CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

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

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: June 4, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The June 4, 2020 City Council meeting will be held via 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 7 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE VIDEO MEETING

Join Virtual Meeting: https://bit.ly/36xNsrE
For telephone call-in, call:
+1 253 215 8782 US +1 301 715 8592 US Enter Meeting ID: 922 2127 9006 Password: 187737 and Participant #: #
Please wait to be recognized by the chair.

1. **Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Remote Participation and Audio/Video Recorded**
   This meeting is being held via remote participation and audio/video recorded.

2. **Public Comment**

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of a public hearing concerning the Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2021-FY2025 - Thursday, June 18, 2020

In accordance with The Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 7 Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 7-5: Capital Improvement Program, (b) Public Hearing. BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing via remote participation on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2021-FY2025, and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. Instructions for accessing the public hearing will be posted on the June 18, 2020 City Council agenda which can be found on the City of Northampton website at www.northamptonma.gov. The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m.

B. 7:00 pm Continuation of Public Hearing (from June 3, 2020) Concerning the FY21 Budget

IN ACCORDANCE WITH The Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 7 Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 7-4: Action on the Operating Budget, and BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, a Public Hearing will be held by remote participation to consider the Proposed FY2021 budget commencing on June 3, 2020 at 5 p.m. and continuing on June 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The FY21 budget is available for review on the City of Northampton website at www.northamptonmagov.

C. Public Hearing on 20.048 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Park Hill Road (Petition #25763215 - two petitions)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways. Pole Petition #25763215 - Park Hill Road (two petitions).

Process note: Due to apparent conflicts with public shade trees, the DPW has recommended the following conditions:
- A submittal should be made to the Department of Public Works (DPW), attn. Tree Warden, requesting removal and/or pruning of trees affected by the work included in these petitions.
- A valid trench permit approved by the DPW must be in place before work commences and will not be issued until shade tree conflicts are resolved.

Documents:

20.048 DPW Recommendation.pdf
20.048A National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Park Hill Road.pdf
20.048B National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Park Hill Road.pdf

5. **Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs**

6. **Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**

7. **Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor**

8. **Resolutions**

9. **Presentations**

10. **Recess for Committee on City Services (See Separate Agenda)**

11. **Consent Agenda**

    A. **Minutes of May 21, 2020**

    Documents:

    05-21-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf

    B. **Approve Pole Petitions with conditions recommended by the DPW - 20.048A and 20.048B (Both Petition #25763215), National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Park Hill Road (two separate petitions, same #)**

    See documents under public hearing above

12. **Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)**

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

    Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

    A. **20.053 An Order to Approve FY2021 General Fund Budget - 1st reading**

    Documents:

20.053 An Order to Approve FY2021 General Fund Budget.pdf

B. **20.054 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading**

Documents:

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C. **20.055 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Water Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading**

Documents:

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D. **20.056 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading**

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E. **20.057 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Stormwater and Flood Control Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading**

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F. **20.058 An Order to Approve FY2021 Revolving Funds - 1st reading**

Documents:

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G. **20.059 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 1st reading**

Documents:

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H. **20.060 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Street and Transportation Sharing - 1st reading**

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I. 20.061 An Order to Rescind Borrowing Authority - 2 Votes - 1st reading

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20.061 An Order to Rescind Borrowing Authority - 2 Votes.pdf

14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

15. Orders

A. 20.062 An Order Temporarily Suspending the Effect of Certain Ordinances in Response to Efforts to Reopen Restaurants - 1st reading

Documents:

20.062 An Order Temporarily Suspending the Effect of Certain Ordinances in Response to Efforts to Reopen Restaurants.pdf
20.062 Downtown CB and GB District.pdf
20.062 Florence GB Zoning District.pdf

16. 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.

17. Ordinances

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

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
125 Locust Street
Northampton, MA 01060

413-587-1570
Fax 413-587-1576

Donna LaScaleia
Director

Memorandum

To: Donna LaScaleia, Director of Public Works M 5-18-2020

From: Felix Harvey, Staff Civil Engineer

Date: May 18, 2020

Re: 2 Pole Petitions for Joint National Grid/Verizon New Pole Locations No. 25763215

National Grid is proposing to install 4 new poles (61, 62, 63 and 71), and to relocate a pole (64) on Park Hill Rd between Glendale Road and the new Solar Field, as identified on 2 pole petitions with the above referenced number.

There are no conflicts with public utilities at the proposed locations. There appear to be conflicts with public shade trees in several of the proposed locations. Removal or pruning of public shade trees is subject to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87 and is under the jurisdiction of the City of Northampton's Tree Warden.

DPW approves these petitions, with the following conditions:

- A submittal should be made to the Department of Public Works (DPW), attn. Tree Warden, requesting removal and/or pruning of trees affected by the work included in these petitions.
- A valid trench permit approved by the DPW must be in place before work commences, and will not be issued until shade tree conflicts have been resolved.

nationalgrid

April 9, 2020

RECEIVED
APR 21 2020
CITY CLERKS OFFICE
NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060

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

Hello,

2 pettions - Same #.
1 set of Abutter's cards
for Both pettions.

thank you!
Lisa

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:

Park Hill Rd. - National Grid to install (1) JO pole #71 and relocate (1) JO pole #64 on Park Hill Rd. beginning at a point approximately 40 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Glendale Rd. and continuing approximately 990 feet in an easterly direction.

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 – Park Hill Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

25763215

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
BY Jim Kehrer/lla
Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.
BY _____
Manager / Right of Way

Dated: March 9, 2020

Northampton

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 9th day of March 2020.

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 – Park Hill Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

25763215 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:

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Of the City/Town of ,Massachusetts held on the day of 20 .

City/Town Clerk.

Massachusetts 20 .

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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.

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Questions contact – Diane Clowes 413-582-7408

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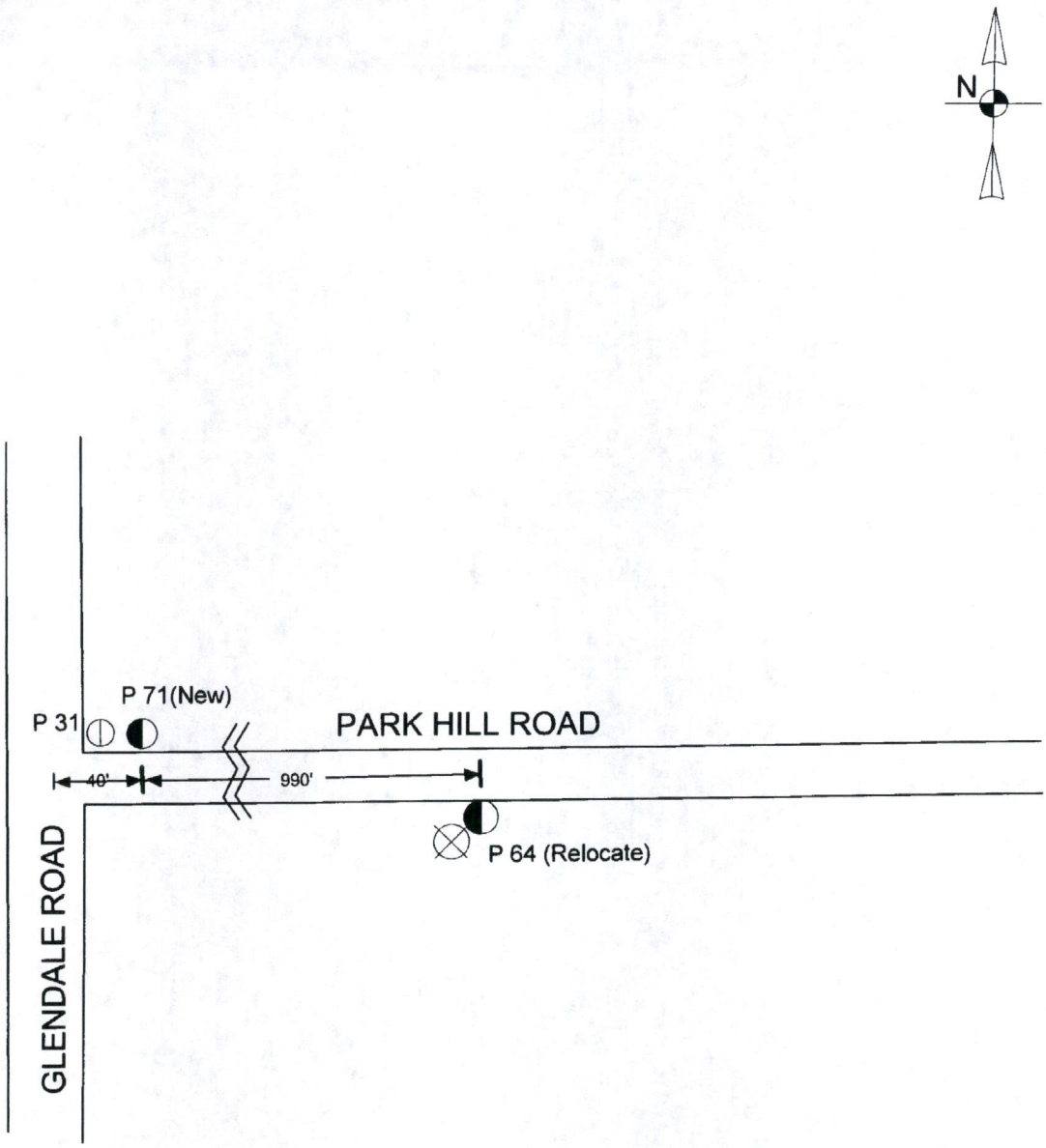

POLE PETITION	nationalgrid
● Proposed NGRID Pole Locations	
○ Existing NGRID Pole Locations	Date: 02/25/20
◐ Proposed J.O. Pole Locations	Plan Number: 25763215
⦶ Existing J.O. Pole Locations	To Accompany Petition Dated:
◕ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations	To The: CITY Of NORTHAMPTON, MA
◎ Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.	For Proposed: INSTALL 1 JO POLE (P.71) & RELOCATE 1 JO POLE (P.64) PARK HILL RD.
⊗ Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed	
DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE	Date Of Original Grant:

nationalgrid

April 9, 2020

City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts

To whom it may Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID, covering NATIONAL GRID pole location(s)

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

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

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Jim Kehrer/lla

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Supervisor, Distribution Design

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PETITION FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council
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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 – Park Hill Rd. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

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Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID
BY Jim Kehrer/lla
Engineering Department

March 9, 2020

Northampton

ORDER FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

In the City of Northampton, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,
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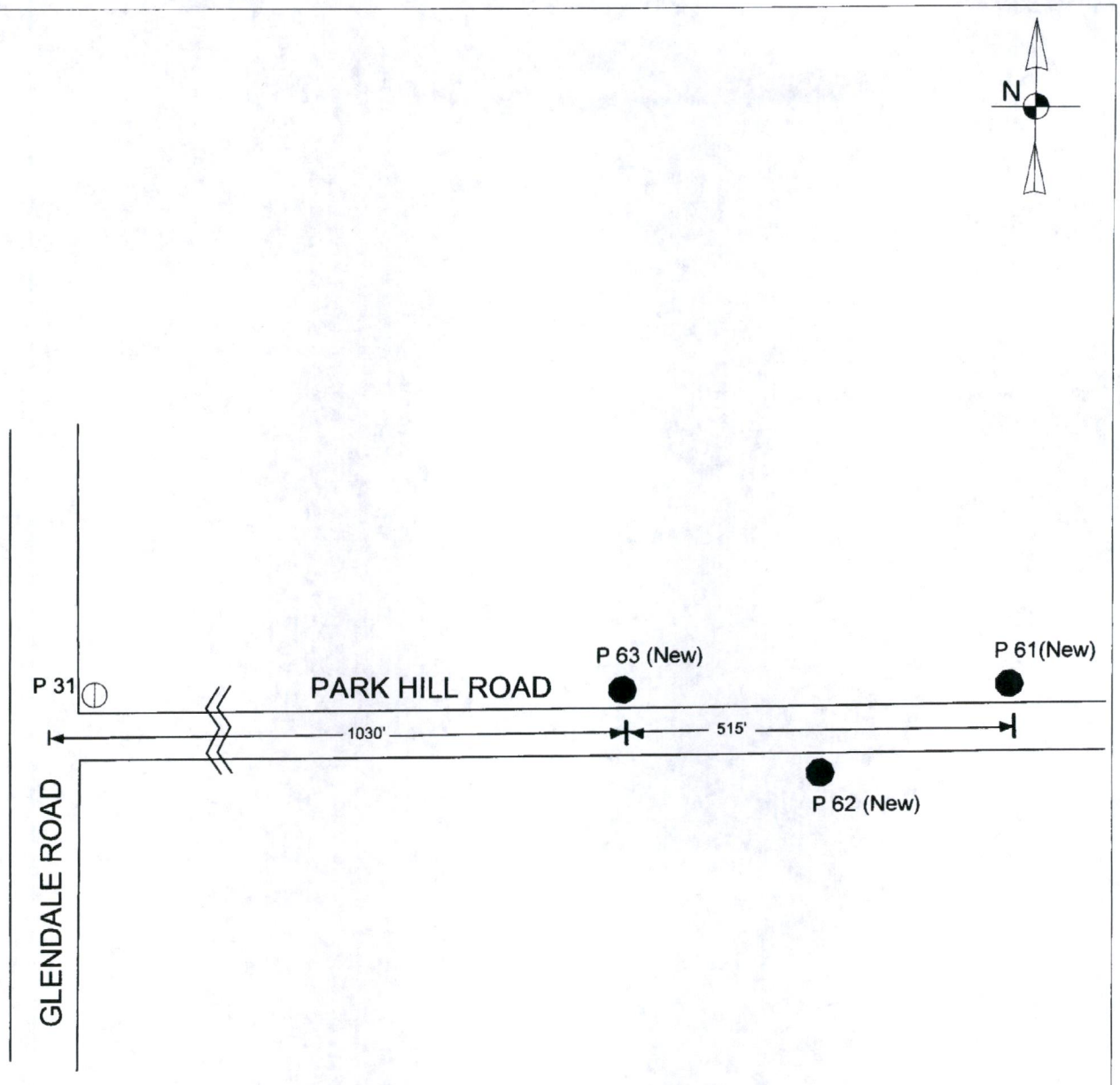

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○ Existing NGRID Pole Locations	Date: 02/25/20
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◕ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations	To The: CITY Of NORTHAMPTON, MA
◎ Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.	For Proposed: INSTALL 3 SO POLES (P.61 THRU P.63) PARK HILL RD.
⊗ Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed	
DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE	Date Of Original Grant:

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

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra. At 7:09 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

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

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

At 7:09 p.m., Councilor Sciarra convened the regular meeting. She announced that the meeting was being held by remote participation and audio and video recorded.

Public Hearing

Announcement of Public Hearing - City Council Budget Hearings June 3rd and 4th, 2020

Public Hearing
Councilor Sciarra read the following announcements:
Announcement of Public Hearing - City Council Budget Hearings June 3rd and 4th, 2020
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, and in accordance with Section 7-4 of the Charter of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed FY2021 Budget commencing on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5 p.m. by remote participation and continuing on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by remote participation. Instructions for accessing the meetings will be posted on the agendas. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The budget is available for inspection by the public on the City of Northampton website at www.northamptonma.gov.

Announcement of Public Hearing - 20.048 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Park Hill Road (Petition #25763215 - two petitions, same #)

Announcement of Public Hearing - 20.048 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Park Hill Road (Petition #25763215 - two separate petitions, same #)
In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways. The hearing will be held via remote participation. Please see the agenda for the June 4, 2020 City Council meeting for instructions for accessing the hearing.

Public Hearing on 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road (#29597581)

Public Hearing on 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road (Petition #29597581)
In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 7:05 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways. Pole Petition #29597581 - Fox Farms Road.

Councilor Dwight moved to open the public hearing. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Lisa Jasinski of National Grid said the utility is looking for permission to place a pole on Fox Farms Road approximately 215 feet south of the intersection of Bridge Road and Fox Farms Road. The purpose Is two-fold – to raise a wire hanging low between two spans and to get a service line off the roof of a house. The service line for 8 Fox Farms Road crosses its roof. They'd like to get it off the roof and they'd also like to correct those low-hanging wires. She reached out to the property owner of the second house on the right-hand side where the pole is to be located but did not hear back.

Councilor Sciarra asked if anyone else wished to speak in favor or against.

There being no further comments, Councilor Dwight moved to close the public hearing. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

. Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs	Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs The June meeting of the City Services Committee will be held during the June 4, 2020 City Council meeting, Councilor LaBarge reminded. It will be an abbreviated meeting to make a recommendation on the appointment of Jonathan Flagg as the Building Commissioner. There will be no regular meeting on June 1st, she confirmed.
Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors	Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors Councilor Quinlan gave a quick shout out to three people and organizations to thank them for their cooperation and work on the community food distribution project: Heidi Nortonsmith of the Northampton Survival Center, Alisa Klein of Grow Food Northampton and Mary Clare Higgins of Community Action Pioneer Valley. Grow Food Northampton is seeking volunteers Tuesday and Thursday specifically to help pack food packages and deliver them to people in need. It is not a huge time commitment: Tuesday from 9:30 to about 12:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Councilor Maiore invited everyone to join her Saturday morning between 8 and 9 for the Leeds annual clean up sponsored by the Leeds Civic Association. Participants will meet at the Leeds post office. Organizers will be handing out bags while practicing social distancing and people can choose a road and go to their own section if they'd like. She encourage participants to bring garden gloves and a face covering. Trash bags will be provided. . Another Ward 7 announcement is that, sadly, the Memorial Day service they usually have in Leeds on Sunday is cancelled, Councilor Maiore continued. A wreath will be placed, and people may leave a wreath or some sort of message on their own if desired.
Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor	Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor FY2021 Budget Message Councilor Sciarra outlined arrangements for reviewing and approving the FY2021 budget. The City Council will hold its budget hearing beginning with presentations from the five largest departments on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 5 p.m. and continuing on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7 p.m. After the close of the public hearing, the City Council will begins its deliberation and take its first vote on the budget orders. The second vote on the budget will be on June 18, 2020. An item on the agenda tonight is presentation of the FY2021 budget message, she continued. The council will not be deliberating on the budget tonight but the Mayor may entertain general questions that pertain to the budget message itself, she explained. Presentation by Mayor David J. Narkewicz The charter specifies that the budget submitted by the Mayor to the City Council 45 days prior to the end of the fiscal year include a budget message, Mayor Narkewicz explained. The tradition has been for the Mayor to deliver that message at a City Council meeting. This is the first budget message he has delivered by zoom. He read the budget message in its entirety. (See attachment to original minutes.) Discussion Councilor Sciarra thanked Mayor Narkewicz for his message. As sobering as it is for them to hear, she knows it was sobering for him and his team to write, she commented. She is awed that he has been able to pull it together while working remotely and under these conditions. She asked if there were any general questions for the Mayor. Councilor LaBarge thanked the Mayor and Finance Director Susan Wright. It has been very difficult for everybody living in Northampton, and they've done an excellent job with this budget book. She also thanked the Mayor's staff and department heads for their tireless work. She is really impressed with how fast he's turned this around having to switch gears, Councilor Maiore volunteered. She is grateful to be in Northampton and to have his leadership. She has been telling people that, despite the beautiful weather, the rainy day is here. She is just curious if Northampton has ever had to have a budget before where there was no annual increase in

	spending. His first budget and second budget was a cut, Mayor Narkewicz said. The original budget submissions in 2014 was a reduced budget which was overturned by an override after the fact. He was a councilor during the so-called great recession when state aid was cut dramatically in the middle of the fiscal year and then-Mayor Mary Clare Higgins had to bring forward some significant cuts. They were facing a $6 million deficit at that time. This is not unprecedented, he confirmed. These economic crises tend to be cyclical. It definitely tends to be tied to periods of economic downtown where there is some sudden loss of revenue or other severe event.
Presentations	Presentations None.
Resolutions	Resolutions None.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda Councilor Sciarra reviewed the items on the consent agenda, asking if anyone wished to remove an item for separate consideration. Councilor LaBarge moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed 9:0 by roll call vote. The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda: A. Minutes of May 7, 2020 B. Approve Pole Petition - 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road (Petition #29597581)
Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting	At 7:38 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 7:52 p.m.
Financial Orders (on 1st reading) 20.052 Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Drainage Improvements on Rocky Hill Road (Route 66) - 1st reading	Financial Orders (on 1st reading) 20.052 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Drainage Improvements on Rocky Hill Road (Route 66) - 1st reading Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor LaBarge). Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor LaBarge). Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor LaBarge). The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, May 21, 2020

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

20.052 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROCKY HILL ROAD (ROUTE 66)

WHEREAS, Rocky Hill Road (Rte. 66) east of the intersection of Ice Pond Drive needs significant drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, the locus sufficiently threatens the highway to qualify for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant,

WHEREAS, the City has been short-listed for the FEMA Grant to fund such drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for such Grant and in order to perform such drainage improvements, the City must acquire an easement over certain property on the north side of Rocky Hill Road shown as "Lot 29 – Non Building Lot for Culvert Maintenance" on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan Prepared for The Community Builders, Inc.," dated December 16, 2002, revised May 19, 2003 and May 21, 2003, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 196, Page 70; and

WHEREAS, Lot 29 is owned in fractional shares by 20 of the lot owners in the Ice Pond Subdivision and by the original developer, TCB Hospital Hill, LLC; and

WHEREAS, by securing the FEMA grant and performing drainage improvements, the City is undertaking improvements that will significantly limit the landowners' liability for potential damage to the highway.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,
The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise of easements over that parcel of land shown as "Lot 29 – Non Building Lot for Culvert Maintenance" on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan Prepared for The Community Builders, Inc.," dated December 16, 2002, revised May 19, 2003 and May 21, 2003, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 196, Page 70, for the purpose of drainage improvements on Rocky Hill Road (Rte. 66). No appropriation is needed for this acquisition. Nothing herein shall be deemed to otherwise relieve the fee holders of Lot 29 or other responsible parties from their obligation to maintain and repair drainage structures thereon so as to protect the integrity of the highway.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Financial Orders (on 2nd reading) 20.049 Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers – 2nd reading

Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)
20.049 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers – 2nd reading
Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor LaBarge).

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council May 7, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.049 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers

Ordered, that the following budgetary transfers be made:

Department		Description	Org	Object	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Auditor	PS	Overtime	11351	513000		$ 1,635
Auditor	PS	Longevity	11351	514002		$ 700
Assessor	PS	Overtime	11411	513000		$ 3,507
Assessor	PS	Working Out of Grade	11411	514007		$ 4,312
City Clerk	PS	Overtime	11611	513000		$ 5,085
City Clerk	PS	Regular Salaries	11611	511000		$ 680
Planning and Sustainability	PS	Regular Salaries	11751	511000		$ 1,950
Planning and Sustainability	PS	Overtime	11751	513000		$ 2,025
Planning and Sustainability	PS	Longevity	11751	514002		$ 1,400
Central Services	PS	Overtime	11921	513000		$ 11,200
Building	PS	Overtime	12411	513000		$ 35,050
Snow and Ice	PS	Overtime	14231	513000		$ 46,398
Health	PS	Regular Salaries	15111	511000		$ 6,050
Health	PS	Overtime	15111	513000		$ 91,500
Veterans	PS	Overtime	15431	513000		$ 6,200
Retirement	PS	Non-Contributory	19111	519101		$ 470
Legal	OM	Legal	11512	530002		$ 91,000
Snow and Ice	OM	Snow Removal Supplies	14232	553020		$ 45,500
Medical Insurance	PS	Employee Medical	19141	519400	$(227,000)	
Medical Insurance	OM	Professional/Technical	19142	530000	$ (15,000)	
Interest on Debt	OM	Interest on Notes	17503	592500	$ (32,000)	
Veterans	OM	Veterans Benefits	15432	577000	$ (80,662)	
Total Budgetary Transfers:					$(354,662)	$ 354,662

Passed two readings and enrolled.

Orders

Orders
None.

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)
None.

Ordinances
20.037 Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities – 2nd reading

Ordinances
20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities – 2nd reading
Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor La Barge).

The following ordinance passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand Twenty

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

20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to indicate that within all use and dimensional tables essential services and municipal facilities do not require a minimum lot size, depth or frontage. This change restores the original intended dimensional requirements and corrects an oversight that occurred in more recent table changes that inadvertently eliminated this provision in some districts. For more than 15 years, the zoning ordinance made clear that minimum lot size was not required for these type of essential services provided by the City.

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

1) A footnote to Chapter 350 Attachments 4-8, 18, 24:

* No Minimum Lot size, depth, or frontage required for essential services or municipal facilities as defined in 2.1. Minimum setbacks for principal buildings as part of municipal facilities are the same as other principal uses in table above. and are the only dimensional lot requirements necessary to be met.

2) Adding a line within 350 Attachment 19 showing municipal and essential facilities are allowed by right.

Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

Information (Charter Provision 2-7) & Study Requests	Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests None
Motion to Adjourn	Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor LaBarge). Attest:_____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council

City of Northampton

Fiscal Year 2021

Proposed Budget

Mayor David J. Narkewicz

May 18, 2020

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Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Message

May 18, 2020

Northampton City Council
City Hall, Room 3
210 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060

To the Honorable Members of the City Council,

I submit for your consideration and approval my proposed $116,988,993 fiscal year 2021 budget for the City of Northampton in accordance with Article 7, Section 7-3 of our Charter.

The budget is comprised of a $101,074,681 General Fund budget together with four Enterprise Fund budgets for Water ($6,945,000), Sewer ($6,177,500), Solid Waste ($795,326), and Stormwater and Flood Control ($1,996,486). This budget proposal represents a 0.03% decrease from the current fiscal year 2020 City of Northampton budget expiring on June 30, 2020.

This is not the budget I had envisioned drafting on the evening of Tuesday, March 3, 2020, after Northampton voters overwhelmingly approved a $2.5 million Proposition 2 ½ general override renewing our multi-year fiscal stability plan. Just one week later on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our schools and non-essential government buildings were soon closed, the closure of non-essential businesses would soon follow, and our city and state economies were put into what some have described as a “medically induced coma” in an effort to stem the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

With the exception of those businesses and industries deemed essential by the Governor, most of the small, locally owned retailers in our downtown districts have been closed for weeks. Many Northampton residents have been furloughed or laid off from jobs, and unemployment nationwide has reached levels not seen since the Great Depression. The pandemic has plunged our economy into a recession that may take years to recover from.

Municipal government has not been spared from the economic impacts of COVID-19. The City of Northampton’s major sources of local revenue like parking, building permits, taxes on hotel/motel, meals, and adult-use cannabis have dropped significantly. We are

projecting a shortfall of up to $1.85 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020 and potentially over $2 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 alone. The city is also experiencing significant unbudgeted expenses as our public health, public safety, and other city departments respond and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic both now and for the foreseeable future.

The severe economic stress facing Northampton residents and businesses led me to delay implementation of the voter-authorized Proposition 2 ½ property tax increase scheduled to go into effect in six weeks and forgo utilizing any of the $2.5 million in additional tax levy capacity until fiscal year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021. While I feel strongly that we cannot in good conscience implement the tax increase during a combined public health and economic crisis, this decision will put additional stress on an already dire revenue picture.

As I submit this message, we have no updated information on the still pending fiscal year 2021 Massachusetts state budget which in fiscal year 2020 provided 16.63% of the revenue used to fund the city's budget. In a normal year, both the Governor and House would have completed their respective versions of the budget by now and the Senate would have begun working on its version. With no clear timetable for if and when a state budget will be enacted, we are building our city budget with very conservative state aid estimates knowing that we may need to revisit them later in the fiscal year.

It is in this context of extreme economic disruption and financial uncertainty that I am proposing a city budget representing an overall decrease from the current fiscal year and only a slight increase to the General Fund of less than one half of one percent. Given the high likelihood that additional budget cuts may be needed in fiscal year 2021 and future budget years, it is only fiscally prudent and responsible to trim our sails now rather than deferring what would only be deeper and more severe cuts moving forward. This has required difficult fiscal and personnel decisions.

My proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 eliminates 17.25 full-time equivalent positions across a number of city departments including Building, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, Public Works, Parking Enforcement, Senior Services, and Treasurer/Collector. I must lead by example as Mayor, so my own office will shoulder some of these difficult reductions through the elimination of one staff position.

Some of these staff reductions have already occurred through layoffs in the current fiscal year to address our fiscal year 2020 revenue shortfalls. Other reductions involve the elimination of positions left vacant by promotions, transfers, or retirement and, together with any needed reallocation of duties, will net us a projected $613,952 in expenditure reductions to balance our budget.

We have shielded the Health Department and our frontline public safety departments of Police, Fire Rescue, and Emergency Dispatch from any staffing reductions as they are critical to the city's ongoing response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We have also worked to hold our public schools harmless from any program or personnel cuts. The education and social and emotional well-being of our city's children have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 shutdown and we know this will require its own recovery process. While not providing the same level of appropriation increases

we had projected in conjunction with passage of an override, both of our public school districts will receive substantial appropriation increases to support their critical educational missions. The two largest expenditure increases in this proposed fiscal year 2021 budget will go to the Northampton Public Schools ($1,118,095) and Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School ($646,747).

The next two largest expenditure increases are among the city's many fixed costs that by definition cannot be deferred or significantly reduced despite our financial circumstances. Employee health insurance and the city's required contribution to the Northampton Retirement System will rise $443,632 (3.98%) and $258,205 (4.1%) respectively in fiscal year 2021.

While we are delaying implementation of the March 2020 override and suspending the renewal of the multi-year fiscal stability plan until fiscal year 2022, we will utilize $935,020 from the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund to balance this budget. This will leave a balance of just over $2 million in that fund which was created with the 2013 override. Combined with our three other stabilization funds we will enter the new fiscal year with over $13 million in total reserves to help us weather the economic and budgetary uncertainty that surely lies ahead.

During the many override town halls I held around the city in the months prior to the COVID-19 emergency, I spent considerable time explaining - and sometimes defending - my determined commitment to rebuilding Northampton's reserve funds that had been severely depleted following the 2008-2009 "Great Recession." I am thankful to the City Council for supporting a steady and disciplined approach to replenishing reserves over the last eight years. Our city's strong reserve position will play a critical role in our ability to successfully navigate the uncharted economic and budgetary waters ahead.

This proposed fiscal year 2021 budget is the ninth budget I have submitted to City Council since being elected Mayor of Northampton. It has easily been the most challenging to compose both logistically - during a state of emergency with city offices being closed and all work done remotely - and because of the difficult fiscal decisions that could not be responsibly avoided or delayed given the very real potential for sustained revenue loss and additional cuts moving forward.

I am extremely proud of our city's response to the COVID-19 emergency. City employees have rapidly adapted to maintaining core governmental functions remotely while delivering services and vital information. School administrators, teachers, and support staff have worked to continue educating, feeding, and supporting the well-being of our schoolchildren. Public safety departments have worked to keep our community safe and been on the front lines of responding to COVID-19 medical emergencies. Our public health team has led a city and regional response to the pandemic, working to track and contain the virus and issuing critical health guidance and orders to prevent its spread and protect our most vulnerable. Despite the significant fiscal challenges we face in the days and months ahead, your municipal government has and will continue to focus on serving and protecting its residents during this unprecedented public health crisis.

I want to thank our Finance Director Susan Wright for her incredible work on this budget under challenging circumstances. Between the override and our current crisis, she has

had to develop not one but multiple budgets over the last several months and has done so with her usual calm and clear-headed wisdom. Thank you to our city department heads and school superintendents for working with us to make difficult choices to develop this fiscally constrained budget. Thank you as well to the other members of my office staff, Alan Wolf, Annie Lesko, and Court Cline for their assistance compiling and finalizing this document with professionalism and remote teamwork.

I look forward to working with the City Council over the next several weeks to answer any questions about this budget or provide additional information it may need.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Narkewicz
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at May 21, 2020 Northampton City Council Meeting:

1. May 21, 2020 Agenda
2. City Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2020
3. 20.048A National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Park Hill Road (Petition #25763215)
4. 20.048B National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Park Hill Road (Petition #25763215)
5. Memo from Felix Harvey, Staff Civil Engineer, to DPW Director Donna LaScaleia dated May 18, 2020 re: 2 Pole Petitions for Joint National Grid/Verizon New Pole Locations No. 29763215
6. 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road (Petition #29597581)
7. Memo from Felix Harvey, Staff Civil Engineer, to DPW Director Donna LaScaleia dated May 4, 2020 re: Petition for Joint National Grid/Verizon New Pole Locations No. 29597581
8. FY2021 Budget Message
9. 20.052 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Drainage Improvements on Rocky Hill Road (Route 66)
10. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application for Ice Pond Resiliency Improvements dated July 12, 2019 by the City of Northampton.
11. Rocky Hill Road Order of Taking
12. 20.049 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers
13. 20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities

2020 - 2021 ROLL CALL RECORD FOR NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL											
Record of City Council Votes for May 21, 2020		Dwight	Foster	Jarrett	LaBarge	Maiore	Nash	Quinlan	Sciarra	Thorpe	Total
Roll Call by Laura Krutzler, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:09 p.m.											
Open Public Hearing on 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road	**Motion to Open**	**Motve to open hearing**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote**
Close Public Hearing on 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road	**Motion to Close**	**Motve to close hearing**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote**
Approval of Consent Agenda		**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion to Approve**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote**
FINANCE COMMITTEE											
Approval of May 7, 2020 Finance Committee Minutes					**Motion to Approve**			**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Motion carried 4:0; roll call vote**
20.052 An Order Authorizing Acquisition Of Easements For Drainage Improvements On Rocky Hill Road (Route 66)					**Absent**			**Positively recommend**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Motion carried 3:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
ADJOURN FINANCE					**Absent**			**Second**	**Yes**	**Motion to Adjourn**	**Motion carried 3:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING											
20.052 An Order Authorizing Acquisition Of Easements For Drainage Improvements On Rocky Hill Road (Route 66)	**1st reading**	**Motion to Approve Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Absent**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Motion carried 8:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
	Suspend Rules/2 Readings	**Motion to Suspend Rules**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Absent**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 8:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
	2nd reading	**Motion to Approve Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Absent**	**Second**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 8:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
20.049 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers - 2nd reading	**2nd reading**	**Motion to Approve Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Absent**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Motion carried 8:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities - 2nd reading	**2nd reading**	**Motion to Approve Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Absent**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Motion carried 8:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**
Motion to Adjourn	**Motion to Adjourn**	**Motion to Adjourn Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Absent**	**Yes**	**Second**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 8:0, LaBarge absent; roll call vote**

At 8:02 p.m., Councilor Dwight moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Nash seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 8 Yes, 0 No (LaBarge absent).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.053 An Order to Approve FY2021 General Fund Budget

Ordered, that

the sum of $95,444,320 which is the full amount necessary for the Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund Budget (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), be appropriated for the purposes stated, provided that the appropriation for Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School shall be used solely for the purposes of meeting net school spending as defined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and no funds so appropriated shall be transferred to any account or expended for any purpose that would not be included in the calculation of net school spending. To meet this appropriation, $1,392,873 will be raised and appropriated from Parking Meter Receipts Reserved, $1,042,826 from Sewer Enterprise Funds, $577,268 from Water Enterprise Funds, $83,466 from Solid Waste Enterprise Funds, $341,407 from Storm Water Enterprise Funds, $15,776 from Community Preservation Act Administrative Funds, $20,932 from the Reserve for Police Station Debt Service, $935,020 from the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund and $91,034,752 will be raised and appropriated.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDER

	Personal Services	Ordinary Maintenance	Other Than Ordinary Maintenance	FY 2021 Total Expenditures
GENERAL FUND				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
CITY COUNCIL	140,393	55,500	0	195,893
MAYOR	416,456	16,442	0	432,898
AUDITOR	363,230	5,280	0	368,510
ASSESSORS	189,870	123,350	0	313,220
TREASURER	0	0	0	0
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	377,918	276,435	0	654,353
LEGAL SERVICES	0	275,000	0	275,000
HUMAN RESOURCES	299,684	37,050	0	336,734
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	374,370	678,510	0	1,052,880
CITY CLERK / REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	300,243	32,525	0	332,768
PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY	376,443	59,200	0	435,643
CENTRAL SERVICES	709,046	1,046,160		1,755,206
	3,547,654	2,605,452	0	6,153,106
PUBLIC SAFETY				
POLICE	5,950,262	612,316	350,825	6,913,403
PARKING DIVISION - ENFORCEMENT	182,601	12,200	0	194,801
PUBLIC SAFETY COMM CENTER	672,310	49,341	0	721,651
FIRE RESCUE	5,636,486	529,430	210,000	6,375,916
BUILDING INSPECTOR	449,216	26,200	0	475,416
PARKING DIVISION - MAINTENANCE	234,509	269,198	90,000	593,707
	13,125,384	1,498,685	650,825	15,274,894
EDUCATION				
SMITH VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	0	0	0	9,006,705
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	32,162,012
	0	0	0	41,168,717
PUBLIC WORKS				
ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING	238,033	34,800	0	272,833
STREET GENERAL HIGHWAY	724,987	383,400	420,000	1,528,387
STREET SNOW AND ICE CONTROL	131,000	369,000	0	500,000
PARKS AND CEMETERIES DIVISION	897,348	272,450	150,000	1,319,798
	1,991,368	1,059,650	570,000	3,621,018
HUMAN SERVICES				
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	348,906	98,710	0	447,616
SENIOR SERVICES	195,412	46,264	0	241,676
VETERANS SERVICES	213,645	655,983	0	869,628
	757,964	800,957	0	1,558,921

	Personal Services	Ordinary Maintenance	Other Than Ordinary Maintenance	FY 2021 Total Expenditures
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
FORBES LIBRARY	1,202,759	188,485	0	1,391,244
LILLY LIBRARY	269,630	81,807	0	351,437
RECREATION	311,681	33,500	0	345,181
ARTS AND CULTURE	65,173	16,250	0	81,423
	1,849,243	320,042	0	2,169,285
DEBT SERVICE				
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	0	3,591,700	0	3,591,700
INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	0	882,212	0	882,212
	0	4,473,912	0	4,473,912
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	6,559,443	0	0	6,559,443
PENSIONS: NON-CONTRIB. & OPEB	332,000	10,000	0	342,000
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	684,360	0	0	684,360
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	103,935	10,000	0	113,935
GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE	11,576,432	15,000	0	11,591,432
LIFE INSURANCE	55,000	0	0	55,000
EMPLOYEE TAXES	942,500	0	0	942,500
UNUSED SICK LEAVE	180,000	0	0	180,000
	20,433,670	35,000	0	20,468,670
CAPITAL PROJECTS & MISCELLANEOUS				
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0	0	0	0
GENERAL LIABILITY FUND	0	76,200	0	76,200
PROPERTY & AUTO INSURANCE	0	309,397	0	309,397
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LIABILITY INSURANCE	0	70,200	0	70,200
RESERVE FOR PERSONNEL	100,000	0	0	100,000
TRANSFER TO FISCAL STABILITY STABILIZATION FUND	0	0	0	0
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	0	0	0	0
	100,000	455,797	0	555,797
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION				95,444,320
NON-APPROPRIATED USES				
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS		550,000		550,000
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED		27,122		27,122
CHERRY SHEET OFFSET RECEIPTS		1,411,645		1,411,645
STATE ASSESSMENTS - CHERRY SHEET		3,641,594		3,641,594
	0	5,630,361	0	5,630,361
TOTAL BUDGET PLAN - GENERAL FUND				101,074,681

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In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.054 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget

Ordered, that

the sum of $6,177,500 which is the full amount necessary for the Fiscal Year 2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), be appropriated for the purposes stated and to meet said appropriation, $5,134,674 is to be raised from sewer receipts and $1,042,826 shall be allocated to indirect costs.

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND					
Sewer General Sanitary					1,051,250
Sewer Treatment					2,217,734
Sewer Debt					209,235
Sewer Interest					61,804
Sewer Indirect Costs					1,042,826
Sewer Transfer to Capital Projects					1,594,651
Sewer Reserve					-
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND					**6,177,500**

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In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.055 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Water Enterprise Fund Budget

Ordered, that

the sum of $6,945,000 which is the full amount necessary for the Fiscal Year 2021 Water Enterprise Fund Budget (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), be appropriated for the purposes stated and to meet said appropriation, $6,367,732 is to be raised from water receipts, $577,268 shall be allocated to indirect costs.

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND					
Water General					2,949,566
Water Debt					1,684,863
Water Interest					262,190
Water Indirect Costs					577,268
Water Transfer to Capital Projects					1,471,113
Water Reserve					-
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE FUND					**6,945,000**

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In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.056 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget

Ordered, that

the sum of $795,326 which is the full amount necessary for the Fiscal Year 2021 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), be appropriated for the purposes stated and to meet said appropriation, $439,534 is to be raised from solid waste receipts, $83,466 shall be allocated to indirect costs, and $272,326 to be made available from the Retained Earnings Balance of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

TOTAL SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND					
Solid Waste Transfer Station					711,860
Solid Waste Direct & Indirect Costs					83,466
TOTAL SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND					**795,326**

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In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.057 An Order to Approve FY 2021 Stormwater and Flood Control Enterprise Fund Budget

Ordered, that

the sum of $1,996,486 which is the full amount necessary for the Fiscal Year 2021 Stormwater and Flood Control Enterprise Fund Budget (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), be appropriated for the purposes stated and to meet said appropriation, $1,655,079 is to be raised from Stormwater and Flood Control receipts and $341,407 shall be allocated to indirect costs.

Stormwater and Flood Control ENTERPRISE FUND					
Storm Drains					496,415
Flood Control					200,248
Stormwater and Flood Control Debt					35,000
Stormwater and Flood Control Interest					3,850
Stormwater and Flood Control Water Indirect Costs					341,407
Stormwater and Flood Control Transfer for Capital Projects					919,566
Stormwater and Flood Control Reserve					-
TOTAL STORM WATER AND FLOOD CONTROL ENTERPRISE FUND					**1,996,486**

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In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.058 An Order to Approve FY2021 Revolving Funds

Ordered that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 the city shall vote the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established by Chapter 16 of the City Ordinances.

Fund Number	Name of Fund	Annual Spending Limit
2420	Energy and Sustainability Revolving Fund	$150,000
2416	Hazmat Revolving Fund	$85,000
2419	DPW Public Works Construction Services Revolving Fund	$85,000
2408	Senior Services Transportation Revolving Fund	$100,000
2428	Senior Services Activities Revolving Fund	$150,000
2433	Senior Services Food Services Revolving Fund	$90,000
2440	Senior Services Publications Revolving Fund	$35,000
2406	Athletic League Fees Revolving Fund	$200,000
2405	JFK Family Aquatic Center	$120,000
2422	NPS Transportation Revolving Fund	$200,000
2452	SVAHS Farm Revolving Fund	$100,000
2435	Tourism Directional Sign Program Revolving Fund	$10,000
2436	Public Health Nursing Program Revolving Fund	$30,000
2410	James House Revolving Fund	$85,000
2439	Sharps Disposal Program Revolving Fund	$15,000
2442	Fire Alarm Monitoring Program Revolving Fund	$60,000
2443	DPW Reuse Committee Revolving Fund	$15,000

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In City Council, June 4, 2020

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

O-20.059 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council approved a two-phase market study and comprehensive feasibility study of municipal broadband as part of the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton is about to award a contract for the aforementioned two-phase study; and

WHEREAS, if based on the results of those studies the City of Northampton decides to implement municipal broadband, the city would be required to establish a Municipal Light Plant in accordance with M.G.L. c. 164, § 35; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a Municipal Light Plan under section 35 first requires two separate approval votes of the City Council by a two-thirds majority in two separate fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of not unnecessarily delaying a future potential municipal broadband project, it would be prudent to complete the first of those two required approvals in fiscal year 2020 ending June 30, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered, the City Council authorizes in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, and more particularly for the establishment a municipal broadband system for the City of Northampton. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this Order.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

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In City Council, June 4, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

20.060 An Order
to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Street and Transportation Sharing

Whereas, In three previous orders (April 2001, September 2012, May 2013), City Council authorized the use of the City's Tourism Gift Account for gateway signs and improvements, wayfinding signs, pavement markings, street and multi-use trail furniture and improvements, murals, sculptures, and art installations; and

Whereas, Leveraging funds from a $10,000 Solomon Foundation grant, the City is working with the Downtown Northampton Association and Florence Civic and Business Association and merchants to explore options for sharing streets to accommodate pedestrian flow, outdoor eating, curbside pickups, and attractive streetscapes that safely support the business community and the larger community.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure) authorizes the expenditure of funds donated by the public, through the existing Tourism Gift Account, to be used for all of the past authorized uses and for street and transportation system sharing.

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In City Council June 4, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.061 An Order to Rescind Borrowing Authority - 2 Votes

Ordered, that

the City Council rescind the following orders because such borrowing authority is no longer necessary:

Order 19.081: $650,000 of borrowing authority authorized under the loan order approved on June 20, 2019 to acquire land formerly known as the Pine Grove Golf Course as the borrowing authority is no longer needed.

Order 18.159: $625,000 of borrowing authority authorized under the loan order approved on September 20, 2018 for improvements at the Florence Recreation Fields as the borrowing authority is no longer needed.

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In City Council, June 4, 2020

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

O-20.062 AN ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES IN RESPONSE TO EFFORTS TO REOPEN RESTAURANTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF COVID SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen worldwide, including in the city of Northampton, due to the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic ("the pandemic"); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Northampton declared a State of Emergency in the City of Northampton due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Northampton Board of Health declared a State of Emergency in the City of Northampton due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Order prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Governor issued his four-phase plan for Reopening Massachusetts, which includes outdoor restaurant table service in Phase II; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the reopening of restaurants with outdoor-only table service, restaurants in certain zones of the city, as depicted on the plan entitled "Covid-19 Restaurant Response Zones," may need to include contiguous and non-contiguous outdoor areas, including some within public ways and some on other property of the city; and

WHEREAS, Phase II of Reopening Massachusetts is tentatively scheduled to commence on June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that encouraging, promoting and facilitating the reopening of restaurants in the Covid-19 Restaurant Response Zones by temporarily allowing certain activities to take place within public ways and on other public property that would not otherwise be allowed absent the state of emergency, in order to allow orderly opening of restaurants consistent with the requirements of the Governor's Phase II Order, is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Northampton City Council orders as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any Order of the city council to the contrary, within the areas depicted on the plan entitled “Covid-19 Restaurant Response Zones” (“the zones”), the City Council hereby authorizes the change of use of any property within the public way or on other city property (“city property”) to outdoor restaurant table service seating (“the outdoor table service areas”).

2. The Mayor shall, in his discretion, designate the locations of outdoor table service areas, may enter into such licenses, easements, agreements and other instruments as he deems necessary, may designate rules and regulations for the use of the outdoor table service areas, and may take such other action as he deems necessary to effectuate this Order.

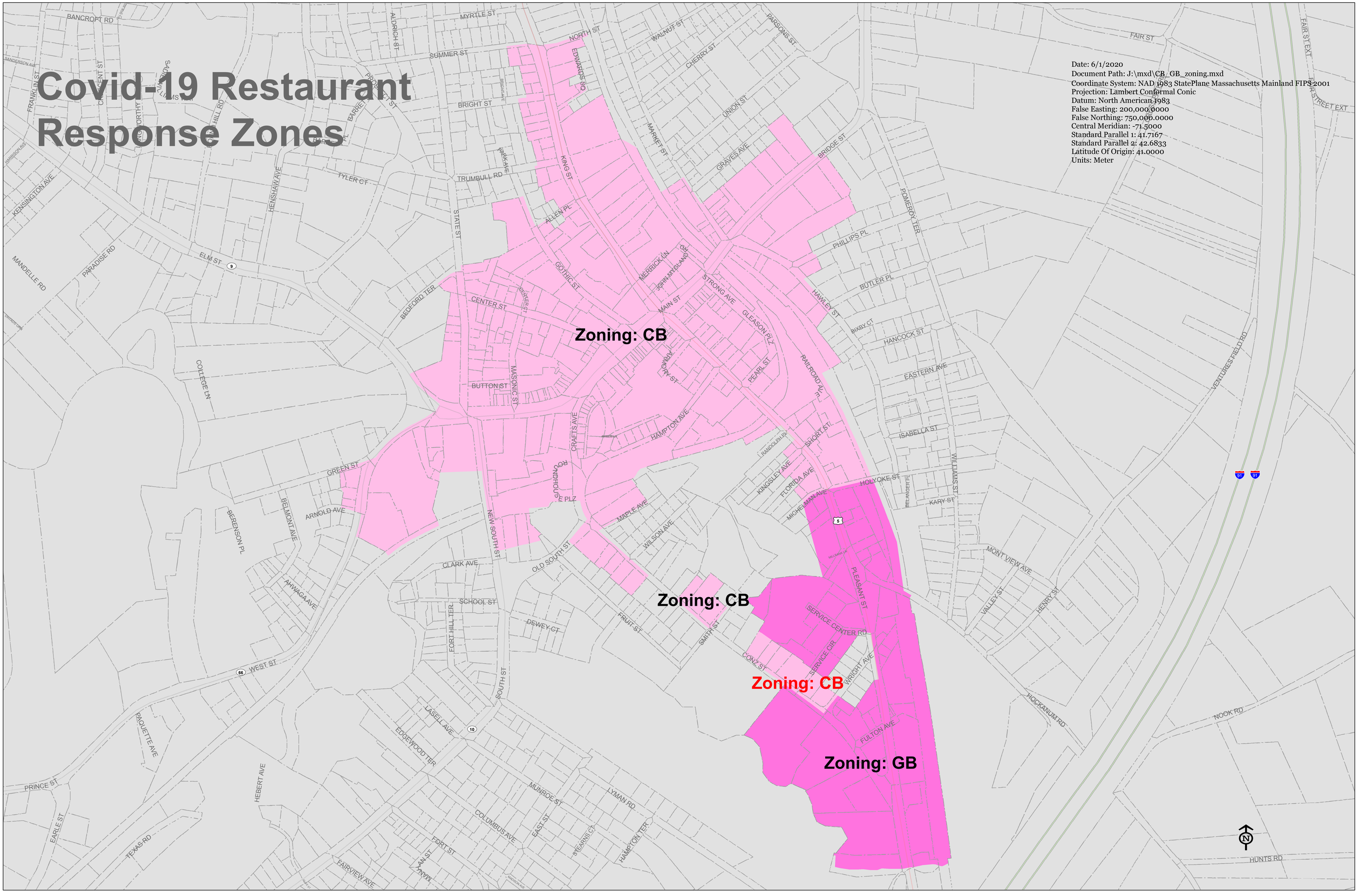
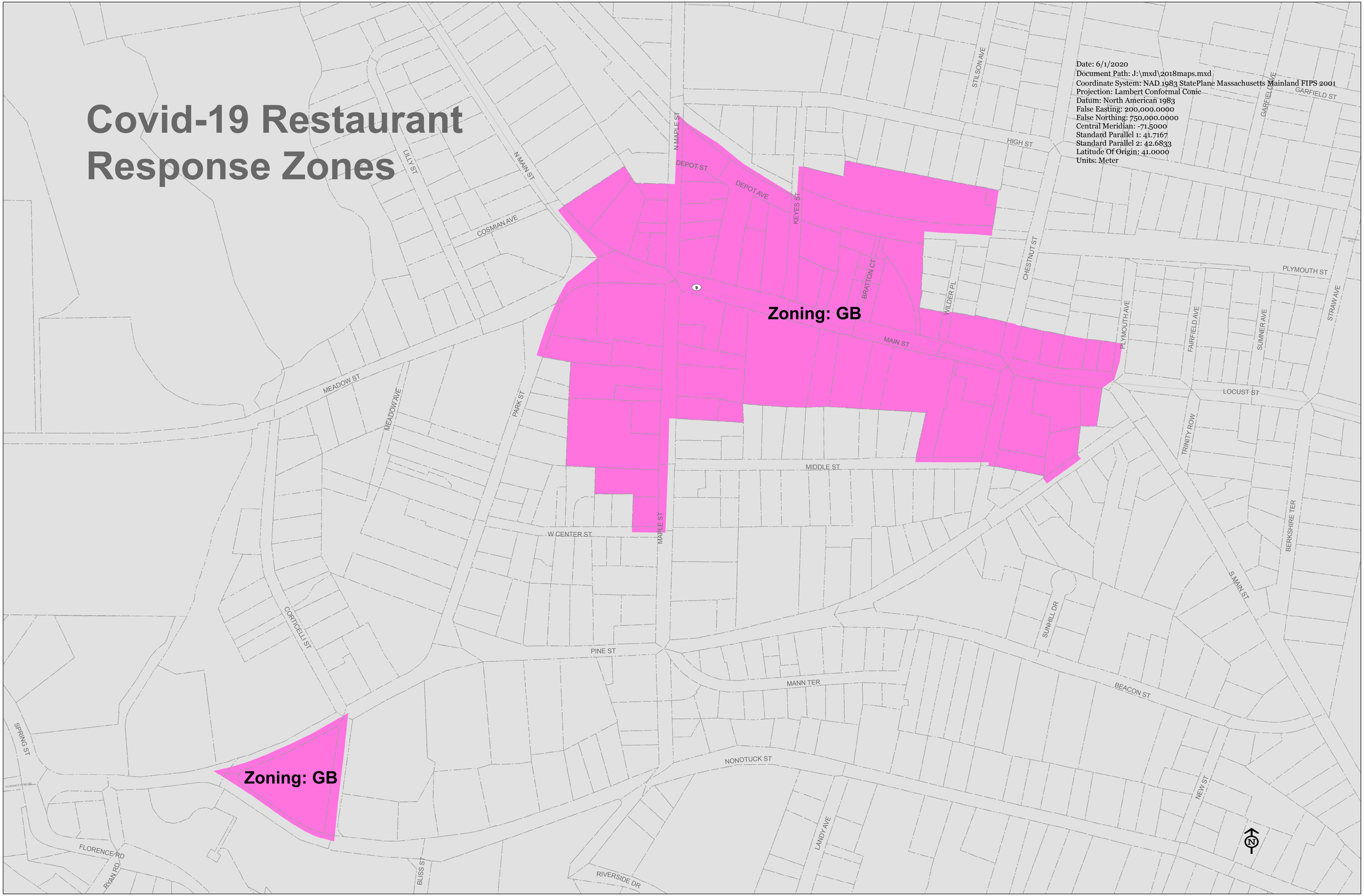
3. With regard to the outdoor table service areas and ancillary areas within the adjacent zones, § 120-1; § 285-5; § 285-8; § 285-11; § 285-29 and c. 303, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary, in the Mayor’s discretion, in order to effectuate the intent of this Order:

4. Notwithstanding the Schedules set forth in Article XII, parking spaces in the zones may be re-designated as outdoor table service areas, in the Mayor’s discretion, and the Mayor may designate other areas within the public way as parking in lieu of spaces re-designated as outdoor table service areas.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing enumeration of ordinances, the intent of this Order is to suspend temporarily, to the extent necessary, those ordinances that would inhibit, interfere with, or prohibit the conversion of city property within the zones to outdoor table service areas.

6. This Order shall lapse on November 15, 2020 or upon the lifting of the Governor’s declared state of emergency, whichever occurs sooner, without further action by the city council. Thereupon, all ordinances suspended in whole or in part hereunder shall revert to their full force and effect immediately preceding this Order.

Covid-19 Restaurant Response Zones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