

# CITY OF NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS

*In the City Council, March 7, 2019*

Upon the Recommendations of Councilors William H. Dwight, Alisa F. Klein and Gina-Louise Sciarra

## O-19.001 AN ORDER TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) TO VOTE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC)

*Whereas,*

The International Code Council (ICC) develops model building codes for adoption by states and local jurisdictions, including the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In Massachusetts, municipalities are statutorily required to follow the statewide code that is based in part on the IECC.

*Whereas,*

The ICC is currently in the code development process for a new edition of the IECC to be published in 2021. Only ICC members are eligible to vote to approve changes to the existing code. Voting is important because it can affect how much energy efficiency is required in the new base building code followed by most states and many countries. It is in the best interest of governmental units interested in reducing energy consumption to have the next IECC include substantially enhanced energy efficiency requirements.

*Whereas,*

Government/municipal agencies, departments and units engaged in administration, formulation or enforcement of laws, regulations or ordinances relating to public health, safety and welfare are eligible to join the ICC as a government member for an annual membership fee of \$135 per year. The more registered voters Northampton has, the more it can influence the code.

*Whereas,*

The Northampton Energy and Sustainability Commission (NESC) has affirmed the desirability of expanding Northampton's engagement in the IECC process. The Building Department is already a member of the ICC and the Office of Planning and Sustainability has recently joined. Other departments are being encouraged by the NESC to consider membership. The City Council is eligible to join the ICC and identify up to four individuals to vote on the new code.

*Now therefore be it ordered that,*

The City Council hereby authorizes registering the Northampton City Council as a member of the ICC and designating four city councilors to serve as voting representatives for purposes of voting on the IECC.