area is being established along the unpaved shoulder and a more suitable asphalt parking area will be created and delineated.

Councilor Foster mentioned the availability of some additional parking for community garden days at Grow Food.

Councilor Nash commented that if people are using the fields and recreating there in the winter, it might make sense to open the parking area, and Councilor Maiore agreed.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.

Zoning
Ordinances (Not
yet Referred)
21.356 Ordinance
Relative to
Housekeeping
Changes to the
Zoning Ordinance

Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance

These are the language changes and other non-substantive housekeeping changes referred to earlier in the meeting, Councilor Sciarra noted. Since they were recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee, it would make sense to have them enacted by the sitting council during this council session, if possible. This might necessitate two readings at the council's final meeting in December.

Councilor Jarrett moved to refer the ordinance to the Planning Board and LM. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Zoning
Ordinances
21.318 Ordinance
to Amend §350-17
FFR District and
§350 3-4 Zoning
Map to Include
Recreation Land -
1st reading

Zoning Ordinances

21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - 1st reading

Councilor Foster read the ordinance.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

Councilor Sciarra said she thinks most councilors have seen this. She asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Nash applauded the outreach by the planning department, expressing his understanding that 117 letters were sent to individual property owners. People were given terrific notification, and he really appreciates that.

<p><u>21.319 Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 1st reading</u></p>	<p>Councilor Jarrett pointed out some anomalies in the numbering. Administrative Assistant Krutzler offered to work with Assistant OPS Director Carolyn Misch between now and 2nd reading to correct the anomalies.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p><u>See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.</u></p> <p><u>21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 1st reading</u> Councilor Sciarra read the ordinance.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded.</p> <p>Ms. Krutzler noted that the reference to 75 spaces in the first paragraph is a typo. The number should be 25.</p> <p>Councilor Foster made a public appeal that community decisions about where EV charging stations are located within the city be made with an equity lens.</p> <p>Councilor Jarrett said he noticed the ordinance doesn't talk about a particular kind of charger and Tesla chargers aren't interoperable with other kinds of chargers. He wondered if they are assuming market forces will address this issue.</p> <p>Councilor Jarrett is absolutely right, Councilor Dwight agreed. He said he is pretty sure any chargers the city installs will be more universal.</p> <p>From a zoning standpoint, any type of charger would qualify, Director Feiden stated. If the city were installing them they would certainly want universal models.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p><u>See minutes of December 2, 2021 for second reading.</u></p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p>	<p><u>New Business</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></p>	<p>Upon motion made by Councilor Foster and seconded by Councilor Dwight, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The motion passed 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council</p>



**Department of Fire Services
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Application/Permit for Supervised Display of Fireworks (FP-027)

This form shall be used as the application and permit for all supervised display of fireworks in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A copy of this application and required documentation must be submitted to the head of the local fire department **at least twenty (20) days in advance of the proposed date of display** as required by 527 CMR 1.00: 1.12.8.39.2.2(1).

Required Documentation to be Submitted

- Diagram/site plan showing points where fireworks are to be discharged, location/distance to the audience, buildings, highways, overhead obstructions, etc. (handwritten maps are not acceptable; Maps must be Google, Bing, GIS)
- The number and description of the fireworks/pyrotechnics including the diameter of the shells.

A copy of the natural barrier letter from the State Fire Marshal's Office (if applicable).

- FAA, Coast Guard, or other agency approvals/notifications

One copy of this form and required documentation must be forwarded by the Head of the Fire Department to the State Fire Marshal (by email dfs.licensing@state.ma.us, fax, or mail) **not later than five (5) days after receipt of said application** as required by 527 CMR 1.00: 1.12.8.39.2.2(4).

Name of Sponsor: Northampton Arts, Inc. Phone #: 413.587.1069

Address of Sponsor: 240 Main St. #1 Northampton, MA. 01060

Location of Display (GPS coordinates): 42° 19' 04.34" N / 72° 37' 48.61" W

Nearest GPS Street Address to display set up: 85 Hampton Ave. Northampton, MA. 01060

Date of Display: December 31, 2021 Time of Display: 6:15 P.M. Rain Date: None

Largest Shell Size to be Fired 1.5-inch tubes Number of Aerial Shells: _____

Number of Ground Pieces: None Number of Cakes & Max. Diameter 61 Cakes & Strips

This Show Is: Public Private _____

Fireworks/Special Effects Company: Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. Phone #: 800.854.4705

Current Users Certificate Number: PY-001012 Date of Expiration: 01/14/2022

Name of Competent Operator: Robert Gutowski

Certificate of Competency #: FW-004546 Expiration Date: 12/15/21

Company Supplying Fireworks: (if different from applicant user certificate listed above): _____

Manner and Location of Storage of Fireworks Prior to Display:

On site, in a D.O.T. approved vehicle, secured and placarded

Signature of Competent Operator: Thomas Spangola Date: November 2, 2021

Facility Manager - Pyrotecnico Fireworks

I hereby certify that the competent operator named above has my approval and that in my opinion, the display described will be of such character, so located, discharged or fired as not to be hazardous to property or to endanger any person or persons. (G.L. Chapter 148, §39A)

There are no changes to the natural barrier approval (no new developments, etc)

Restrictions:

Chief Officer on site upon Arrival of Fire works
and an Engine Company Required for the display

Signature of Head of Fire Department: [Signature] Date: 11/3/21

This permit will expire at midnight on Jan 2, 2022

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For Fire Department Use Only

Before the Show

- Review DEP advisory on perchlorates
- Verify active license and company information at www.mass.gov/dfs (License Lookup)

Day of Show

- Pre show site inspection: Establish secured area with a suitable barrier such as snow fencing or equivalent (caution tape is not sufficient). Natural barriers, as approved by SFMO, have not changed. Secured area must be established and maintained from the arrival of the fireworks until the completion of the display.
- If using racks, determine that the rack placement conforms to the approved site.
- Check racks for correct spacing and stability. Check angling of mortars.
- If not using racks, determine that mortar tubes are sufficiently buried. Check angling of mortars.
- Determine weather and wind conditions just prior to display. If necessary conduct a test shot.
- All fireworks shall be fired electrically.

Following the Show

- A competent operator must ensure a search is made for any unignited shells and related materials immediately following the display and at the first available daylight.
- Upon completion of the search, a competent operator shall report all findings to the head of the local fire department.



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11/2/2021

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PRODUCER Britton-Gallagher and Associates, Inc. One Cleveland Center, Floor 30 1375 East 9th Street Cleveland OH 44114	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C No. Ext): 216-658-7100 FAX (A/C No.): 216-658-7101 E-MAIL ADDRESS: info@brittongallagher.com	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
INSURED Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. P.O. Box 149 299 Wilson Road New Castle PA 16103	2299	INSURER A: Everest Indemnity Insurance Co. NAIC # 10851 INSURER B: Everest Denali Insurance Company 16044 INSURER C: Arch Speciality Ins Co 21199 INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:

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							MED EXP (Any one person)	\$
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							AGGREGATE	\$ 4,000,000
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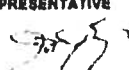
Additional insured extension of coverage is provided by above referenced General Liability policy where required by written agreement.

Fireworks Display Date: December 31, 2021 / Rain Date: None

Location: EJ Gore Parking Garage - 85 Hampton Ave. Northampton, MA 01060

Additionally Insured: Northampton Arts, Inc. & City of Northampton, MA

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

Northampton Arts, Inc. Memorial Hall #1 240 Main St. Northampton MA 01060	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
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	E-MAIL ADDRESS: PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID #		
INSURED Pyrotechnico Fireworks, Inc. dba Pyrotechnico PO Box 149 New Castle, PA 16103-0149 CTL 1273 1664791	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
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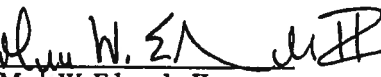
**VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE FOR
INDEFINITE TERM SURETY BOND**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Bond No. 21BSBFX8422 issued by Hartford Fire Insurance Company dated this 1 day of February, 2011, in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00), on behalf of Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. (as Principal), and in favor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (as Obligee), covers a term which began on the 1 day of February, 2011, and ends only with the cancellation of said bond or other legal termination thereof; and that the said bond remains in effect, subject to all its agreements, conditions and limitations.

Signed, sealed and dated* (enter below)

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

02/01/2021

BY: 
Mark W. Edwards, II
Attorney-in-Fact

2/1/2021 – 2/1/2022

*Use current or renewal date.

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 Bond.Claims@thehartford.com
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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: MCGRIFF INSURANCE SERVICES INC
 Agency Code: 21-250036

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
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- Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, up to the amount of Unlimited :

Christopher C. Gardner of Union MS, R.E. Daniels, Shelby E. Daniels of Pensacola, FL, Robert Read Davis of Atlanta GA, Robert M. Verdin of Metairie, LA, Anna Childress, Mark W. Edwards II, Alisa B. Ferris, Robert R. Freel, Richard H. Mitchell, William M. Smith, Jeffrey M. Wilson of BIRMINGHAM, Alabama

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by , and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on May 23, 2016 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Shelby Wiggins

Shelby Wiggins, Assistant Secretary

Joelle L. LaPierre

Joelle L. LaPierre, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

ss. Lake Mary

On this 13th day of February, 2020, before me personally came Joelle LaPierre, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that (s)he resides in Seminole County, State of Florida; that (s)he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that (s)he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that (s)he signed his/her name thereto by like authority.



Jessica Ciccone

Jessica Noelle Ciccone
 My Commission #FF029702
 Expires June 20, 2021

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of February 1, 2021

Signed and sealed in Lake Mary, Florida.



Keith D. Dozolis

Keith D. Dozolis, Assistant Vice President



Northampton Arts, Inc.

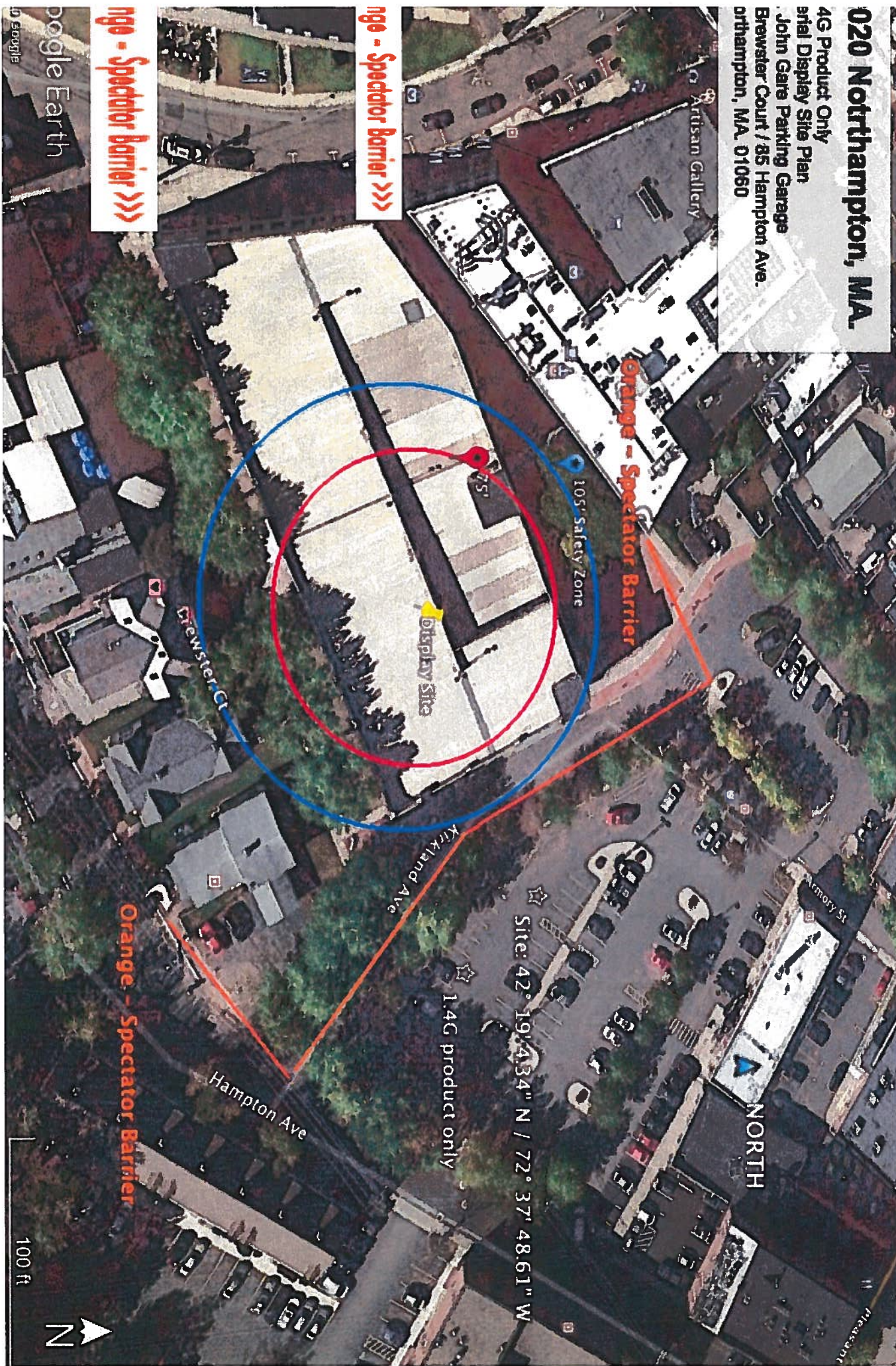
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PYROTECNICO DIRECTORY

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020 Northampton, MA

4G Product Only
Initial Display Site Plan
John Gare Parking Garage
Brewster Court / 85 Hampton Ave.
Northampton, MA, 01060



Orange - Spectator Barrier >>>

Orange - Spectator Barrier >>>

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Department of Fire Services

FW-004546

Fireworks Certificate of Competency

Robert James Gutowski
448 Florence Road
Florence MA 01062



Expiration Date
12/15/2021

State Fire Marshal

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SHELL / FINALE COUNT TOTALS

**Show Date 12/31/2021 / Display Duration: 8 - 10
minutes minutes**

Sales Order SO-C42226 / Work Order WO-3205

Group	Qty
CAKE STR	26
IGNITERS	60
MODULAR STRIP STR	24



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SHELL / FINALE COUNT TOTALS

Show Date 12/31/2021 / Display Duration: 8-10 minutes

Sales Order SO-C42226 / Work Order WO-4078

Group	Qty
- None -	9
IGNITERS	42



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EFFECT BREAKDOWN

SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY - SCAN TO REPORT ANY INCIDENTS OR NEAR MISSES



Show Date 12/31/2021 / Display Duration: 8 - 10 minutes
Sales Order SO-C42226 / Work Order WO-3205

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2	BODY	CAKE STR	25 STR PEONY RED + BLUE	2			1	2	1	
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2	BODY	CAKE STR	25 STR ORANGE GREEN YELLOW PEONY DRAGON EGGS	2			1	2	1	
2	BODY	CAKE STR	25 STR CRK PALM TREE CRK TL	2			1	2	1	
2	BODY	CAKE STR	25 STR BLUE TL>RED STROBE PIST TIME RAIN SG	2			1	2	1	
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2	BODY	CAKE STR	19 STR RED TL RED PIST WHITE	2			1	2	1	
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3	FINALE	MODULAR STRIP STR	7 STR BOMBETTE RED + BLUE W/TL ALL FIRE	8			1	8	1	ALTERNATE 2 RED BLUES THEN 1 CRACK
3	FINALE	MODULAR STRIP STR	7 STR MINE CRACKING ALL FIRE	8			1	8	1	MIXED IN WITH OTHER 7 SHOTS
		IGNITERS	ELECTRIC MATCH 5 METER	60						



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Sales Order SO-C42226 / Work Order WO-4078

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2	BODY		INDIVISIBLE	1			1	6	1	
2	BODY		SUNSET BOULEVARD	1			1	4	1	
2	BODY		BALLISTIC BOMB	1			1	4	1	
2	BODY		ALL IN	1			1	6	1	
2	BODY		WICKED PYRO PRO SERIES #6	1			1	4	1	
2	BODY		FIREFLY	1			1	2	1	
2	BODY		KALEIDOSCOPE EYES	1			1	6	1	
2	BODY		PYROPSYCHOSIS	1			1	6	1	
		IGNITERS	ELECTRIC MATCH 5 METER	42						

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of Transportation

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Operations Support Group
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1701 Columbia Ave.
College Park, GA 30337

FIREWORKS DISPLAY NOTIFICATION

Company Name: Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc
Email Address of Person Submitting Request: rflowers@pyrotecnico.com
Cell Phone Number for On-Site Technician: 800.854.4705
Event Name: Northampton Arts, Inc - NYE Display
Display Date: December 31, 2021 Rain Date: none
Display Start Time: 6:15 P.M.
Duration of Fireworks Display: 15 - 18 minutes
Max Height of Fireworks: 100' AGL
Address, City and State: 85 Hampton Ave. Northampton, MA. 01060
Latitude: 42° 19' 04.34" N (North) Longitude: 72° 37' 48.61" W (West)
List the Closest Public Use Airport Within 5 Nautical Miles of the Display if the Fireworks Will Reach or Exceed 500 Ft. Not Applicable
Special Notes _____

Please email your request to:

9-ATO-ESA-OSG-Fireworks@faa.gov



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Fire Services

Pyrotechnic User Certificate

PY-001012

This is to certify that in accordance with all Massachusetts laws and regulations a
Pyrotechnic User Certificate is hereby issued to:

Expiration Date: 01/14/2022

Restrictions or Secondary License Type:

**Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc.
PO Box 149
New Castle PA 16103**

State Fire Marshal

Post in a conspicuous place. Verify the status of this Certificate at www.mass.gov/dfs

Department of Fire Services

**Permit to Transport Fireworks
TF-004053**

This is to certify that in accordance with all Massachusetts laws and regulations a
Permit to Transport Fireworks is hereby issued to:

Expiration Date: 07/25/2022

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PO Box 149
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*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

November 23, 2021

Gina-Louise Sciarra
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding, Autumn 2021

President Sciarra and City Councilors,

In September 2021, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing project proposals submitted for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding consideration. After extensive review including applicant presentations, site visits, public comment sessions and deliberation, the CPC voted to recommend 10 funding requests totaling \$1,392,322, representing all CPA project area: historic preservation, recreation, affordable housing, and open space preservation. The second round of FY22 funding will start in January.

The CPC encourages Councilors and the public to visit

<http://archive.northamptonma.gov/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=718511&dbid=0&repo=CityOfNorthampton&cr=1>

to view the full applications submitted for each project funded this round. Meeting minutes, the City's Community Preservation Plan, information about the CPA, financial documents and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage:

www.northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, the Committee's recommendations, or if additional information is needed.

Projects Recommended for Funding:

Rocky Hill Trails, Office of Planning & Sustainability, \$100,000

CPA funds will be used to create an accessible soft-surface loop trail at the Pine Grove section of the Rocky Hill Greenway.

Priority Open Space Acquisitions, Conservation Commission, \$228,301

CPA funds will be used to permanently protect three open space parcels totaling 64 acres. 46 acres in the Mineral Hills, 5.2 acres in the Parsons Brook Greenway, and 13 acres in the Saw Mill Hills. These acquisitions will add to existing protected Greenways and provide wildlife habitat, riparian and trail connection, and educational and recreational opportunities

Connecticut River Walkway, Office of Planning & Sustainability, \$70,000

The project will create an accessible trail connection to the beach at the Connecticut River Greenway on Damon Road, for swimming, river access, fishing, and boat launching. CPA funds will match an existing state grant.

Farmland Reclamation, Grow Food Northampton, \$20,000

CPA funds will allow Grow Food Northampton to create additional community garden plots, edible hedgerows, and reclaim farm field edges. The area is protected by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction and was conserved in part using CPA funds.

Critical Exterior Repairs, Michelson Galleries, \$82,900

CPA funds will be used as a match for state historic grant funds to complete critical exterior work to the façade of the 1913 Northampton National Bank Building at 132 Main Street; part of the Downtown National Register District. The recommendation represents the difference between a simple repair to make the facade and a full restoration to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the treatment of historic properties

Shepherd Barn Artifact Preservation, Historic Northampton, \$31,922

CPA funds will allow Historic Northampton to restore 50 larger artifacts – business signs, sleighs, tools and weathervanes that will be installed in the Shepherd Barn, and will become publicly available for the first time in 30 years.

Housing the Disabled Homeless, Independent Housing Solutions, \$608,000

CPA funds will be used to help create a supportive but independent housing facility for 16 medically complex and chronically homeless individuals at 5 Franklin Street. CPA funds will be utilized to convert the building to serve residential needs

Outdoor Pickleball Feasibility, Parks and Recreation, \$13,000

CPA funds will be used to hire a landscape and engineering consultant to evaluate existing city-owner sites and recommend five possible locations to create a six-court pickleball facility for public use.

Mortgage Subsidy Program, Valley Community Development Corporation: \$230,100

CPA funds will be used to provide four \$50,000 down payment / closing cost assistance loans to allow low moderate income first time homebuyers purchase homes in Northampton. These will help close the gap between typical home prices and the amount of housing debt than a low or moderate income household can support and create homeownership opportunities.

Invasive Species Removal, Lathrop Communities, \$3,000

These funds will allow Lathrop Communities to continue to continue invasive plant removal and along Bassett Brook on their Florence Road campus and at the North Campus on Bridge Road, to promote native habitats. The City holds conservation restrictions on both properties, and public access is allowed.

Thank you,

Brian Adams

Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued
Invasive Species Removal

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Lathrop Communities submitted an application for Community Preservation Act Small Grant funding for continued priority invasive species removal at its North and East campuses, on both of which the City holds permanent Conservation Restrictions.

WHEREAS, the project will continue to help improve and preserve the health of sensitive habitats in the Parsons and Broad Brook watersheds, has strong community support, and will continue to leverage private funds and extensive volunteer efforts.

WHEREAS, the applicant has welcomed public use of its popular trails, and will continue to increase public knowledge of the trails on the property as part of this project.

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Lathrop Communities for the Invasives Removal and Education project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton

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In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Historic Northampton, Inc. submitted an application for Community Preservation Act for professional conservator treatment of artifacts to preserve and prepare them for exhibit in the Shepherd Barn;

WHEREAS, the collections yield important information about Northampton's history, and are frequently accessed for research by community members, businesses, and nonprofits;

WHEREAS, improved collections storage was a critical recommendation of the Massachusetts State Historic Records Board, and will protect these resources for the future;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$31,922 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$31,922 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Historic Northampton, Inc. for the Shepherd Barn Artifacts project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$31,922 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

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In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

**21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the
Community Farm and Garden**

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Grow Food Northampton submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for farmland rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail by increasing community garden access and supporting agricultural operations on permanently protected farmland;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted to recommend that \$20,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$20,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Farmland Reclamation and Rehabilitation project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$20,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

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In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability and Conservation Commission submitted a Small Grants application for construction of a universally accessible trail network at the Pine Grove section of the Rocky Hill Greenway;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail to provide for passive recreation and promote further exploration and contributes to public health by encouraging walking and hiking;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$100,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$100,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Valley Community Development Corporation submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for a Mortgage Subsidy Program;

WHEREAS, the project will provide \$50,000 in direct downpayment assistance through a deferred (interest and principal) payment loan to four homebuyers earning less than 100% of area median income to be able to afford a home in Northampton, with any loan recapture being redeposited into the Community Preservation Act revenue account;

WHEREAS, affordable homeownership for families is a high priority item in the Community Preservation Plan, and the project is supported by the Northampton Housing Partnership;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$230,100 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$230,100 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Mortgage Subsidy program. And, that the grantee meets the conditions above, with any mortgage note approved by the Mayor and subject to conditions imposed by the Mayor.

Specifically, \$230,100 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933

City of Northampton

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In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Independent Housing Solutions, Inc. submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of a supportive, ADA-accessible facility at 5 Franklin Street to house sixteen medically complex chronically houseless individuals;

WHEREAS, the project serves a desperate local and regional need and has widespread support;

WHEREAS, the applicant will retain a qualified affordable housing development consultant for the duration of the project to guide the project through to completion;

WHEREAS, prior to the release of CPA funds, the applicant will provide to the City of Northampton either an affordable housing restriction that is senior to other private financing that shall limit housing to individuals earning 100% of area median income or below, or a mortgage that could be released if the CPA funds are returned with principal and simple interest;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$608,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$608,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Independent Housing Solutions for the Housing the Disabled Homeless Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions contained herein and that the final affordable housing restriction or mortgage and the budget is approved by the Mayor, subject to conditions that the Mayor may impose.

Specifically, \$25,252 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$582,748 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

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MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Northampton Parks and Recreation submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funds to conduct a feasibility study of existing City-owned recreation properties for the creation of outdoor pickleball courts;

WHEREAS, the project meets high priority goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail Plan by creating recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and enhancing quality of life;

WHEREAS, pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America and the project has widespread community support,

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$13,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$13,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Pickleball Feasibility Assessment Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$13,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a CPA application for construction of a universally accessible access to the beach and docks at the Connecticut River Greenway;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail to increase water-based recreation opportunities and provide additional opportunities for all users;

WHEREAS, the project has widespread community support and will continue the City's partnership with Northampton Community Rowing;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$70,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$70,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Connecticut River Greenway Water Access project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$70,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve account #2344930-359930).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Michelson Galleries submitted a CPA application for critical exterior repairs to the 1913 Northampton National Bank Building at 132 Main Street;

WHEREAS, preservation of the building, which is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places is important to the public for the enjoyment and appreciation of its architectural, archaeological and historical heritage;

WHEREAS, all work will conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties;

WHEREAS, funds will be returned to the Community Preservation Act Revenue account if the building is sold within five years;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be utilized exclusively for critical exterior repairs, and in no way contribute to the operating expenses of the Galleries;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$82,900 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$82,900 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Michelson Galleries for the 132 Main Street facade project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$82,900 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

Further, that the City of Northampton, acting by and through its Historical Commission, is authorized to acquire for historic preservation purposes in the public interest, a historic preservation restriction, as defined in MGL Chapter 184, Section 31 of the General Laws on the above described premises, and that City Council hereby approves such historic preservation restrictions.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, the Conservation Commission, and the Community Preservation Committee

21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions

An Order

To approve purchase of 64 acres +/- in the Mineral Hills, Parsons Brook and Saw Mill Hills Greenways, and to appropriate Community Preservation Act funds for such purpose

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation, and Multi-Use Trail Plan: 2018-2025* recommends acquisition of land for recreation, conservation and open space needs, preserving character of rural areas, farms, forests and rivers, and provision of open space connections between public spaces;

WHEREAS, The City has an agreement or is negotiating to purchase three parcels: 46 acres in the Mineral Hills north of Chesterfield Road, 5.2 acres in the Parsons Brook Greenway south of Ryan Road, and 13 acres in the Saw Mill Hills Greenway north of Ryan Road that fulfill the Open Space Plan recommendations, meet unique open space and recreational needs and fill gaps in the City's open space network;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$233,400 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

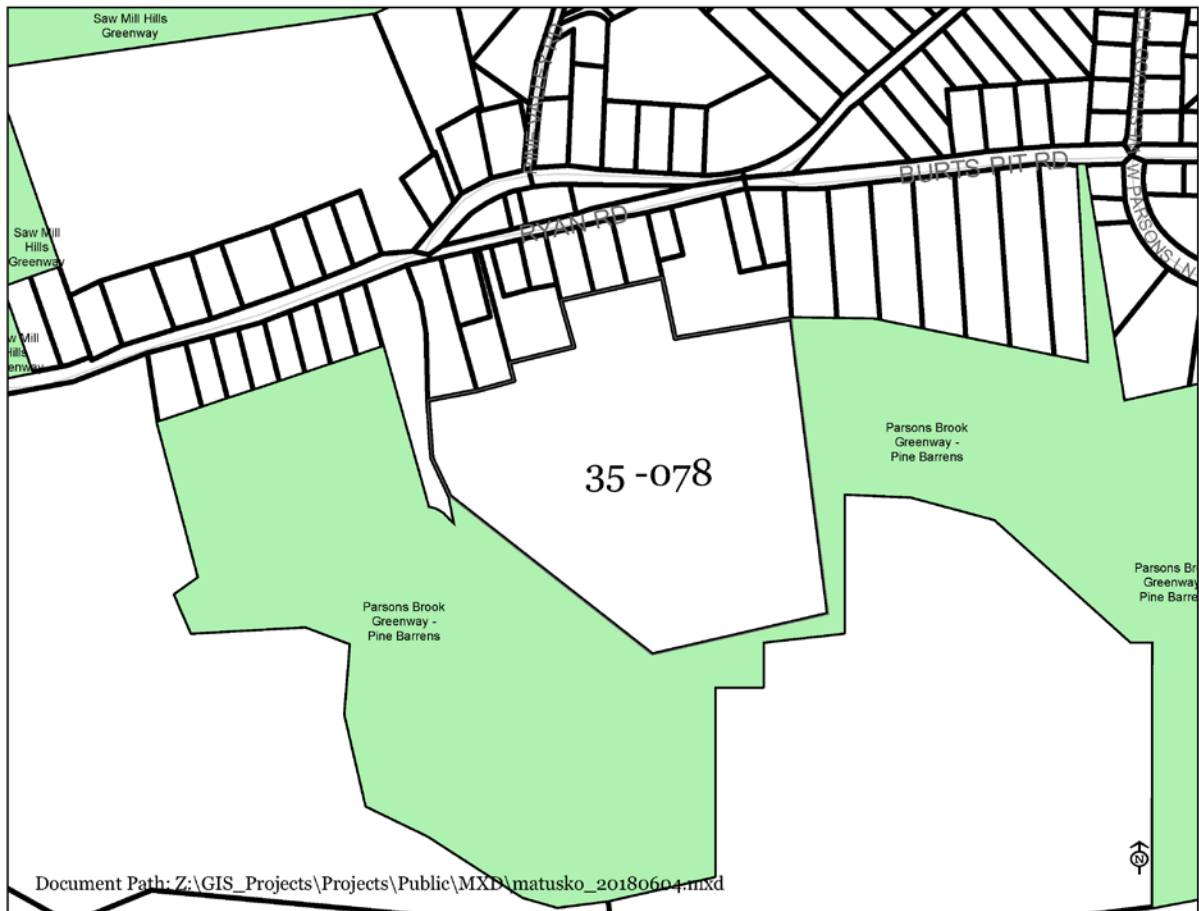
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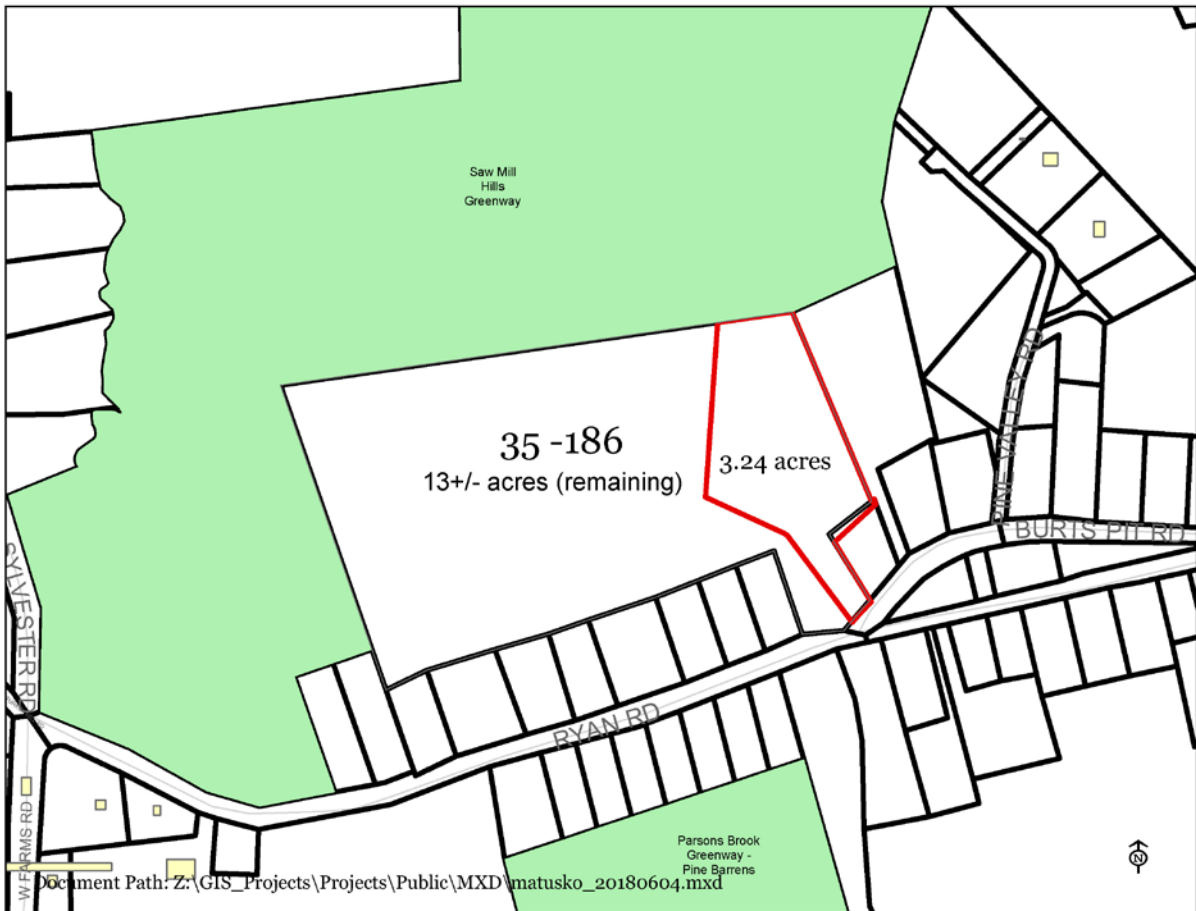
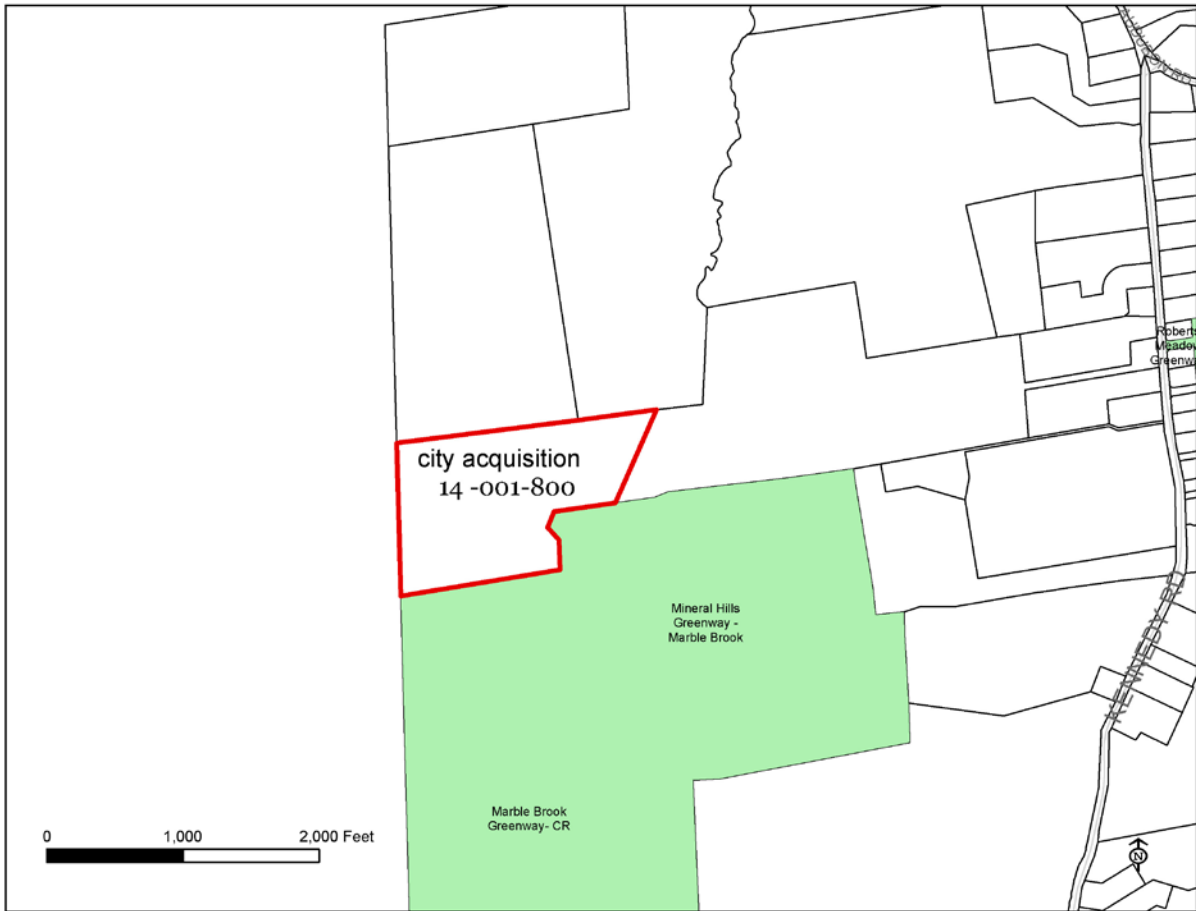
That the Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions and related easements on any land so acquired. The property shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and the acquisitions are found to be in the public interest pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Conservation Commission is authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state, or other aid available for this project;

That \$233,400 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Priority Acquisitions Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$5,099 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930), and \$228,301 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931).





City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road

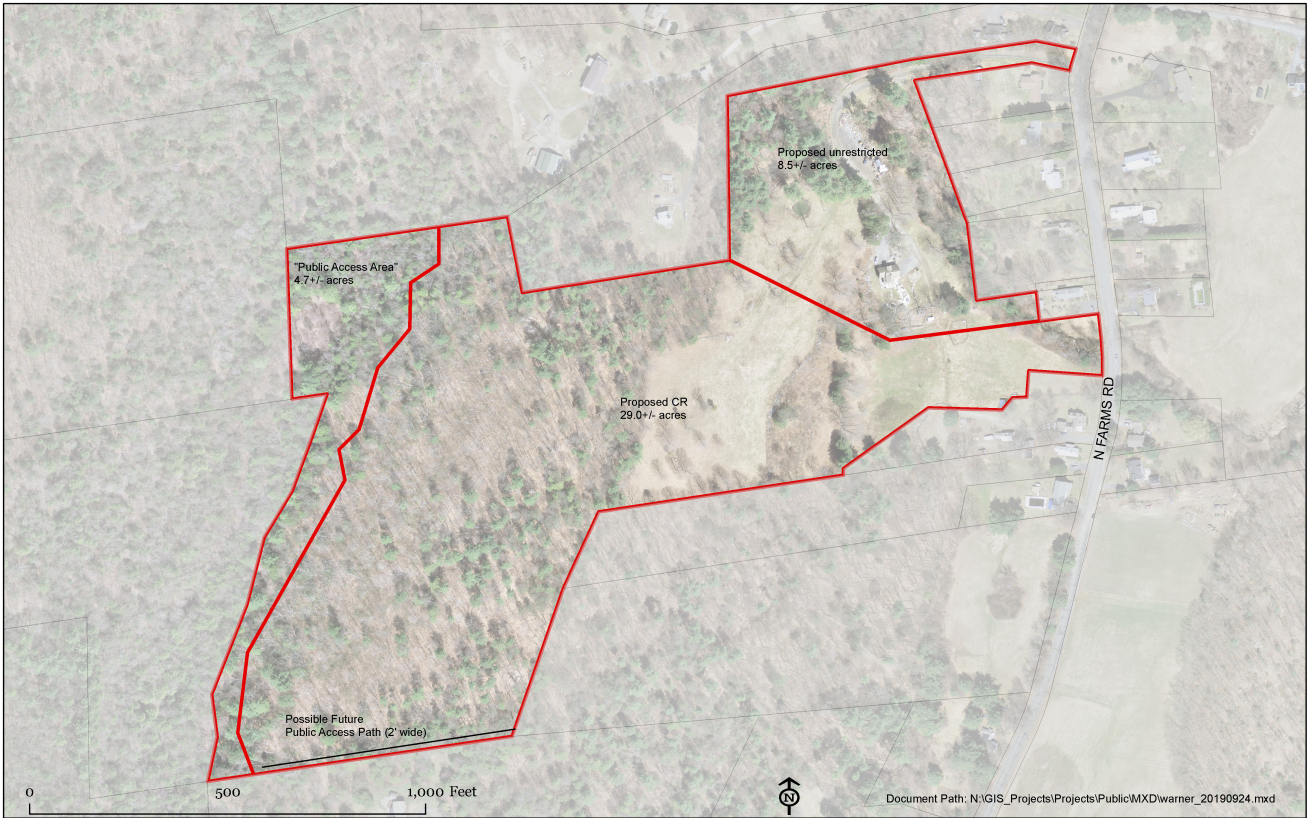
WHEREAS, the *Open Space, Recreation, and Multi-Use Trail Plan: 2018-2025* recommends linking conservation areas along Broad Brook and the surrounding areas to enhance wildlife values and create a continuous Broad Brook Greenway.; and

WHEREAS, Gary Warner has offered to donate to the City a conservation restriction on 34+/- acres on North Farms Road adjoining land already permanently protected as part of the Broad Brook Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the project will ensure that the open fields and forests contained on the Premises will be permanently available for sustainable agriculture and forestry, and will create public access on a portion of the area for hiking, and will provide a connection from North Farms Road to the Greenway;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to accept conservation restrictions on any land so acquired, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable. Any such restrictions shall be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and are found to be in the public interest pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 184 of the Massachusetts General Laws.



City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines

Whereas, The City Council has accepted the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 8J, creating the Disability Commission, and the City allocates all funds received from fines assessed for violations of accessible parking to the Disability Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22G;

Whereas, The Disabilities Commission recommends expending those funds for sign language and lip reading interpretative services and other communication services to make public meetings and public records accessible for people with disabilities and to implement the **ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan**;

Ordered that

The City Council authorizes those requested expenditures, to be managed by the Office of Planning & Sustainability under direction of the Disabilities Commission.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, the Office of Planning and Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

**21.372 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF A PARCEL OF LAND
ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF WESTHAMPTON ROAD**

WHEREAS, the parcel subject to this Order is located on the Northerly side of Westhampton Road and is shown on a plan of land shown as “NO ASSESSORS ID N/F HEIRS OF LUMAN E. BARTLETT AREA = “3.110 AC +/-” on a plan entitled “PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHAMPTON MA MINERAL HILLS GREENWAY HAMPSHIRE REGISTRY PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON,” dated January 13, 2020, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 249, Page 82 (“the Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the Parcel is a landlocked parcel that is contiguous on both its east side and its west side with conservation and recreation land owned by the city and known as the Mineral Hills Greenway; and

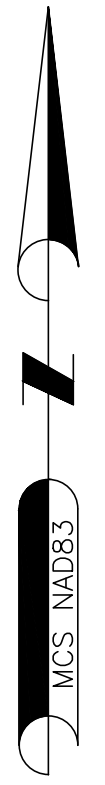
WHEREAS, This property is owned by all of the heirs of Luman E. Bartlett, who died in 1925, and no heir is currently managing the property, paying taxes, or otherwise claiming the property; and

WHEREAS, This parcel is an inholding abutting conservation land on two sides and blocking the ability for conservation and public management between two disconnected units of the Mineral Hills Greenway.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise of the Parcel believed to be owned by the Heirs of Luman E. Bartlett shown as “NO ASSESSORS ID N/F HEIRS OF LUMAN E. BARTLETT AREA = “3.110 AC +/-” on a plan entitled “PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHAMPTON MA MINERAL HILLS GREENWAY HAMPSHIRE REGISTRY PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON,” dated January 13, 2020, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 249, Page 82, to be held in the care and custody of the Northampton Conservation Commission for the purposes of conservation, recreation, and open space subject to the provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

As damages for the taking, the City Council hereby awards Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).



34-012-001
N/F
HENRY M. PARSONS III
& EDWARD A. PARSONS
DEED 3667~11
PLAN 172~52

34-011-001
N/F
POPLAR HILL FARM, INC.
DEED 11554~100

LEGEND

IPF/IRF O	IRON PIPE OR ROD FOUND
□	CONCRETE BOUND FOUND
△	CALCULATED POINT
●	IRON ROD TO BE SET
—	LOCUS PROPERTY LINE
— ± —	ADJOINERS PROPERTY LINE (±)
- - -	EASEMENT LINE
- - -	FORMER PARCEL LINE
— OHW —	OVERHEAD WIRE

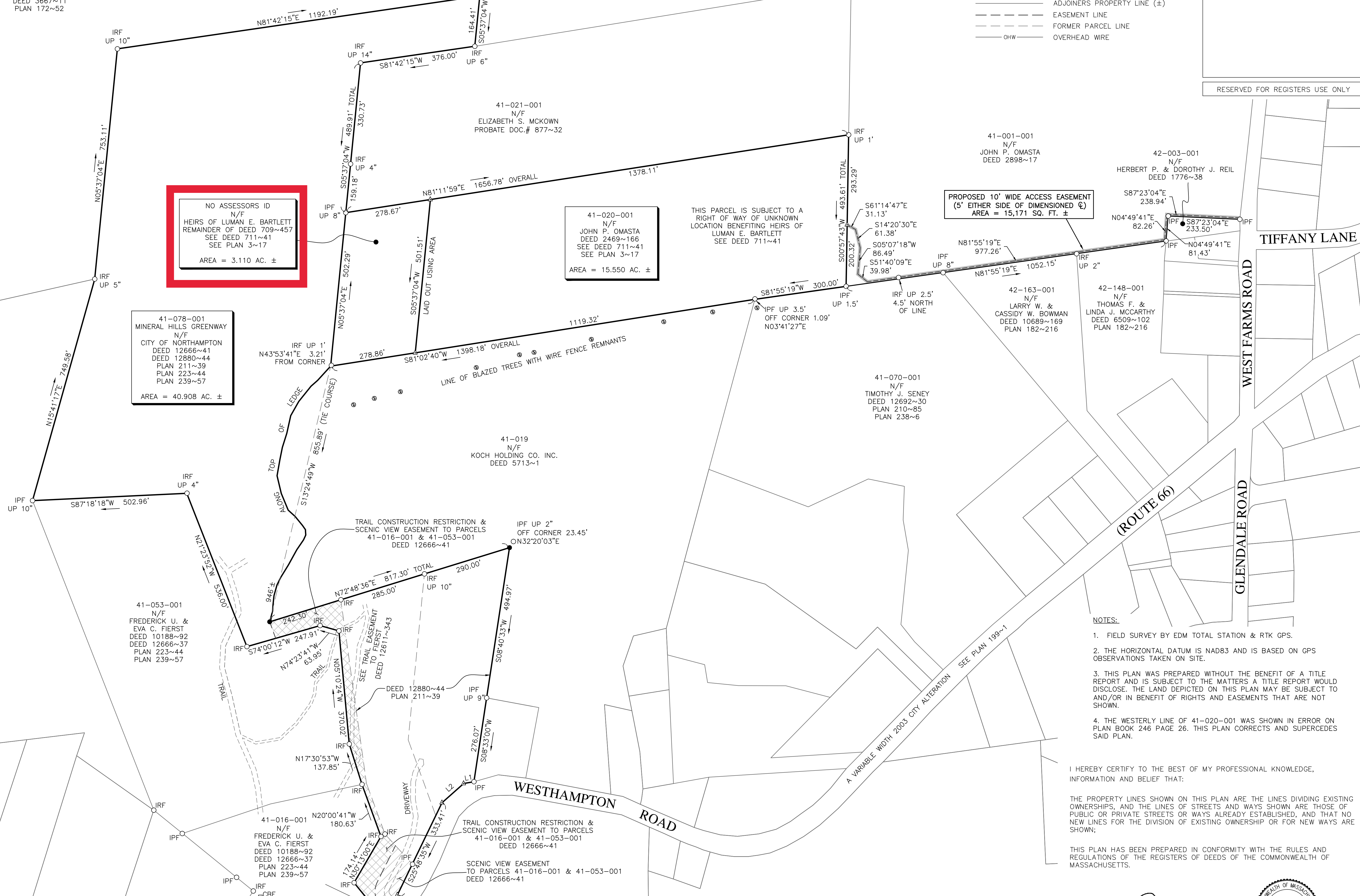
RESERVED FOR REGISTERS USE ONLY

NORTHEAST SURVEY CONSULTANTS
116 PLEASANT ST., SUITE 302
EASTHAMPTON, MA 01027
(413) 203-5144

BOUNDARY SURVEY

SURVEYOR:	DFS	ENGINEER:	JDG
DRAFTING:	KMB	FIELD WORK:	MHL
PROJECT NUMBER:	16-283.2	VERT. SCALE:	1"=150'
DRAWING NAME:	16-283.2-DWG	DATE:	1-13-2020

**PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHAMPTON, MA
MINERAL HILLS GREENWAY**
HAMPSHIRE REGISTRY
PREPARED FOR THE
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON



NO ASSESSORS ID
N/F
HEIRS OF LUMAN E. BARTLETT
REMAINDER OF DEED 709~457
SEE DEED 711~41
SEE PLAN 3~17
AREA = 3.110 AC. ±

41-020-001
N/F
JOHN P. OMASTA
DEED 2469~166
SEE DEED 711~41
SEE PLAN 3~17
AREA = 15.550 AC. ±

41-078-001
MINERAL HILLS GREENWAY
N/F
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
DEED 12666~41
DEED 12880~44
PLAN 211~39
PLAN 223~44
PLAN 239~57
AREA = 40.908 AC. ±

41-036-001
N/F
LAWRENCE R. &
ROSE MARIE DAMON
DEED 5556~296
DEED 6749~198
DEED 10018~345
PLAN 193~9
PLAN 222~12

41-053-001
N/F
FREDERICK U. &
EVA C. FIERST
DEED 10188~92
DEED 12666~37
PLAN 223~44
PLAN 239~57

41-016-001
N/F
FREDERICK U. &
EVA C. FIERST
DEED 10188~92
DEED 12666~37
PLAN 223~44
PLAN 239~57

PROPOSED 10' WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT
(5' EITHER SIDE OF DIMENSIONED Q)
AREA = 15,171 SQ. FT. ±

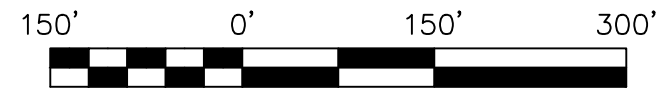
- NOTES:
1. FIELD SURVEY BY EDM TOTAL STATION & RTK GPS.
 2. THE HORIZONTAL DATUM IS NAD83 AND IS BASED ON GPS OBSERVATIONS TAKEN ON SITE.
 3. THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE MATTERS A TITLE REPORT WOULD DISCLOSE. THE LAND DEPICTED ON THIS PLAN MAY BE SUBJECT TO AND/OR IN BENEFIT OF RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS THAT ARE NOT SHOWN.
 4. THE WESTERLY LINE OF 41-020-001 WAS SHOWN IN ERROR ON PLAN BOOK 246 PAGE 26. THIS PLAN CORRECTS AND SUPERCEDES SAID PLAN.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF THAT:

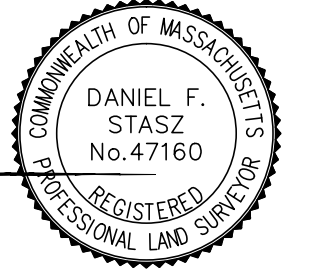
THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE THE LINES DIVIDING EXISTING OWNERSHIPS, AND THE LINES OF STREETS AND WAYS SHOWN ARE THOSE OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS OR WAYS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND THAT NO NEW LINES FOR THE DIVISION OF EXISTING OWNERSHIP OR FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN;

THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	S80°15'26"W	33.87'
L2	S48°26'06"W	94.40'
L3	S36°46'20"W	86.91'



Daniel F. Stasz
DANIEL F. STASZ PLS #47160



Affected Premises:
Northerly side of Westhampton Road
Northampton, MA

ORDER OF TAKING

The undersigned, being the duly elected and sitting members of the City Council of the City of Northampton, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of General Laws of the Commonwealth, as from time to time amended, and more particularly Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79, and pursuant to the Order of the Northampton City Council, a true copy of which is attached hereto, does hereby take the parcel referenced below, with any and all improvements thereon, in fee absolute for and on behalf of the Inhabitants of the City of Northampton. The parcel taken hereunder shall be in the custody and control of the Northampton Conservation Commission for the purposes of conservation, recreation, and open space subject to the provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

The parcel hereby taken is shown as “NO ASSESSORS ID N/F HEIRS OF LUMAN E. BARTLETT AREA = “3.110 AC +/-” on a plan entitled “PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHAMPTON MA MINERAL HILLS GREENWAY HAMPSHIRE REGISTRY PREPARED FOR THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON,” dated January 13, 2020, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 249, Page 82.

The property hereby taken is supposed to be owned by the Heirs of Luman E. Bartlett. See deeds recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 709, Page 457 and Book 711, Page 41.

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 79, § 6, as amended, an award of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars is made by the City of Northampton for damages sustained by the owner or owners and all other persons, including all mortgagees of record, having any and all interest in the Property and entitled to any damages by reason of the taking. The City of Northampton reserves the right to amend the award at any time prior to payment for good cause shown.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the City Council of the City of Northampton, have executed this Order of Taking this ____ day of _____, 2021.

WITNESS TO ALL:

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MA

Gina-Louise Sciarra
AT-LARGE COUNCILOR

William H. Dwight
AT-LARGE COUNCILOR

Michael Quinlan, Jr.
WARD 1 COUNCILOR

Karen Foster
WARD 2 COUNCILOR

James Nash
WARD 3 COUNCILOR

John Thorpe
WARD 4 COUNCILOR

Alex Jarrett
WARD 5 COUNCILOR

Marianne L. LaBarge
WARD 6 COUNCILOR

Rachel Maiore
WARD 7 COUNCILOR

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MA

I, Laura Krutzler, the Clerk of the City Council of the City of Northampton, MA, hereby certify that the attached Order of Taking of a certain parcel of land located in Northampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, was executed on _____, 2021, by Gina-Louise Sciarra, William H. Dwight, Michael Quinlan, Jr., Karen Foster, James Nash, John Thorpe, Alex Jarrett, Marianne L. LaBarge, and Rachel Maoire, who as of that day, were and are the duly elected members of the City Council of the City of Northampton, MA.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Laura Krutzler
Clerk to City Council
City of Northampton, Massachusetts

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

December 2, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various
Capital Projects

Ordered, that

\$ 100,000 be appropriated from the FY22 Solid Waste Enterprise Retained Earnings to the landfill closure account (3200640 533030) to fund ongoing expenses which include the gas flare and piping system, erosion control measures and regulatory compliance considerations. _.

\$ 175,000 be appropriated from the FY22 Storm Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the drain replacement account (3200620-589022) in order to fund ongoing efforts related to controlling roadway flooding.

\$ 965,000 be appropriated from the FY22 Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the waterline replacement account (3200610 589174) to fund DEP mandated repairs to the clearwell at the water treatment plant.

\$ 815,000 be appropriated from the FY22 Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) improvements account (3200600 583003) to fund the design for phase II of WWTP upgrades.

\$ 70,000 be appropriated from the FY22 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Highway Gasoline/Diesel account (14222 548001) to cover the increased cost of fuel.

City of Northampton

Massachusetts

In City Council

December 2, 2021

Upon recommendation of Mayor Narkewicz & Mayor-Elect Sciarra

21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Whereas, on March 11, 2021 President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide \$350 billion in emergency funding to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments around the country to respond to and recover from the COVID – 19 crisis;

Whereas, municipalities and functional counties in the Commonwealth will receive a total of \$3.4 billion of federal aid;

Whereas, the City of Northampton will receive \$21,747,984 of these relief funds over the course of the next two years;

Whereas, the funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026;

Whereas, there are four eligible categories authorized by the Act which include responding to the public health emergency, providing essential worker premium pay, recovering revenue loss, and investments in water, sewer and broadband;

Whereas, the American Rescue Plan will provide a substantial infusion of resources allowing the City the opportunity to address the impacts of the pandemic;

Now Therefore Be it Ordered, that

The City Council accepts the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to the City of Northampton in the amount of twenty one million seven hundred forty seven thousand nine hundred eighty four and 00/100 dollars (\$21,747,984). Said funds will be expended in accordance with the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLRF) authorized

purposes, including recovering municipal revenue loss, and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 44, Section 53A.

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the City Council, December 2, 2021

Upon the Recommendation of the City Council Rules Select Committee

21.370 AN ORDER
TO AMEND THE COUNCIL RULES

Ordered that the “RULES OF THE 2020-2021 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON” be amended as shown on the attached document.



RULES OF THE 2020-2021 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

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1. These Rules

- 1.1. **ADOPTION.** When adopted by the City Council, these Rules shall take effect at the time of the first Council meeting following January 1, 2020.
- 1.2. **REPEAL OR AMENDMENT.** City Council Rules may only be repealed or amended with a two-thirds majority vote of quorum present. The latest version of these Rules shall be published online.
- 1.3. **PRECEDENCE.** The City Council Meetings shall conform to parliamentary practices as set forth in the Rules of the City Council. The procedures defined in the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order will resolve questions not addressed by the Council Rules.
- 1.4. **SUSPENSION.** Suspension of these rules or any part thereof shall require a two-thirds majority of the quorum present. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize suspension of any provision of the Charter of the City of Northampton, or any ordinance of the City of Northampton.

2. Organization

2.1. PRESIDING OFFICER

- 2.1.1. **DUTIES.** When present, the Council President shall be the presiding officer of the City Council at every meeting. The duties as presiding officer shall be only those set forth herein:
 - 2.1.1.1. To open the meeting at the appointed time by taking the chair, calling the meeting to order, and ascertaining that a quorum is present.
 - 2.1.1.2. To announce in proper sequence the business that comes before the City Council.
 - 2.1.1.3. To recognize members who are entitled to the floor.
 - 2.1.1.4. To state and to put to vote all questions that legitimately come before the City Council as motions or that otherwise arise in the course of proceedings (except questions that relate to the presiding officer as noted below), and to announce the result of each vote or, if a motion that is not in order is made, to rule it out of order; or, to refuse to recognize obviously frivolous or dilatory motions as defined by Robert's Rules;.
 - 2.1.1.5. To expedite business in every way compatible with the rights of all members of the body.

- 2.1.1.6. To respond to inquiries of City Councilors relating to parliamentary procedure or factual information bearing on the business of the City Council.
- 2.1.1.7. To declare the meeting adjourned when the City Council so votes or, when applicable, at the time prescribed in the order of business, or at any time in the event an emergency.
- 2.1.1.8. To determine whether an amendment is germane to the motion under consideration.

2.1.2. **PARTICIPATION.** The Presiding Officer may make statements, ask questions and give opinions during debate without relinquishing the chair.

2.1.3. **ORDER OF SUCCESSION.** In the absence of the Council President, the first of the following list of persons who is not absent shall preside and shall retain voting privileges:

First, the Council Vice-President

Second, the Chair of the Committee on Finance

Third, the Chair of the Committee on Legislative Matters

If none of the above are present or able to preside, the City Council shall elect by majority vote a President pro-tempore who shall preside for that meeting and shall retain voting privileges. Should the City Council fail to elect a President pro-tempore the meeting shall be adjourned.

2.2. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

2.2.1. The City Council President and Vice-President shall be elected:

2.2.1.1. At the first City Council meeting of a two-year session; and

2.2.1.2. In the event of a vacancy for either office.

2.2.2. At any meeting when a City Council President is to be elected, the previous Council President will preside. If the previous Council President is absent or no longer a member of the Council, the longest serving member of the Council will preside. If two members of the Council are equal in seniority, a coin toss will determine which Councilor presides over the election of the Council President. If more than two members of the Council are equal in seniority they will draw lots to determine which Councilor will preside over the election of the Council President.

2.2.3. After nominations are made by members of the Council, candidates may present to the council.

2.3. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT POWERS AND DUTIES.** The powers and duties of the Council President shall include all duties pursuant to the Charter and also:

- 2.3.1. To assign councilors to serve on any committee established by the City Council.
 - 2.3.2. To remove members of a committee from a committee, or reassign them, at any time.
 - 2.3.3. To appoint members to select committees, as provided below.
 - 2.3.4. To determine seating arrangements for the members of the City Council.
 - 2.3.5. To appoint the membership of Enrollment Committee and modify the membership meeting to meeting for any reason.
 - 2.3.6. To set an agenda for the City Council.
 - 2.3.7. To hire the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and to supervise the individual in that position generally, including conducting an annual performance review. The administrative assistant appointment must be ratified by the whole City Council.
 - 2.3.8. To issue a Committee Study Request to any committee. Such a request shall require a committee to report to the full Council on a particular policy or issue area within 120 days optionally accompanied by legislation. However a committee may by majority vote decline to consider or respond to such a request.
- 2.4. COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT - POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of the City Council Vice-President will include all duties pursuant to the Charter.
- 2.5. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
- 2.5.1. DUTIES. The Administrative Assistant shall report to the City Council President, who may assign duties in addition to the following:
- 2.5.1.1. To maintain a record of all matters and their status as they proceed through various legislative stages and committees, as well as all amendments and related documents.
 - 2.5.1.2. To provide staff support and recordkeeping to ~~all~~-standing Council committees and select committees as assigned and to assist committees with all aspects of reporting.
 - 2.5.1.3. To act as custodian of all books, documents and papers belonging to the City Council and to keep an accurate list thereof.
 - 2.5.1.4. To notify the chair of any Council committee, board, executive commission, or other body when a matter is referred to it and to provide the body with all documents relative to the matter.
 - 2.5.1.5. To ensure that all documents addressed to the Council shall be provided to each Councilor, and that any documents reviewed during the meeting become part of the permanent public record of ~~Council~~that meeting-at which the documents are distributed.
 - ~~2.5.1.6. To secure two video records of meetings of the City Council that were so recorded.~~

~~2.5.1.7~~~~2.5.1.6.~~ To notify the appointees to all Council committees in writing upon their appointment.

~~2.5.1.8~~~~2.5.1.7.~~ To assist in preparing requests for proposals for an independent auditor in accordance with Sec 7-6 of the Charter.

~~2.5.1.9~~~~2.5.1.8.~~ To advise the Council President on matters of parliamentary procedure.

2.6. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2.6.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES. The following committees are established as described below.

2.6.1.1. COMMITTEE on FINANCE

~~2.6.1.1.1.~~ Process. Financial orders will be introduced at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda or the Finance Committee for more granular discussion and recommendation. The Finance Committee will then convene separately outside of the full council meeting and before the next meeting.

~~2.6.1.1.1~~~~2.6.1.1.2.~~ Jurisdiction. Financial matters. The Committee shall review all orders authorizing a loan, supplemental appropriation, or financial transfer submitted by the Mayor in accordance with such authority by either the Massachusetts General Laws, the Charter of the City of Northampton, or the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton and make recommendations on ~~the matter referrals~~ to the City Council.

~~2.6.1.1.2~~~~2.6.1.1.3.~~ In addition to the outside audit provided by Section 7-6 of the Charter, the Committee may request access to all books, vouchers, notes, securities, and bonds in the possession of the Treasurer-Collector, City Auditor or any board or executive commission and make a report thereof to the City Council.

~~2.6.1.1.3~~~~2.6.1.1.4.~~ The Committee shall review all proposals to sell or lease any City-owned land or building not put to public use that are submitted to the City Council for approval and all proposals to purchase or lease real property that are submitted to the City Council for approval. The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council on the matter. All instruments of conveyance and leases approved by the City Council shall be executed by the Mayor on behalf of the City unless otherwise provided by Massachusetts General Laws.

~~2.6.1.1.4~~~~2.6.1.1.5.~~ The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

~~2.6.1.1.5~~~~2.6.1.1.6.~~ The Committee may hold public hearings on water, sewer, Stormwater and other municipal utility rates.

2.6.1.2. COMMITTEE on COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- 2.6.1.2.1. Jurisdiction. Matters affecting the community including economic development, local business, tourism, the environment, the arts, planning, zoning, sustainability, land use, housing and affordability, among others.
- 2.6.1.2.2. The Committee may review and make recommendations on licenses and permits.
- 2.6.1.2.3. The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

2.6.1.3. COMMITTEE on CITY SERVICES

- 2.6.1.3.1. Jurisdiction. Matters related to the activities and operation of municipal government.
- 2.6.1.3.2. The Committee shall serve as the standing committee to review all candidates for appointment to boards and commission in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Charter.
- 2.6.1.3.3. The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

2.6.1.4. COMMITTEE on LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- 2.6.1.4.1. Jurisdiction. Upon referral by the City Council, the Committee shall have the power to make recommendations on ordinances, orders, resolutions and the rules of the City Council. Such recommendations shall be made in consultation with the City Solicitor.
- 2.6.1.4.2. The Committee may choose to be the last committee to review any matter that is also referred to another Council committee. The Committee shall not be required to wait to receive the report of any executive commission.
- 2.6.1.4.3. The Committee shall consist of four Councilors.

2.6.2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES. The following shall apply to all committees unless otherwise stated:

- 2.6.2.1. Election of officers. Council Committees shall elect officers from among their members, such as Chair and Vice-Chair. At a committee's first meeting, the member who was first in the order of those announced by the Council President to serve on the committee shall preside until a Chair is elected.
- 2.6.2.2. Meetings. Committees shall meet as required by the City Council, the Committee's Chair, or at the request of two members. Committees shall hold an initial meeting no later than three months

after the appointment of its members.

- 2.6.2.3. Requests to appear before committees. A committee may make information requests pursuant Section 2-7 of the Charter.
 - 2.6.2.3.1. Notice. A committee shall give a minimum of 7 days notice to a person it may require to appear before it. No person shall be required to respond to any question not related to those questions presented in advance and in writing. The Committee will notify the Mayor of any Information Request under this section.
 - 2.6.2.4. Committees shall have the power to hold hearings on and develop, review and recommend policies on any matter within their jurisdiction.
 - 2.6.2.5. Power to amend. Council committees may recommend amendments to any measure. However, when a measure has been referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, the Committee on Legislative Matters shall consider all amendments previously proposed by other committees and report one version of an amended measure to City Council.
 - 2.6.2.6. Duty to report. “To report” shall mean transmitting a positive/favorable, negative/neutral or neutral recommendation and associated votes as well as any suggested textual amendments and related documents.
 - 2.6.2.6.1. For matters referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, among others: All committees other than the Committee on Legislative Matters shall report to the Committee on Legislative Matters and the City Council within 60 days, whereupon the Committee on Legislative Matters shall report to the full City Council within an additional 30 days.
 - 2.6.2.6.2. For matters referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters exclusively: The Committee on Legislative Matters shall report to the full City Council within 60 days.
 - 2.6.2.6.3. For matters referred to committees not including the Committee on Legislative Matters: Committees shall report to the full City Council within 90 days.
 - 2.6.2.6.4. Committees shall make all reports in writing.

- 2.6.3. **SELECT COMMITTEES.** The City Council may establish select committees for the purpose of considering a particular policy or issue or for other purposes. Such committees may make recommendations and may sponsor ordinances, resolutions or other matters. Such committees may be created by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of a quorum. The resolution shall specify the composition and scope of the select committee. No such committee shall exist beyond the current term of the Council. The Council President shall appoint all members to such committees, and may appoint members of the public who are residents of the City of Northampton or city employees provided the Mayor approve the appointment of any city employee. Select Committees shall elect their own Chair and other officers from among those appointed. At the first meeting, the person whose appointment was first announced by the Council President shall serve as temporary Chair until elections occur.
- 2.6.4. A majority of those appointed and serving on a committee shall constitute a quorum.

3. Duties and Powers of the City Council.

The City Council shall have those duties and powers pursuant the Charter and also:

- 3.1. **SELECTION OF AN OUTSIDE AUDITOR.** Pursuant Section 7-6 of the Charter, the City Council shall select an independent auditor according to the following provisions:
- 3.1.1. The Council shall by October 1 of the fiscal year for which the audit is to be done establish a Select Committee for the purpose of making a recommendation on an independent auditor to the full Council.
- 3.1.2. The Council shall award a contract to audit on or before March 1 of the fiscal year for which the audit is to be done.
- 3.1.3. The Council shall require the report of the audit to be filed in final form with the Council not later than January 15 in the year following its award.

4. Order

- 4.1. **QUORUM.** The presence of 5 members shall constitute a quorum of the City Council.
- 4.2. **CALLING MEETINGS TO ORDER.** The presiding officer shall call the City Council to order at the time appointed for the meeting or to which it may have adjourned, if a quorum be present, which shall be determined by calling the roll. The names of members not present at the meeting shall be recorded by the Administrative Assistant to the City Council.
- 4.3. **RECOGNITION OF MAYOR AND DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.** The Mayor and all City department representatives are recognized at all Council Meetings.
- 4.4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 4.4.1. When any item of business requires action by the City Council, but is of a routine nature, such item may be presented at a regular meeting of the City Council as part of the Consent Agenda. Items eligible for consideration on the Consent Agenda include: approval of minutes, appointments, licenses, and petitions.
 - 4.4.2. The Consent Agenda may be introduced by a motion “To approve the Consent Agenda,” and may be considered by the City Council as a single item.
 - 4.4.3. The presiding officer shall read the title of each item contained in the Consent Agenda before a vote.
 - 4.4.4. There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.
 - 4.4.5. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.
 - 4.4.6. Approval of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda shall be fully equivalent to approval, adoption, referral or enactment of each item of business thereon, exactly as if each had been acted upon individually.
 - 4.4.7. When an appointment has not received a recommendation from the standing committee pursuant Sec 2-10 of the Charter, a vote within the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to a motion to refer it to said standing committee. Otherwise a vote shall be equivalent to approval.
- 4.5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

- 4.5.1. The order of business at every regular meeting of the Council shall be as follows unless otherwise decided by the Presiding Officer:

Roll Call

Public Hearings

Public Comment

~~Roll Call~~ Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

~~Public Hearings~~

~~Recognitions and One Minute Announcements by Councilors~~

~~Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor~~

~~Resolutions~~

Presentations

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes
- Licenses and Petitions
- Appointments

~~Recess for Committee on Finance~~

Financial Orders

Orders

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)

Ordinances

Resolutions

~~Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs~~

Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study

Requests

New Business

- 4.5.2. The agenda shall be published in this manner and adhered to at all meetings. The presiding officer may implement a change in the order of business unless any single Councilor objects, in which case the rules may be suspended as provided in these Rules.

- 4.6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. The Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall submit the minutes of the previous meeting with the Council agenda for the next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council.
- 4.7. CONDUCT. City Councilors and members of the public shall conduct themselves with civility and respect at all times.
- 4.8. PUBLIC COMMENT. Members of the public may address the Council and all Council Committees on any matter for a period of ~~three~~two minutes. This period may be extended or reduced at the discretion of the presiding officer. Public comment may be accepted for no more than 90 minutes. Whenever language translation is required for a member of the public to address the City Council, such person shall be provided ~~six~~four minutes. Individuals wishing to speak will be recognized by the presiding officer and shall state their name and

city or town of residence and, optionally, their address. Councilors will not respond to any comments from the public. The City Council will take public comment in person or by remote participation as the technology allows.

- 4.9. NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.
- 4.10. RECESS. Any Councilor may call for and be granted a recess the length of which will be determined by the presiding officer.
- 4.11. ORDER AND MANNER OF SPEAKING. No City Councilor shall speak more than once on a question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken,— and is desirous of speaking. The presiding officer may allow a brief immediate response to any statement posed directly to a particular City Councilor by a City Councilor. The presiding officer may request that any speaker discontinue any overly lengthy speech, but the right of a City Councilor to speak shall not be limited unless a formal motion is passed to set limits to debate for all City Councilors.
- 4.12. ORDER DURING DEBATE. No member should be interrupted while speaking, but by a call to order, or a request for information, or a question of privilege to appeal a decision from the presiding officer, or for the correction of a mistake, nor shall there be any conversation among the members while a paper is being read, or a question stated from the presiding officer
- 4.13. VOTING
 - 4.13.1. DECIDING VOTES. The presiding officer shall decide all votes, but if a member rises to doubt a vote the presiding officer shall order a roll call vote.
 - 4.13.2. VOTES REQUIRED TO PASS MEASURES
 - 4.13.2.1. The affirmative vote, taken by roll call, of 6 members shall be required to adopt an appropriation order or transfer.
 - 4.13.2.2. The affirmative vote, taken by roll call, of 6 members shall be required to adopt a zoning ordinance.
 - 4.13.2.3. In the absence of statutory requirements providing otherwise, the affirmative vote, taken by roll call, of 5 members shall be required to adopt any other ordinance.
 - 4.13.2.4. In the absence of statutory requirements providing otherwise, an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum shall pass any other measure.
 - 4.13.3. ROLL CALL VOTES.

4.13.3.1. REQUEST. Any member may request a roll call vote on any question before the City Council and the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall take the census of the Council in that manner.

4.13.3.2. METHOD OF RECORDING. Roll call votes shall be conducted by this method. The first roll call vote of every session of the City Council shall be in alphabetical order. Each roll call vote after that shall progress to the next City Councilor in the alphabet to be the first Councilor voting, so that at the end of every nine roll call votes each Councilor has by alphabetical progression voted first in one of the nine roll call votes.

4.13.4. RECONSIDERATION.

4.13.4.1. When a vote has passed, except for adjournment or to lay on the table, any member voting with the majority may move a reconsideration, to be acted upon at the same meeting. Any member voting with the minority may move a reconsideration to be acted upon at the next meeting.

4.13.4.2. Minority reconsideration shall have priority over majority reconsideration. Minority reconsideration shall be used to allow time for the submission of new or additional information. Reconsideration shall not be used in a dilatory manner as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

4.13.4.3. No motion shall be twice reconsidered.

4.14. REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION. Councilors may participate remotely in meetings pursuant to the following regulations:

4.14.1. Requirements

4.14.1.1. Any Councilor who participates remotely and all persons present at the meeting location shall be clearly audible to each other;

4.14.1.2. A quorum including the presiding officer shall be physically present at the meeting location;

4.14.1.3. Any Councilor who participates remotely may vote and shall not be deemed absent.

~~4.14.1.4. Any Councilor may not participate remotely more than six times in a calendar year.~~

4.14.2. Permissible Reasons for Remote Participation. Any Councilor may participate remotely if the presiding officer determines that one or more of the following factors make the participation of the Councilor's physical attendance unreasonably difficult:

4.14.2.1. Personal Illness;

4.14.2.2. Personal Disability;

4.14.2.3. Emergency;

4.14.2.4. Military Service; or

4.14.2.5. Geographic Distance

4.14.2.5-4.14.2.6. Family Illness or Family Caretaking

4.14.3. Technology

4.14.3.1. The following media are acceptable methods for remote participation. Remote participation by any other means is not permitted. Accommodations shall be made for any Councilor who requires TTY service, video relay service, or other form of adaptive communications.

4.14.3.1.1. Telephone, Internet, or satellite-enabled audio or video conferencing;

4.14.3.1.2. Any other technology that enables the remote participation and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another.

4.14.3.2. When video technology is in use, the remote participant shall be clearly visible to all persons present in the meeting location.

4.14.3.3. The presiding officer may decide how to address technical difficulties that arise as a result of utilizing remote participation, but is encouraged, wherever possible, to call a brief recess while reasonable efforts are made to correct any problem that interferes with a remote participant's ability to hear or be heard clearly by all persons present at the meeting location. If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred shall be noted in the meeting minutes.

4.14.3.4. All costs associated with remote participation, if any, shall be borne by the Councilor remotely participating.

4.14.4. Procedures

4.14.4.1. Any Councilor who wishes to participate remotely shall, as soon as reasonably possible prior to a meeting, notify the presiding officer of their desire to do so and the reason for and facts supporting their request.

4.14.4.2. At the start of the meeting, the presiding officer shall announce the name of any member who will be participating remotely and the reason for their remote participation. This information shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

4.14.4.3. All votes taken during any meeting in which a member participates remotely shall be by roll call vote.

4.14.4.4. Any Councilor participating remotely may participate in executive session, but shall state at the start of any such session that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location. Any Councilor participating remotely who cannot certify that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location may not participate in executive session.

4.14.4.5. When feasible, the presiding officer shall distribute to remote participants, in advance of the meeting, copies of any documents of exhibits that they reasonably anticipates will be used during the meeting. If used during the meeting, such documents shall be a part of the official record of the meeting, and shall be listed in the

meeting minutes and retained in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A Section 22.

- 4.14.5. Application. This rule shall apply to Council Committees.
- 4.14.6. Amendment. This section may not be amended unless it is in accordance with the Mayor's Remote Meeting Participation Policy, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A Sections 18-25 and 940 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 29.10.

- 4.15. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. The City Council shall create and maintain accurate minutes of all executive sessions in accordance with the following:
 - 4.15.1. The minutes shall set forth the day, time and place, the members present or absent, a summary of the discussions on each subject, a list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting, the decisions made and the actions taken at each meeting, including the record of all votes.

 - 4.15.2. Any vote taken in an executive session shall be recorded by roll call and entered into the minutes.

 - 4.15.3. The minutes of any executive session and the notes, or other materials used in the preparation of such minutes, and all documents and exhibits used at the session may be withheld from disclosure to the public in their entirety, according to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 4 § 7 (26) (a), as long as publication would defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session, but no longer.

 - 4.15.4. Approving minutes.
 - 4.15.4.1. Votes to approve executive session minutes may be, but are not required to be, taken in executive session.
 - 4.15.4.2. Review of, deliberation on and amendments to executive session minutes shall be done in executive session.

 - 4.15.5. Releasing minutes.
 - 4.15.5.1. As provided in MGL Ch 30A, Sec 22(g)(1), The Council President, with the assistance of the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and City Solicitor, shall, at reasonable intervals, not to exceed three months, review the minutes of executive sessions to determine if the relevant statutory provisions warrant continued nondisclosure. Such determination shall be announced at the City Council's next meeting and such announcement shall be included in the minutes of that meeting.
 - 4.15.5.2. Whenever the Council President requests that a vote of the Council be taken to determine whether to release executive session minutes, that vote must be taken in executive session.

4.15.6. Upon request by any person to inspect or copy the minutes of an executive session or any portion thereof, the Council shall respond to the request within 10 days following receipt and shall release any such minutes that would not defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session.

4.15.7. Any notes, documents or other exhibits used in the preparation of the minutes of executive sessions shall be retained for at least 60 days following the approval of the minutes of the executive session by the Council. The Council President shall periodically review said notes and other documents prior to the discarding or destruction thereof.

5. Legislative Process

5.1. PROPOSED MATTERS

5.1.1. Matters proposed for inclusion in City Council agendas shall be filed with the Administrative Assistant to the City Council. Agendas shall be published in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

5.1.2. **COMMUNICATION WITH MAYOR’S OFFICE.** The Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall serve as a point of contact with the Mayor’s office regarding the City Council’s agendas.

5.1.3. **ADDING MATTERS TO COUNCIL AGENDA.** The Council President shall have discretion over the items added to Council agendas, except that if the addition of an item has been once requested by a member of the City Council or the Mayor and at the discretion of the Council President that item is not placed on an agenda of a regular Council meeting, then before the next regular Council meeting any two members of the City Council may petition the Council President who shall then add the item to the agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

5.1.4. PRESENTATION AND ENACTING STYLE OF MATTERS

5.1.4.1. Matters shall be presented in a format as indicated in the table below:

Line	Ordinances	Orders	Resolutions
1. Date	“In the Year 2016”	“In the City Council, February 2, 2016.”	“In the Year 2016”
2. Sponsorship	“Upon the recommendation of...”		
3. ID Number	Not prefaced	Prefaced by “O”	Prefaced by “R”
4. Type of Matter	“An Ordinance”	“An Order”	“A Resolution”
5. Short Title	“Relative to...” “Entitled the ...	“To...” et al.	“To...”, “In support of...”, et al.

	Ordinance of 2016”, or “To ...” et al.		
6. Enacting Clause	“Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton in City Council assembled, as follows”	“Ordered, that”	“Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton in City Council assembled, as follows”

5.1.4.2. Administrative ID Number. The Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall assign each matter, upon formal submission, a unique identification number, in the form of the last two digits of the calendar year followed by an incrementally increasing number. The incrementally increasing portion shall reset to “1” every Council session.

5.1.4.3. Additions to the Code of Ordinances shall be indicated in bold and/or underline. Deletions shall be indicated by striking through.

5.1.5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. Maps and visuals, along with all other supportive evidence essential to a matter, shall be presented in a clear and intelligible way.

5.2. REFERRAL OF MATTERS

5.2.1. In general, all matters may be referred to Council committees or executive multiple-member bodies, which shall constitute a request for a report on such matters.

5.2.2. Financial orders. No order or resolution authorizing a loan, the levying of a tax or the expenditure of money (with the exception of the printing of the annual reports) shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Finance. It shall be the duty of such committee to report on the relation of such order, resolution, levy or expenditures to the finances of the City, but new provisions shall not be added to such resolution, order, levy or expenditure by the Committee unless directly connected with the financial features thereof, and then by recommendation only.

5.2.3. Ordinances. No ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

5.2.4. Licenses and permits. Licenses and permits may be referred to the Committee on Community Resources for the committee’s recommendation.

5.2.5. Should a committee fail to report within the time set forth in Section 2.6.2.6, or if a multiple-member body fails to report within 45 days of

referral to that body, the City Council shall be authorized to proceed with the matter in absence of such report.

5.3. SOLICITOR REVIEW OF ORDINANCES. At or before the meeting at which the Committee on Legislative Matters considers any matter for approval and/or recommendation the City Solicitor shall be requested to examine the matter's form and legal character.

5.4. WITHDRAWAL OF MATTERS. If the Council has previously acted on a matter, the matter may be withdrawn by this method. At the written request of any sponsor(s) of a matter, a matter shall be withdrawn from consideration in the City Council and in all City Council Committees to which the matter had been referred provided the withdrawal be placed on the agenda of a City Council meeting. No vote shall be required. However, if at that meeting all sponsors of a matter do not unanimously agree to withdraw a matter, the matter shall not be withdrawn. However at that time any Councilor shall upon their request have their individual sponsorship removed.

5.5. MATTERS REQUIRING TWO ~~VOTES~~ READINGS. ~~To be approved, every matter shall have two separate votes on two separate days unless otherwise provided in these Rules. Before a vote on a matter may be held, it must first have been introduced at a prior City Council meeting. Introduction shall include a description of purpose and effects. Council discussion is allowed for questions and clarification~~

5.6. MATTERS REQUIRING ONE ~~VOTE~~ READING. The following shall require only one ~~vote~~ reading of the Council:

~~5.6.1. Administrative orders submitted by the Mayor for either approval or disapproval~~

~~5.6.2.~~ 5.6.1. Licenses

~~5.6.3.~~ 5.6.2. Approval of minutes

~~5.6.4.~~ 5.6.3. Acceptances of reports

~~5.6.5.~~ 5.6.4. Petitions, and orders to grant petitions

~~5.6.6.~~ 5.6.5. Appointments, and

~~5.6.7.~~ 5.6.6. Orders to adopt or amend the Council Rules.

5.7. ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE. When matter has passed the required number of votes, it shall be signed by the Administrative Assistant to the City Council and signed by the Enrollment Committee consisting of two City Councilors.

5.8. AUTOMATIC CARRYOVER. Matters that have not passed the required number of votes by the end of the current session shall automatically carry over to the next session of the City Council and shall remain in the Council and in all committees and executive commissions to which they have been referred at the start of the next session unless:

5.8.1. A matter has already failed on the first of two required votes; or

- 5.8.2. A matter has received a negative recommendation from the Committee on Legislative Matters; or
- 5.8.3. The City Council votes to prevent automatic carryover of a matter to the next session. For this purpose, at the request of any City Councilor, the City Council President shall place any such pending matter on the agenda at the final meeting of the session. Only one vote shall be required to prevent automatic carryover, but 2/3 majority of the full Council shall be required; or
- 5.8.4. None of the sponsors of a matter will be serving in the next session of the City Council.

6. APPENDICES

6.1 SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY

Chair/Moderator

I. Selection of a Chair/Moderator

The City Council President will serve as the presiding officer of the hearing.

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

II. Notice of Public Hearings

Notice of hearings shall be advertised as required by the provisions of General Law Chapter 40A. In addition to the legally required notices the City Council will make every

effort to publish this notice broadly so the public will be fully informed, methods might include the City website, email distribution list and Northampton Community Television.

III. Calling of Public Hearing

All hearings held by the Council as a Special Permit Granting Authority Shall be open to the public.

IV. Public Hearings

1. Public hearings, when called, will be conducted in the following manner:
 - A. The presiding officer will announce that it is time for a Public Hearing and will announce the subject of such hearing.
 - B. The presiding officer will review evidence of adequate advertisement and legal notice and, if found to be appropriate and proper according to law, will have the advertisement read into the record. The presiding officer will then explain the procedure to be followed, including the time limits on speakers' and the fact that each speaker shall give their name and address for the record. By majority vote the City Council may extend the time granted to a particular speaker by the presiding officer. The chair may limit testimony that is repetitive.
 - C. The presiding officer will report on any new or changed information pertinent to the subject, if any, and then have read into the record all memoranda, opinions, comments and recommendations or City departments or boards pertinent to the matter.
 - D. The applicant will be given a reasonable amount of time to make a presentation regarding the matter.
 - E. Other persons supporting the position of the proponents will then be allowed to express the fact of their support and to present such supportive information as was not included in the initial or previous presentations. A five-minute time limit shall apply but the Council could extend the time on a majority vote.
 - F. Before opponents to an application or petition are called to speak, a member of the Council may move for invocation of a summary procedure and, if seconded and approved by a majority of the quorum, may subsequently move to deny the request made by the applicant, based on a finding that the evidence presented was not adequate to justify the request. If the motion for denial is then seconded and is approved by the quorum, the public hearing may be deemed complete.
 - G. Those persons speaking in opposition to the position taken by the principal proponent are then allowed to speak, each being allowed to express the fact of their opposition and to present such supportive information as was not included in previous presentations before the Council. A five-minute time limit shall apply and the Council could extend the time on a majority vote.
 - H. After all opponents have been heard, the presiding officer will then allow the proponent and or project staff person to respond to any issues/questions raised by the opponents.

- I. After the proponents have responded to the opponents, the opponents shall have an additional opportunity to respond, the presiding officer shall determine which opponent shall respond at which time. A three minute time limit shall apply but the Council may extend the time by majority vote. The motion to extend time is non-debatable.
- J. The presiding officer will then enter all documents received concerning the matter into the record. The applicant or project staff may then answer any questions raised in the letters.
- K. If new information is presented the presiding officer or the Council may allow additional time for the appropriate party to respond. Immediately or in writing later but before the close of the public hearing.
- L. The presiding officer will then hear questions from the general public regarding aspects/issues that have not been addressed in previous testimony. The presiding officer shall refer questions to the appropriate person and may rule questions out of order if the subjects of the questions have already been addressed. Questions may also be submitted in writing.
- M. At any point, a public hearing may be continued or postponed to a time, place and date certain, provided that these rules and procedures are adhered to when it is resumed, or may be continued or postponed to a time, place and date not certain, providing required advertising and notice procedures are followed to announce the time, place and date of resumption. Each meeting is a continuation of the same public hearing.

V. Votes of the Council

All votes for Special Permits shall require a 2/3 majority of the Council to pass.

Applications before the City Council

VI. Permit Applications

Applications for a Special Permit before the City Council shall be prepared in accordance with the procedures in the Northampton Zoning Ordinance and the instruction on and attached to the application form. Every application for action by the Council shall be made on the official application form, and as approved by the Council and adopted by reference in these Bylaws and Rules of Procedure.

6.2 Examples of Presentation and Enacting Styling of Matters

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor J. Calvin Coolidge

15.073

AN ORDINANCE

**RELATIVE TO ZONING IN CENTRAL BUSINESS (OR)
ENTITLED THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2016 (OR)
TO REVISE SEC. 000 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor J. Calvin Coolidge

R-15.003

A RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY (OR)
TO CREATE A SELECT COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A
STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council

In the City Council, January 1, 2016

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor J. Calvin Coolidge

O-15.001
AN ORDER

**TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION ACT FUNDING**

Ordered, that:

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

Upon the recommendation of Councilor Rachel Maiore

21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022

An ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to extend the date on which Section 272-18, Environmental Protection and Solid Waste Reduction, shall take effect.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

The Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

In section 272-18, by deleting in subsection F the word “January” and replacing it with the word “July”.

November 30, 2021

Gina-Louise Sciarra, Council President
And Members of Northampton City Council
Northampton City Council
210 Main Street, #18
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Support for An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to
July 1, 2022

Dear Council President Sciarra and members of the Northampton City Council,

I am writing to you to state our support for the proposed Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 (a compromise date reached through conversation between myself and Councilor Maiore) and to offer some context to this request, brought in light of the continuing challenges - particularly in the areas of supply chain and inflation - significantly impacting restaurants nation-wide, including here in our downtown community.

A November 1, 2021 letter from the National Restaurant Association highlighted the 'massive supply shortages and delays while food costs are soaring', citing data that indicates 95% of restaurants are experiencing significant supply delays or food shortages, with wholesale food and commodity prices soaring in 2021, particularly during this fall season.

I have reached out to our local restaurant community, and found that this experience is being felt downtown as well. A few cost increase examples provided by downtown restaurants:

- Rubber gloves (used nonstop) have gone up from \$10 / case to \$37.38 to \$48.46
- Blackberries went from \$27.80 / case in January, 2020 to \$41.15 / case now
- Avocados, which were \$48/case pre-COVID are now \$95/case
- Romaine lettuce, pre-COVID was \$27/case; now it is \$55/case

More specific to the Ordinance itself, the cost of paper and recyclable products are increasing as well. Again, from our downtown restaurants:

- Hinged lid containers - used for take-out:
 - Original plastic container pricing: \$.07
 - 'Earth choice' container (more environmentally-friendly, but will not be allowable under the new ordinance because it is plastic-lined): \$.36/container (when available)
 - Biodegradable Fiber container (what would be required under the new Ordinance): \$1.36 / container

For a restaurant which uses roughly 500 of these containers a week, this is a dramatic price increase, particularly in light of the significant price increases in other areas, as mentioned above. And those price increases are when items are available. As one restaurant noted, "(b)ased on the supply chain, it is not at all feasible to institute this [ordinance] so soon... We are trying to be responsible and ease into greener products, but you can't just get them from any suppliers. Plastics are hard to track down as well, so ordering is just a mix and match venture of whatever we can get, and the more options we have to work with right now, the better...."

Another restaurant offered the following supply chain example: "I've had a case of compostable straws on order since the last week of September that we have not received and that we have received word from the company that they 'do not have a clue when it may be received.'

Yet another: "[We] started transitioning to compostable to-go wares years ago, yet over the past year we've had to substitute conventional products from time to time because it was that or nothing.... We spend up to 4 hours per week chasing supplies. This was something we did in a few minutes per month in the times before."

Another downtown restaurant prospective: "While a majority of our products would fit under this updated ordinance, we have constantly had to adjust what we are able to bring in due to the supply chain issues and the subsequent...delays, shortages it has created. Requiring businesses to make these necessary changes at this time would be incredibly detrimental to our ongoing recovery both possibly financially, and absolutely from a timing / stress perspective.... I am ALL FOR this ordinance and the reasons behind implementing them, but the industries most impacted by this are those that are

most impacted by the pandemic and still trying (and many failing) to recover.”¹

These cost and supply chain issues are being faced at the same time as outdoor dining comes to a close for most, and the winter season - with increased worries about COVID - gets underway. Simultaneously, the restaurant industry is struggling with the staffing shortages and increased labor costs being felt throughout so many industries.

In addition, we would note that the City of Northampton has no City-wide residential composting program in place to date (that we are aware of). As a result, should these restaurants somehow source the appropriate materials at inflated prices (if available at all), the likelihood is high that they will be taken home by the consumer and never composted. Absent a municipal solution on the disposal side of the transaction, this Ordinance is not accomplishing what it has set out to do. Additional time to implement would enable the City to create and act on plans for addressing composting locally.

Our small business community is far from recovered - the recovery period is just beginning, and implementation of this Ordinance at this moment in time will be detrimental to those recovery efforts. We respectfully request that the City Council reconsider the January, 2022 implementation date for this Ordinance, to allow time for the supply chain and pricing increases to stabilize nation-wide, and to enable our restaurants the time they desperately need to stand on more solid financial ground. We support Councilor Maiore’s proposed Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022; we also caution that given the uncertainty surrounding COVID, supply chain dynamics and commodities pricing, it is entirely possible that we will need to request future extensions. We will keep in close touch with the restaurant community during this extension period and would be happy to provide an update to the City Council as July 1, 2022 draws near.

If you or any City Council members have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly at (413) 387-5145 or amy@northamptondna.com.

¹ In the interests of transparency, we did hear from one non-restaurant business also impacted by this Ordinance, who indicated that they are not experiencing any supply issues, and who is in favor of implementing the Ordinance as scheduled.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Cahillane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" being more prominent than the last name "Cahillane".

Amy Cahillane, Executive Director
Downtown Northampton Association
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**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.335
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS ON
EVERGREEN ROAD AND CHESTNUT AVENUE**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.

D. Multiway stop signs. Multiway stop intersections are established at the following locations:

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Evergreen Road</u>	<u>East/West</u>	<u>Chestnut Avenue and Chestnut Avenue Extension</u>
<u>Chestnut Avenue</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue Extension</u>

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In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.336
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO OFF-STREET
ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the § 312-117 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-117 Schedule XVI: On-Street and Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.

B. Off-street handicapped parking spaces are established as follows:

Parking Lot	Location
Florence Recreation Fields – West Lot	Three spaces on the northern edge, closest to the bathrooms, abutting the pedestrian crosswalk, one being van-accessible.
Florence Recreation Fields – East Lot	Six spaces dispersed along the western edge of the parking lot, one being van-accessible.
Sheldon Field – West Lot	Three spaces in the northwest corner, one being van-accessible.
Sheldon Field – East Lot	One van-accessible space abutting south of the entrance to the basketball court.
Maines Field	Two spaces on the southwest corner of the paved parking area, one being van-accessible.
Arcanum Field – North Lot	One van-accessible space on the southeast corner.
Arcanum Field – South Lot	Three spaces on the southeast corner, one being van-accessible.
Veteran’s Field	Two spaces on the southwest corner abutting the sidewalk to the skate park, one being van-accessible.

Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway	One van-accessible space on the northeast corner abutting the information kiosk.
Musante Beach – North Lot	Two spaces on the northwest corner, one being van-accessible.
Musante Beach – South Lot	One van-accessible space on the northwest corner, abutting the parking lot entrance.
Ray Ellerbrook Fields	Two spaces on the southeast corner abutting the western edge of the baseball diamond, one being van-accessible. One space on the northern edge closest to the soccer field.
Smith Vocational Agricultural Fields	Two spaces on the northwest corner, abutting the trail entrance, one being van-accessible.

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**21.337
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PARKING
ON MAIN STREET**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

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SECTION 1

That the § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times.

Location	Side	From	To
<u>Main Street</u>	<u>Northwest</u>	<u>Point 190 feet northeast of Crackerbarrel Alley</u>	<u>Point 238 feet northeast of Crackerbarrel Alley</u>
Main Street [Added 12-7-2017 by Ord. No. 17.376]	North- westerly	Center Street	Point 34 <u>58</u> feet southwesterly from Center Street
<u>Main Street</u>	<u>Southeast</u>	<u>Point 188 feet northeast of Old South Street</u>	<u>Point 235 feet northeast of Old South Street</u>

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SECTION 2

That the § 312-109 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-109 Schedule VIII: On-Street Parking Meter Zones.

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Location	Side	From	To	Time Limit/ Class
Main Street [Added 12-7-2017 by Ord. No. 17.376]	North- west	Point 40 feet northeasterly from Crackerbarrel Alley	Point 34 feet southwesterly from Center Street <u>Point 172 feet northeasterly from Crackerbarrel Alley</u>	2 hours/Class 1A
<u>Main Street</u>	<u>North- west</u>	<u>A point 238 feet northeasterly from Crackerbarrel Alley</u>	<u>Point 58 feet southwesterly from Center Street</u>	<u>2 hours/Class 1A</u>
Main Street [Added 12-7-2017 by Ord. No. 17.376]	South- east	Point 202 <u>246</u> feet northeasterly from Old South Street	Point 428 feet northeasterly from Old South Street	2 hours/Class 1A

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SECTION 3

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19 *That the § 312-117 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*

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21 § 312-117 Schedule XVI: On-Street and Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.

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Street	Side	Location
<u>Main Street</u>	<u>Northwesterly</u>	<u>14th space northeast of Crackerbarrel Alley, van accessible</u>

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Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.338
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO A STOP SIGN ON
CROSS PATH ROAD**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Cross Path Road</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>Riverbank Road</u>

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Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.349
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PARKING ON
MEADOW STREET**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times.

Location	Side	From	To
<u>Meadow Street</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Spring Street</u>	<u>A point 315 feet east of Spring Street</u>

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In the Year Two Thousand Twenty One

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by changing Section 350-17 & 350 3-4 Zoning Map in order to accurately reflect the status of lands in Northampton permanently protected from development.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

Amend as shown

§ 350-17 **Farms, Forests and Recreation District (FFR)**

§ 350-17.1 **Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to protect sensitive open space and ecologically important features, to preserve the farms, forests, river corridors, ecological habitat, and recreational lands of Northampton, and to allow landowners the ability to develop their property in a manner that is sensitive to these unique resources.

FFR is comprised of three different types of protected open space.

- 1) Rural publicly owned open space and greenways.
- 2) Lands permanently protected with conservation or agricultural restrictions
- 3) Urban Parks including those for organized recreational uses.

§ 350-17.2 **Uses.**

Uses in the FFR are limited to any of the following so long as

1. No more than 25% of a parcel may be developed as , roads, sewage disposal or drainage facilities, or other development and, where possible, all improvements shall be spatially concentrated to preserve the protected resource. The Planning Board, through Site Plan Review may approve more than 25% developed areas only when created to enhance or expand the function urban parks or recreational facilities.

2. All site improvements shall be laid out and constructed to minimize environmental and other impacts on protected resources.
 3. Open space shall be laid out to maintain views of agricultural lands and open space, and to maintain distant vistas across open space from both on and off the site.
 4. Development shall be integrated into the existing landscape through the use of building placement, landform treatment, and visually compatible existing or new screening. When possible, development should be placed within existing woodlands and not in open fields, to preserve views and minimize visual impact.
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- A. Passive recreation, including site improvements to allow for such use that could include trail building, stream crossing components, wildlife viewing stations and the like. Supporting structures including temporary or permanent buildings.
 - B. Active recreation, including temporary or permanent buildings and structures necessary to support such uses. These may include but are not limited to permanent or temporary bathrooms, storage buildings, water fountains, snack bars, safety netting, seating, play or exercise structures and foundations, and parking areas. Site improvements to support such activities including trail building, stream crossings.
 - C. Agriculture and accessory structures, farm stands etc.
 - D. Land Conservation and restoration.
 - E. Events and/or other operations that support underlying agricultural uses. Such uses shall be accessory and in accord with requirements herein.
 - F. Social functions, such as special events, concerts, weddings, with service of food and beverage to support the primary function of protecting open space/resource area.
 - G. With Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board the construction or use of a building as a caretaker's residence.

Chapter 350-3.4 Amend by including the parcels show in the attached map into the FFR layer.

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21.319 AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS IN PARKING LOTS OVER 25 SPACES

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to require installation of Electric Vehicle Charging stations and supporting conduit in parking lots larger than 25 spaces.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

Add New Subsections to Chapter 350-8.9 as follows

- I. For new or expanded parking lots that result in the provision of 25 or more spaces, one electric vehicle charging ~~port~~ space per ~~25-15~~ parking spaces shall be installed.
- J. ~~For new parking lots that create a parking area of 25 or more spaces, conduit to support installation of electric vehicle charging ports at a ratio of one charging location per 15 parking spaces shall be installed.~~