



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

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Announcement of Audio/Video Recording  
Public Comment

A special meeting of the Northampton City Council was called to order by Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra at 7:01 p.m.

Councilor Sciarra announced that the special meeting is to approve updated language for **21.352 An Order to Define Wards and Precincts in the City of Northampton**. The meeting is being audio and video recorded, she reminded. As it was a special and not a regular meeting, public comment was not scheduled.

Roll Call

At 7:01 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

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

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

She submitted the package for new ward and precinct lines to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and they have accepted all the documents presented, City Clerk Pamela Powers noted. In addition to what they submitted for descriptions of individual precincts, the state has asked them to pull together descriptions of the wards. Essentially, she is asking them tonight to approve the language for all of the boundaries and territories described before as Ward1a and 1b, Ward2a and 2b, respectively, as whole wards with the center line omitted.

The state is sending forward the descriptions of the precincts and the blocks defined for each ward and precinct, she confirmed. They are pretty happy with what they have, they just want them to add descriptions of the wards.

Clerk Powers asked the administrative assistant to amend the order to reflect the new number assigned (21.352). All of the outer boundaries of the wards remain unchanged, she reiterated.

Members discussed how to proceed. Councilor Sciarra confirmed that the entire ward is now described as opposed to the two separate precincts.

At the request of Councilor Foster, they decided to read the new descriptions aloud while the GIS coordinator tracked the boundaries on the posted map.

Councilors took turns reading, with each ward councilor reading the description of the ward they represent and Councilor Dwight reading the preamble.

Members noted the following scrivener’s errors:

- The word ‘feet’ missing from Line 70
- Ward 6 should be ‘F’ and Ward 7 ‘G’
- An extraneous ‘in city council’ on the last page should be removed

Councilor Jarrett asked about the name of the railroad, since it is identified as the ‘Boston and Maine Railroad’ in the description. GIS Coordinator James Thompson said it is technically the Connecticut River mainline branch of the New York, New Haven and

Hartford railroad.

After some discussion, members decided not to change the name since it was not flagged by the state as an error.

Since he last voted on this he has had some conversations with residents who were disappointed that they are changing wards, Councilor Quinlan related. His explanation that this happens every 10 years didn't alleviate the disappointment they felt. He wanted to say that out loud so they would understand that he did hear it and there's nothing they can do about it.

The motion to approve the order in first reading passed unanimously 9:0.

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

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

The following order passed two readings:

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council November 8, 2021  
Upon the Recommendation of City Clerk Pamela L. Powers & City GIS Coordinator James Thompson,*

21.352 – An Order to Define Wards and Precincts in the City of Northampton

**Whereas,**

Northampton City Charter, Article 8 Elections, Section 8-6 Wards, calls for the city clerk to establish 7 wards to consist of nearly an equal number of inhabitants; and

**Whereas,**

Northampton City Charter further requires the City Council to review these wards every 10 years; and

**Whereas**

Northampton is required by law to re-draw ward and precinct lines after the 2020 Federal Census concluded that existing precincts no longer meets the legal standard for equal number of residents per ward and precinct;

Now therefore be it **Ordered** that

The City is hereby divided into seven wards bounded as far as possible by the center line of known streets or ways or other defined limits described as follows:

**1        A. Ward 1**

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**3** All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of  
**4** intersection of Broad Brook and the base of the Fitzgerald Lake Dam spillway, and proceeding northerly  
**5** along Broad Brook to the Hatfield/Northampton town/city line, and proceeding easterly along the  
**6** Hatfield/Northampton town/city line to the Hadley/Northampton town/city line, and proceeding westerly  
**7** along the Hadley/Northampton town/city line to the Norwottuck Rail Trail, and proceeding southwesterly  
**8** along the Norwottuck Rail Trail to Bates Street, and proceeding northerly along Bates Street to the  
**9** intersection of Bates Street, Bradford Street, and Industrial Drive, and proceeding northwesterly along  
**10** Industrial Drive approximately 1,200 feet to the Northampton Storage Solutions private road, and  
**11** proceeding southwesterly along the Northampton Storage Solutions private road to the Boston and Maine  
**12** Railroad right-of-way, and proceeding northerly along the Boston and Maine Railroad right-of-way to  
**13** Damon Road, and proceeding westerly along Damon Road to King Street, and proceeding southerly along  
**14** King Street to Finn Street, and proceeding westerly along Finn Street to Prospect Street, and  
**15** proceeding westerly on Prospect Street to Franklin Street, and proceeding southerly along

16 Franklin Street to Elm Street, and proceeding westerly along Elm Street to North Elm Street, and  
17 proceeding northwesterly along North Elm Street to its intersection with Locust Street/Route 9,  
18 and continuing westerly along Locust Street/Route 9 to Hatfield Street, and proceeding northerly  
19 along Hatfield Street to North Elm Street, and proceeding northwesterly along North Elm Street  
20 to Bridge Road, and proceeding westerly along Bridge Road approximately 335 feet to the  
21 driveway/parking lot entrance at 572 Bridge Road, and proceeding northeasterly approximately 350 feet  
22 along the driveway/parking lot to Old Quarry Road, and proceeding northerly along Old Quarry Road to  
23 its terminus, and proceeding northerly approximately 4,900 feet from the Old Quarry Road terminus to  
24 the point of beginning.

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**B. Ward 2**

28 All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of  
29 intersection with the Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections driveway and Rocky Hill Road, and  
30 proceeding northerly along the driveway of the Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections to its  
31 intersection with the Department of Food and Agriculture private road, and proceeding northerly along  
32 the Department of Food and Agriculture private road to its intersection with Burts Pit Road, and  
33 continuing northeasterly along the Department of Food and Agriculture farm road to the Mill River, and  
34 proceeding northerly approximately 1,700 feet along the Mill River to Broughtons Brook, and proceeding  
35 northerly along Broughtons Brook to Federal Street, and proceeding easterly along Federal Street to  
36 Vernon Street and proceeding northerly along Vernon street to its intersection with Elm street, and  
37 proceeding easterly on Elm Street to its intersection with Franklin Street, and proceeding northerly on  
38 Franklin Street to its intersection with Prospect Street, and proceeding on Prospect Street to its  
39 intersection with Finn Street, and continuing on Prospect Street to its intersection with Tyler Court, and  
40 continuing on Prospect Street to its intersection with Elm Street, and proceeding easterly on Elm Street  
41 to its intersection with West Street/Route 66, and proceeding southerly along West Street/Route 66 to its  
42 intersection with Belmont Avenue, and proceeding southerly approximately 70 feet to Veterans Field  
43 parking lot road, and proceeding easterly along the Veterans Field parking lot road to the Manhan Rail  
44 Trail, and proceeding westerly along the Manhan Rail Trail to the Mill River Dike, and proceeding  
45 northwesterly along the Mill River Dike to West Street/Route 66, and proceeding westerly along West  
46 Street/Route 66 to Earle Street, and proceeding southerly along Earle Street to Manhan Rail Trail, and  
47 proceeding westerly approximately 1,270 feet along the Manhan Rail Trail to a brook, and proceeding  
48 north west approximately 800 feet along the thread of the brook to Grove Street, and continuing  
49 southeasterly approximately 380 feet to the terminus of the Meadowland Condo access road, and

50 proceeding westerly along the Meadowland Condo access road to Rocky Hill Road/Route 66, and  
51 proceeding westerly along Rocky Hill Road/Route 66 to the point of beginning.

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54 **C. Ward 3**

55 All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of the  
56 intersection of the Norwottuck Rail Trail the Hadley/Northampton town/city line, and proceeding  
57 southerly along the Hadley/Northampton town/city line to the Easthampton/Northampton town/city line,  
58 and proceeding westerly along the Easthampton/Northampton town/city line to Mount Tom Road/Route  
59 5, and proceeding northerly along Mount Tom Road/Route 5 to Pleasant Street, and proceeding northerly  
60 along Pleasant Street to Dike Road, and proceeding westerly along Dike Road to Lyman Road, and  
61 proceeding northwesterly along Lyman Road to South Street/Route 10, and proceeding northerly along  
62 South Street/Route 10 to Old South Street, and proceeding northeasterly along Old South Street to its  
63 intersection with Conz Street, and continuing northerly along Old South Street to the Manhan Rail Trail,  
64 and proceeding easterly along the Manhan Rail Trail to Pleasant Street, and proceeding northwesterly  
65 along Pleasant Street/Route 5 to the intersection of Main Street, King Street, and Pleasant Street, and  
66 continuing northerly along King Street to Damon Road, and proceeding easterly along Damon Road to the  
67 Boston and Main Railroad right-of-way, and proceeding southerly along the Boston and Main railroad  
68 right-of-way to its intersection with the Northampton Storage Solutions private road, and proceeding  
69 northeasterly along the Northampton Storage Solutions private road to its intersection with Industrial  
70 Drive, and proceeding southeasterly approximately 1,200 feet along Industrial Drive to its intersection with  
71 Bates Street, Bradford Street and Industrial Drive, and continuing southeasterly along Bates Street to its  
72 intersection with the Norwottuck Rail Trail, and continuing northeasterly along the Norwottuck Rail Trail  
73 to the point of beginning.

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76 **D. Ward 4**

77 All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of the  
78 Manhan Rail Trail and the Veterans Field parking lot access road proceeding southwestly along the  
79 Manhan Rail Trail to the Mill River Dike, and proceeding northwesterly along the Mill River Dike to West  
80 Street/Route 66, and proceeding westerly along West Street/Route 66 to Earle Street, and proceeding  
81 southerly along Earle Street to the Manhan Rail Trail, and proceeding approximately 1,270 feet westerly  
82 on the Manhan Trail to a brook, and proceeding approximately 800 feet northwest along the thread of  
83 the brook to Grove Street, and continuing southeasterly approximately 380 feet to the terminus of the

84 Meadowland Condominium access road, and proceeding westerly along the Meadowland Condominium  
 85 access road to Rocky Hill Road/Route 66, and proceeding westerly along Rocky Hill Road/Route 66 to the  
 86 Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections driveway, and proceeding northerly along the Hampshire  
 87 County Jail and House of Corrections driveway to its intersection with the Department of Food and  
 88 Agriculture private road, and proceeding northerly along the Department of Food and Agriculture private  
 89 road to its intersection with Burts Pit Road, and proceeding westerly along Burts Pit Road to Florence  
 90 Road, and proceeding southerly along Florence Road to the Easthampton/Northampton town/city line,  
 91 and proceeding easterly along the Easthampton/Northampton town/city line to Mt. Tom Road/Route 5,  
 92 and proceeding northerly along Mt. Tom Road/Route 5 to Dike Road, and proceeding westerly along Dike  
 93 Road to Lyman Road, and proceeding westerly along Lyman Road to South Street/Route 10, and  
 94 proceeding northerly along South Street/Route 10 to the intersection of South Street, Old South Street  
 95 and School Street, and proceeding easterly along Old South Street to Conz Street, and continuing on Old  
 96 South Street to its intersection with the Manhan Rail Trail, and proceeding easterly along the Manhan Rail  
 97 Trail to Pleasant Street, and proceeding northwesterly along Pleasant Street to its intersection with King  
 98 and Main Street, and continuing northerly on King Street to Finn Street, and proceeding westerly on Finn  
 99 Street to its intersection with Prospect Street, and proceeding southerly on Prospect Street to its  
 100 intersection with Tyler Court, and continuing southerly on Prospect Street to its intersection with Elm  
 101 Street, and proceeding easterly on Elm Street to its intersection with West Street/Route 66, and  
 102 proceeding westerly on West Street/Route 66 to its intersection with Belmont Avenue, and proceeding  
 103 approximately 70 feet southerly to the point of beginning.

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105 **E. Ward 5**

106 All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of  
 107 intersection of Pine Street and Florence Road, and proceeding easterly along Pine Street to Park Street,  
 108 and proceeding northerly along Park Street to Meadow Street, and proceeding easterly along Meadow  
 109 Street to North Main Street, and proceeding westerly on North Main Street to Bardwell Street, and  
 110 proceeding easterly along Bardwell Street to North Maple Street, and proceeding northerly along North  
 111 Maple Street to Sheffield Lane, and proceeding easterly along Sheffield Lane to Hillcrest Drive, and  
 112 proceeding northerly along Hillcrest Drive to Bridge Road, and proceeding easterly along Bridge Road to  
 113 North Elm Street, and proceeding southerly along North Elm Street to Hatfield Street, and proceeding  
 114 westerly along Hatfield Street to Locust Street, and proceeding easterly on Locust Street to its intersection  
 115 with North Elm Street, and continuing along North Elm Street to Elm Street, and continuing on Elm Street  
 116 to Vernon Street, and proceeding southerly along Vernon Street to Federal Street, and proceeding  
 117 westerly along Federal Street to Broughtons Brook, and proceeding southerly along Broughtons Brook to

118 the Mill River, and proceeding southwesterly approximately 1,700 feet along the Mill River to the  
 119 Department of Food and Agriculture farm road, and proceeding southwesterly along the Department of  
 120 Food and Agriculture farm road to Burts Pit Road, and proceeding westerly along Burts Pit Road to  
 121 Florence Road, and proceeding northerly along Florence Road to the point of beginning.

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**F. Ward 6**

124 All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of  
 125 intersection of Turkey Hill Road and the Westhampton/Northampton town/city line and proceeding  
 126 easterly along Turkey Hill Road to Parsons Brook, and proceeding easterly along Parsons Brook to Sylvester  
 127 Road, and proceeding southerly along Sylvester Road to Ryan Road, and proceeding easterly along Ryan  
 128 Road to Parsons Brook, and proceeding northerly along Parsons Brook to the powerline right-of-way, and  
 129 proceeding easterly along powerline right-of-way to Florence Stream, and proceeding easterly along  
 130 Florence Stream to Florence Pond shoreline, and proceeding easterly along Florence Pond shoreline to  
 131 the Florence Stream, and proceeding easterly along Florence Stream to Florence Road, and proceeding  
 132 easterly along Florence Road to its intersection with Burts Pit Road, and continuing southerly along  
 133 Florence Road to the Easthampton/Northampton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along the  
 134 Easthampton/Northampton town/city line to the Westhampton/Northampton town/city line, and  
 135 proceeding northerly along the Westhampton/Northampton town/city line to the point of beginning.

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**G. Ward 7**

140 All of that portion of Hampshire County bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of  
 141 intersection of the Williamsburg/Northampton town/city line and the Westhampton/Northampton  
 142 town/city line and proceeding easterly along the Williamsburg/Northampton town/city line to the  
 143 Hatfield/Northampton town/city line, and proceeding easterly along the Hatfield/Northampton town/city  
 144 line to Broad Brook, and proceeding southerly along Broad Brook to the base of the Fitzgerald Lake dam  
 145 spillway, and proceeding southerly approximately 4,900 feet to the terminus of Old Quarry Road, and  
 146 proceeding southerly along Old Quarry Road to the driveway/parking lot of 572 Bridge Road, and  
 147 proceeding approximately 350 feet southwesterly along the driveway/parking lot to Bridge Road and  
 148 proceeding westerly along Bridge Road to Hillcrest Drive, and proceeding southerly along Hillcrest Drive  
 149 to Sheffield Lane, and proceeding westerly along Sheffield Lane to North Maple Street, and proceeding  
 150 southerly along North Maple Street to Bardwell Street, and proceeding westerly along Bardwell Street to  
 151 North Main Street, and proceeding easterly along North Main Street to Meadow Street, and proceeding  
 152 westerly on Meadow Street to Park Street, and proceeding westerly along Park Street to Pine Street, and



153 proceeding westerly along Pine Street to the Mill River, and continuing along Pine Street to its intersection  
 154 with Spring Street, Pine Street, and Florence Pond Road, and proceeding southerly along Florence Road  
 155 to Florence Stream, and proceeding westerly along the Florence Stream to the Florence Pond shoreline,  
 156 and proceeding westerly along the Florence Pond shoreline to Florence Stream, and proceeding westerly  
 157 along the Florence Stream to the powerline right-of-way, and proceeding westerly along the powerline  
 158 right-of way to Parsons Brook, and proceeding southerly along Parsons Brook to Ryan Road, and  
 159 proceeding westerly along Ryan Road to Sylvester Road, and proceeding northerly along Sylvester Road  
 160 to Parsons Brook, and proceeding westerly along Parsons Brook to Turkey Hill Road, and proceeding  
 161 westerly along Turkey Hill Road to the Westhampton/Northampton town/city line, and proceeding  
 162 northerly along the Westhampton/Northampton town/city line to the point of beginning.

**Further ordered that each ward shall consist of two precincts per ward as described in City Council, October 21, 2021:**

- Ward 1 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 1A & 1B**
- Ward 2 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 2A & 2B**
- Ward 3 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 3A & 3B**
- Ward 4 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 4A & 4B**
- Ward 5 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 5A & 5B**
- Ward 6 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 6A & 6B**
- Ward 7 shall consist of Ward/Precincts 7A & 7B**

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Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

<u>Zoning Ordinances</u>	<u>Zoning Ordinances</u> None.
<u>New Business</u>	<u>New Business</u> None.
<u>Motion to Adjourn</u>	Upon motion made by Councilor Foster and seconded by Councilor Dwight, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.  Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council