

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising section **278** of said code; providing that *Storm Drains*

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows: That section **278** of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

SECTION 278 – Amend as follows:

§ 278-1. Purpose ~~and authority~~

~~A. Purpose.~~

(1) The purpose of this chapter is to regulate illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drain system, which is necessary for the protection of Northampton's water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment.

(2) The objectives of this chapter are:

- (a) To prevent pollutants from entering Northampton's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4);
- (b) To prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4;
- (c) To require the removal of all such illicit connections;
- (d) To comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges;
- (e) To establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement; and
- (f) To prevent contamination of drinking water supplies.

~~B. Authority. The Department of Public Works shall administer, implement and enforce this chapter. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Department of Public Works may be delegated in writing by the Board of Public Works to employees or agents of the Department of Public Works.~~

§ 278-4. Promulgation of rules and regulations

The ~~Board~~ Department of Public Works may promulgate rules, regulations and a permitting process to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. ~~Failure by the Board of Public Works to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this chapter.~~

§ 278-5. Prohibited activities

C.

Obstruction of municipal storm drain system. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior approval from the ~~Board~~ Department of Public Works or its designated agent.