

Committee on Legislative Matters and the Northampton City Council

Members:

Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Councilor David A. Murphy
Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra

MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 14, 2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

A. Minutes of February 8, 2016

Documents: [COLM_Minutes_2_8_2016.pdf](#)

4. Items Referred to Committee

A. 16.003 Ordinance to Delete Fees from chapter 174 of City Code Book

Documents: [16.003_Ordinance-Pertaining_to_Fees-Delete_Chapter_174_from_Code_Book_AOS-REFER.pdf](#), [16.003_Report_Based_On_Finance_Committee_Feedback.pdf](#)

B. 16.005 An Ordinance Pertaining to LED Lighting

The documents attached are as follows:

1. As Originally submitted to City Council and referred to this committee:

[16.005-LED_SIGN_ORDINANCE.pdf](#)

2. As approved by the Planning Board and the Committee on Community Resources with a positive recommendation:

[16.005_LED_SIGN_ORD-PB_HEARING_RECS-As Amended](#)

3. A committee report from the Committee on Community Resources Meeting of 2/22/2016

Documents: [16.005_LED_SIGN_ORDINANCE.pdf](#),
[16.005_Report_Based_On_Committee_Community_Resources_Feedback.pdf](#),
[16.005_LED_SIGN_ORD-PB_HEARING_RECS-As Amended.pdf](#)

C. 16.028 An Ordinance to Delete Subdivision of Land from Chapter 290 of the Code Book - Positive Recommendation from the Committee on Community Resources on 2/22/2015

Documents: [16.028_DeleteChapter290.pdf](#),

D. 16.025 An Ordinance Regarding Parking on Center Street - Still Awaiting Feedback from TPC

Referred to Committee on Feb. 4, 2016

Documents: [16.025_Ordinance_Regarding_Parking_Center_Street.pdf](#)

E. 16.034 Ordinance Pertaining to Water Resources - Awaiting Feedback from Committee on Community Resources and Committee on Public Works and Utilities

Referred to Committee on March 3, 2016

Documents: [16.034_Ordinance_Water_Resources.pdf](#)

5. New Business

6. Adjourn

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Committee on Legislative Matters and the Northampton City Council

Members:

Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Councilor David A. Murphy
Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra

2/8/2016 - Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street in Northampton. At 5:00 pm Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order. Committee members present at the meeting were: Councilors Murphy, Sciarra and O'Donnell. Councilor Adams was absent.

No other city councilors were present.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Councilor O'Donnell moved to open nominations to elect a committee chair; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Adams).

Councilor O'Donnell moved to nominate Councilor Murphy for committee chair; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Adams). No other councilors were nominated for the position.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to close nominations; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Adams).

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve Councilor Murphy as chair; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Adams).

The committee did not elect a vice-chair at this time.

4. Approval of Committee Schedule for 2016

Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the committee calendar for 2016; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Adams).

5. Items Referred to Committee

Due to the fact that the following items have not been taken up by other committees, this committee did not discuss:

16.003 - still in Committee on Finance

16.028 - still in Committee on Community Resources

16.005 - still in Committee on Community Resources & Planning Board

16.025 - still in Transportation and Parking Commission

Item 15.377 was not referred to this committee by City Council on 2/4/16. Unless referred to this committee by City Council in the future, this committee will not review this ordinance.

Item 15.382 in City Council on 2/4/2016, this item was postponed until July 1, 2016. Unless referred to this committee after this date, this committee will not review this ordinance.

A. 16.003 - Ordinance to delete fees from chapter 174 of city code book

B. 16.028 An Ordinance to delete Chapter 290 from the City Code Book

C. 16.005 - Ordinance pertaining to LED Lighting

D. 16.025 An Ordinance Regarding Parking on Center Street

E. 15.377 Ordinance regarding Zoning for Significant Trees - item carried over from the 2014 - 2015 Council

F. 15.382 Order Regarding Sick Time - Accept MGL Chapter 149 Section 148 C

6. New Business

None

7. Adjourn

At 5:15 pm Councilor O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, - No, 1 Absent (Councilor Adams)

Prepared By:

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City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In the Year Two thousand sixteen

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

16.003

AN ORDINANCE

To delete fees from Chapter 174 of Code Book

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising § Chapter 174 of said Code; providing that Fees.

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

Section 1: that § Chapter 174 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

Section §Chapter 174

Delete

Chapter 174 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following wording:

Reserved: see fee schedule on www.northamptonma.gov

Committee Report on a Legislative Matter

Report Regarding: 16.003

Delete Fees From Chapter 174 of City Code Book

From:

Comm. on Finance

Date of Meeting

2 /18/2016

Prepared By:

P. Powers

Recommendation:

Positive Recommendation

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Factors Considered:

The committee reviewed the ordinance and heard comments by Mayor Narkewicz.

Comments, Discussion & Debate:

Mayor Narkewicz explained that this ordinance is a result of the work of the Ordinance Review Committee. In previous years, the city council had voted to allow departments to set their own fees. Since that time the city council has continued to vote on fee adjustments because the fee schedule remained in the book of ordinances. Removing them from the ordinance book will require departments to establish their own protocol for maintaining fee schedules. These new procedures will likely include a requirement for Mayoral approval to fee adjustments.

Refer to Ordinance and Planning Board

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

Upon the Recommendation of Office of Planning and Sustainability & Planning Board

16.004

An Ordinance

Relative to specifications on sign lighting in residential and commercial districts
and creating specifications for dynamic display boards.

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising section 350-7.2 7.3 7.4 of said code; providing for specifications on sign lighting in residential and commercial districts and creating specifications for dynamic display boards.

ORDINANCE

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 §350-7.2 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

16.005

Refer to Ordinance and Planning Board

7.2 B amended as shown:

A sign (including temporary interior window displays or banners) or its illuminator shall not by reason of its location, shape, size, or color interfere with traffic or be confused with or obstruct the view or effectiveness of any official traffic sign, traffic signal, or traffic marking. A sign or any part thereof which moves or flashes, ~~all signs of the traveling light or animated type, and all beacons and flashing devices are prohibited,~~ except that such portions of a sign as consist solely of indicators of time and/or temperature ~~or automatically changing message~~ shall comply with the requirements herein as dynamic display ~~be permitted if the Planning Board and Chief of Police determine that the sign is not a hazard to traffic and pedestrian safety.~~ All illumination of signs must be in conformance with § 350-12.2.

7.2T {New subsection in general sign standards to define outdoor dynamic display }

Dynamic display sign means any sign designed for outdoor use that is capable of displaying a video signal, including, but not limited to, cathode-ray tubes (CRT), light-emitting diode (LED) displays, plasma displays, liquid-crystal displays (LCD), or other technologies used in commercially available televisions or computer monitors. Signs with this technology which are placed by a public agency for the purpose of directing or regulating pedestrian or vehicle movement use are exempt from this ordinance.

7.2U {New subsection in general sign standards to prohibit mobile dynamic display }

A dynamic display sign on, in, or part of any portable/mobile vehicle parked in view of the public way, whether registered or unregistered and which carries, displays, any sign or billboard for the primary purpose of advertising will be regulated as a ground sign (see relevant district allowances for ground signs).

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That §350-7.3 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

7.3C {Signs in Residential Districts}

Institutional and other non-residential uses in residential districts allowed in accordance with:

1) Each membership club, funeral establishment, nursing care facility~~hospital, , community facility or public utility~~ may have one ground identification sign ~~(not to exceed~~ up to a maximum of 10 square feet in surface area~~).~~ If signs are illuminated, they may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM.

2) C~~and~~ churches, community ~~facilities~~ centers~~not places of public assembly~~, schools may have one ~~additional~~ ground sign up to a maximum of ~~(not to exceed~~ 40 square feet in surface area~~).~~ Such signs shall be set back at least 1/2 the required depth of the front yard setback. ~~provided that such sign(s), if lighted, shall be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and in conformance with § 350-12.2.~~ Signs may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM. Signs may contain dynamic display, as defined in 7.2T above, so long as the following are met:

- a) The dynamic display area may be no more than one-half the total sign area

Refer to Ordinance and Planning Board

- b) Minimum display time between display changes shall be 30 minutes. Transition time to next display shall be less than one second.
- c) Display boards shall not emit sound.
- d) If images are displayed, only static, non-fluctuating, non-changing video images allowed.
- e) Signs must have photocells that automatically dim in dark conditions in direct correlation to natural ambient light conditions. At no time, shall the sign lights be greater than .3 footcandles above ambient light conditions.

3) ~~and such signs shall be set back at least 1/2 the required depth of the front yard setback.~~ Tourist home/bed-and-breakfast establishments ~~facilities~~ may have one identification sign, attached flush to the structure (not to exceed three square feet in surface area), provided that such sign, if lighted, shall be ~~illuminated by indirect method with white light only~~ in conformance with § 350-12.2 and may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM. ~~.-~~

That §350-7.3D of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

7.3D. For approved residential subdivisions, townhouse, multifamily, and open space developments, one ground sign identifying the development, provided that:

(4) If lighted, ~~it shall be illuminated internally, or by indirect method with white light only and must be in conformance with § 350-12.2~~ may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM. No dynamic displays allowed.

That §350-7.4B6 / D of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

New 7.4B6- ~~+~~ Illumination for wall signs Commercial district sign section ~~+~~

Dynamic displays shall comply with:

- a) Minimum display time between display changes shall be 1 minute. Transition time to next display shall be less than one second.
- b) Display boards shall not emit sound.
- c) The display must be turned off at the close of business
- d) Signs must have photocells that automatically dim in dark conditions in direct correlation to natural ambient light conditions. At no time, shall the sign lights be greater than .3 footcandles above ambient light conditions.

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7.4D Business signs shall be permitted as ground signs as ~~follows~~ 350.12.2. Dynamic displays must comply with 7.4B6, above except the following. Informational boards may emit sound only if such boards are used as accessory to drive-through sales and service establishments and if they are not directed/oriented to the street. Such boards are not considered ground signs under these provisions. ~~+~~

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A. Signs permitted in § 350-7.3 (R Districts), subject to the same regulations.

B. Business signs shall be permitted as follows:

Refer to Ordinance and Planning Board

(1)7.5 In all GI and BP Districts and for PV Districts as provided in Subsection D below not more than two wall signs for each building, provided that each sign:

(c) If lighted, ~~it each shall be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and shall be in conformance with § 350-12.2.~~ comply with lighting standards in 7.4B(6) whether dynamic or static;

(3)In all OI, GI and BP Districts, and for PV Districts as provided in Subsection D below, one ground sign for each building, provided that:

(d)If lighted, it shall ~~comply with lighting standards in 7.4B(6) whether dynamic or static display~~ ~~be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and shall be in conformance with § 350-12.2.~~

Committee Report on a Legislative Matter

Report Regarding: 16.005

Ordinance Pertaining to LED Lighting

From:

Comm. on Community Resources

Date of Meeting 2 /22/2016

Prepared By: P. Powers

Recommendation:

Positive Recommendation As Amended

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Factors Considered:

The Committee reviewed the ordinance and held a Public Hearing. No members of the public were present.

Comments, Discussion & Debate:

Carolyn Misch spoke in favor of the ordinance changes. It was introduced by the Planning Office and the Planning Board. The sign section in the city has been tweaked over the last 10-20 years. The Board took this opportunity to update the code.

Regarding lighting for signs, Ms. Misch reports that there have been several improvements to lighting technology over the last several years. Many businesses are interested in improving their signage using the newest technology, especially to improve energy efficiency. The ordinance addresses on-property signs. Billboard and Off-premises signs are not included in the update.

Advertisers are prohibited from using dynamic display panels and LED lighting on Billboards. Flashing lights have been regulated since 1975; since that time, jurisdiction to oversee fell between the following: Police Chief; Planning Board, and the Board of Health. Safety concerns exist when signs change frequently; this ordinance will codify what had been loosely enforced during the past three years. The new codes will also identify what signs might be allowed in residential vs. commercial districts.

Ms. Misch went through the ordinance to define what is currently allowed. The proposed changes will make greater distinctions between residential and commercial districts. The

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials commissioned a report in 2009 that focused on safety surrounding the use of signs. The Planning Board used this information when deciding their criteria for signage. They looked at stationary and mobile signs, movie and “real” or live images and the intensity of the lighting. The report also talks about the effects of displaying single or multiple messages across screens and signs. Too much information can be distracting to drivers. There are already a few LED signs around Northampton.

AASHTO recommended that cities and towns use longer interval times between sign changes (if moving). They recommend that flashing standards be codified and not be left to interpreting subjective standards. Signs should be evaluated based on impact within the district, including the size of the sign, and the display vs. off times. Finally, signs with dynamic display panels should be restricted as to the percentage of the sign with the dynamic display panel.

The Planning Board is recommending some clean up of the entire text for clarification. They also suggest addressing safety issues and specifying standards for LED light levels and transition timing. The concerns would be addressed by district; light levels and hours will be different for residential vs. commercial districts. The ordinance does not address signs in commercial windows; neon-type signs have always been allowed, and will continue to be allowed in storefronts. The Planning board felt that restricting LED signs in commercial districts was not appropriate.

Ms. Mish did point out that the ordinance would only be addressing new signs; older style signs would be “grandfathered” unless any of the existing retailers were to change out their current signs.

Ms. Misch introduced the proposed changes in the document, including definitions.

When determining the ordinances for sign display changes in the residential district, the Planning Board took into account what impact frequently changing signs might have. They also considered what other communities around the country were allowing. They also considered the readability of the sign given the overall size limitations and the time constraints when a sign will be allowed to be lit.

Ms. Misch indicated that since the ordinance was drafted, the Planning Board asked for addition changes to be introduced. The first was to section 7.2.B allowing for directional signs; this was primarily written for the business districts. The Planning Board requested the language be clarified. Second, Section 7.2.E changes will no longer allow for special permits allowing taller signs. 7.2.M allows the Board of Appeals to allow a special permit for more than one sign, however, the height restrictions will not be waived.

There were no opponents to the ordinance.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

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ORDINANCE

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 §350-7.2 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

7.2 B amended as shown:

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7.2 D (The limitations as to the number of signs permitted does not apply to traffic or directional signs which are necessary for the safety and direction of residents, employees, customers and visitors (whether in a vehicle or on foot) of the business, industry, or residence. Such signs ~~may carry the name of the business or project, provided that said name is:~~

- 1) May not exceed a maximum size of six square feet (6 ft sq).
- 2) May not be any higher (top of sign) than four feet (4') from the ground.
- 3) Shall be limited to one such directional sign per curb cut.
- 2)4) If lighted, be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and shall be in conformance with § 350-12.2.
- 5) Signs may carry the name of the business or project, provided that said name is:
 - a) Clearly secondary in nature to the primary directional function of the sign.
 - b) No greater than 1/2 the size of the directional message.

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~~(2) No greater than 1/2 the size of the directional message.~~

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~~(4) May not be any higher (top of sign) than four feet from the ground.~~

~~(5) Shall be limited to one such directional sign per curb cut.~~

~~(6) If lighted, be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and shall be in conformance with § 350-12.2.~~

7.2 E Along with the height restrictions herein, under no circumstance shall a ~~No~~ sign, together with any supporting framework, ~~shall~~, extend ~~to a height~~ above ~~the maximum building height allowed in the district in which the sign is located. In any R-District, the top of a sign, together with any supporting framework, shall not extend above the roofline. In any other district, the top of a sign, together with any supporting framework, shall not extend more than eight feet above~~ the roofline of the associated structure on the site. In the case of a building with a pitched roof, the eaves line of the building shall be considered the roofline.

7.2M The Board of Appeals may issue a special permit allowing more than the number of signs herein permitted and/or for signs of a larger size ~~or height~~ but not taller than herein permitted, provided that:

7.2T {New subsection in general sign standards to define outdoor dynamic display }

Dynamic display sign means any sign designed for outdoor use that is capable of displaying **an electronic** Delete “video” signal, including, but not limited to, cathode-ray tubes (CRT), light-emitting diode (LED) displays, plasma displays, liquid-crystal displays (LCD), or other technologies used in commercially available televisions or computer monitors. Signs with this technology which are placed by a public agency for the purpose of directing or regulating pedestrian or vehicle movement use are exempt from this ordinance.

7.2U {New subsection in general sign standards to prohibit mobile dynamic display }

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2) ~~C~~ and churches, community ~~facilities~~ centers~~not places of public assembly~~, schools may have one ~~additional~~ ground sign up to a maximum of (~~not to exceed~~ 40 square feet in surface area). Such signs shall be set back at least 1/2 the required depth of the front yard setback. ~~provided that such sign(s), if lighted, shall be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and in conformance with § 350-12.2.~~ Signs may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM. Signs may contain dynamic display, as defined in 7.2T above, so long as the following are met:

- a) The dynamic display area may be no more than one-half the total sign area
- b) Minimum display time between display changes shall be 30 minutes. Transition time to next display shall be less than one second.
- c) Display boards shall not emit sound.
- d) If images are displayed, only static, non-fluctuating, non-changing video images allowed.
- e) Signs must have photocells that automatically dim in dark conditions in direct correlation to natural ambient light conditions. At no time, shall the sign lights be greater than .3 footcandles above ambient light conditions.

3) ~~and such signs shall be set back at least 1/2 the required depth of the front yard setback.~~ Tourist home/bed-and-breakfast establishments~~facilities~~ may have one identification sign, attached flush to the structure (not to exceed three square feet in surface area), provided that such sign, if lighted, shall be ~~illuminated by indirect method with white light only~~ in conformance with § 350-12.2 and may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM.

4) Ground signs shall not be taller than 5’ above average finished grade at the foot of the sign.

That §350-7.3D of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

7.3D. For approved residential subdivisions, townhouse, multifamily, and open space developments, one ground sign identifying the development, provided that:

(4) If lighted, ~~it shall be illuminated internally, or by indirect method with white light only and must be in conformance with § 350-12.2~~ may only be illuminated between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM. No dynamic displays allowed.

That §350-7.4B6 / D of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

New 7.4B6- ~~{Illumination for wall signs Commercial district sign section}~~

Dynamic displays shall comply with:

- a) Minimum display time between display changes shall be **30 seconds** ~~DELETE:1 minute~~. Transition time to next display shall be less than one second.
- b) Display boards shall not emit sound.
- c) The display must be turned off **at 11 PM or** at the close of business, **whichever is later**.
- d) Signs must have photocells that automatically dim in dark conditions in direct correlation to natural ambient light conditions. At no time, shall the sign lights be greater than .3 footcandles above ambient light conditions.

7.4D Business signs shall be permitted as ground signs as ~~follows~~ 350.12.2. Dynamic displays must comply with 7.4B6, above except the following. Informational boards may emit sound only if such boards are used as accessory to drive-through sales and service establishments and if they are not directed/oriented to the street. Such boards are not considered ground signs under these provisions. :

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(c) If lighted, it ~~each~~ shall ~~be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and shall be in conformance with § 350-12.2~~ comply with lighting standards in 7.4B(6) whether dynamic or static;

(3)In all OI, GI and BP Districts, and for PV Districts as provided in Subsection D below, one ground sign for each building, provided that:

(d)If lighted, it shall ~~2~~comply with lighting standards in 7.4B(6) whether dynamic or static display~~be illuminated internally or by indirect method with white light only and shall be in conformance with § 350-12.2~~.

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In the Year **2016**

Upon the Recommendation of **Mayor David J. Narkewicz**

16.028

AN ORDINANCE

To delete Subdivision of Land from Chapter 290 of the Code Book

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising § **Chapter 290** of said Code; providing that **Subdivision of Land**.

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

Section 1: that § **Chapter 290** of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

Section § **Chapter 290**

Delete

Chapter 290 and add in place thereof: Reserved: See Subdivision of Land regulations listed on www.northamptonma.gov

Committee Report on a Legislative Matter

Report Regarding: 16.028

An Ordinance to Delete Subdivision of Land From Chapter 290 of the Code Book

From:

Comm. on Community Resources

Date of Meeting 2 /22/2016

Prepared By: P. Powers

Recommendation:

Positive Recommendation

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Factors Considered:

The Committee reviewed the ordinance and heard testimony from Carolyn Misch, Sr. Land Planner for the City

Comments, Discussion & Debate:

Carolyn Misch, Senior Land Planner for the city indicated that subdivision regulations were the sole discretion of the Planning Board under state statute. As a result, they should be removed from the code book of ordinances that require City Council review and approval. There are no changes being proposed and the regulations will be published by the Planning Department, likely on their webpage.

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

Upon the Recommendation of Chief Jody Kasper and Councilor Ryan O’Donnell.

**16.025
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PARKING NEAR THE POLICE STATION
ON CENTER 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 § 312-104 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-104 Schedule III: Limited-Time Parking.

Center Street	Northerly	15 mins./8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Saturday	A point 179 feet easterly from Center Court	A point 197 feet easterly from Center Court
<u>Center Street</u>	<u>Northerly</u>	<u>15 mins./8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Saturday</u>	<u>A point 161 feet easterly from Center Court</u>	<u>A point 179 feet easterly from Center Court</u>

SECTION 2

That § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as by adding the following:

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

<u>Center Street</u>	<u>Northerly</u>	<u>A point 179 feet easterly from Center Court</u>	<u>A point 197 feet easterly from Center Court</u>
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**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell and Mayor David J. Narkewicz.

**16.034
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF
NORTHAMPTON'S WATER RESOURCES**

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

SECTION 1

That § 325 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

~~Article I Water Use Regulations~~ **Article I Water Resources**

§ 325-1 (~~Reserved~~) **Public Ownership of Water Resources**

The public water resources and infrastructure of the City of Northampton, including systems and facilities related to the supply, storage, treatment and distribution of water, shall be owned and/or controlled by the City of Northampton and shall not be sold, leased or transferred into private ownership.

SECTION 2

That the article title "Water Use Regulations" be moved directly before § 325-2 and that the article titles within Chapter 325 be renumbered:

~~Article I~~ **Article II** Water Use Regulations

~~Article II~~ **Article III** Water Emergencies and Restrictions

~~Article III~~ **Article IV** Drinking Water Protection