

In the Year Two Thousand Twenty Two

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra & Planning & Sustainability

**22.048 AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FORM-BASED ZONING - AMENDMENT TO CH. 350-6.5 SCREENING AND BUFFERS**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to create form-based zoning in downtown Northampton and Florence Center. Such zoning requires modification of many sections of the code including the following sections below.

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

Amend Chapter 350 6.5

**Screening and buffers.** This section shall not apply to CB-Core, Side, Gateway, FV-General, Center. See 350-21 & 22.

**B.**

In all industrial and business districts, except ~~Central Business and any~~ General Business building built with 0 foot front yard setback, and for any other industrial or business use, street frontage shall include shade trees, and there shall be one tree planted an average of every 30 feet of street frontage, using trees no less than 2.5 inches caliper at the time of installation. Trees may be placed within the City right-of-way instead of private property with the permission of the Department of Public Works. In the case of an uncleared site, existing vegetation can be preserved to achieve said objective.