

# City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

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*In City Council*

January 6, 2022

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

## 22.006 An Order to Authorize Fire Department to Accept Gifts of Tangible Personal Property

WHEREAS, the Northampton Fire Department receives numerous gifts of tangible personal property each year; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts General Laws ch.44 s.53A1/2 provides that acceptance of gifts of tangible personal property requires a vote of the City Council and approval of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, many of the gifts received by the Northampton Fire Department are of relatively low market value,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Fire Department and the City to streamline the process by which gifts up to a certain value may be accepted and placed into service for the Fire Department and community;

*Now Therefore Be It Ordered,*

The City Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to accept gifts of tangible personal property with a fair market value of \$5,000 or less from the federal government, a charitable foundation, a private corporation or similar statutory entity, individual, or from the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof. The Fire Chief shall use such gifts for the restricted purpose provided by the donor or, if no restriction is attached to the gift, for such other purposes as the Chief deems advisable.