



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Amend City of Northampton Administrative Code,

Part I Administrative Organization, Section 3.0 Health and Human Services Division as follows:

3.01 Health and Human Services Department.

Established

There shall be a Health and Human Services Department under the supervision of a ~~director~~ commissioner.

Authorities and Responsibilities

The Health and Human Services Department is responsible ~~for protecting and strengthening public health in the City.~~ for protecting, preserving and promoting the health and the well-being of the City's residents, particularly the most vulnerable. The department acts as the agent of the Board of Health in enforcing all related regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all related ordinances and regulations of the City of Northampton, and shall perform any other duties which it may be assigned by state or federal statute, state or federal regulation, or City ordinance or regulation.

The department provides administrative, clerical and technical support to the Board of Health.

Amend City of Northampton Administrative Code to Create:

Part I Administrative Organization, Section 3.02 Community Care Department

3.02 Community Care Department

Established

There shall be a Community Care Department under the Health and Human Services Department and under the supervision of a director.

Authorities and Responsibilities

The Community Care Department is responsible for providing services for community needs, including trained, civilian emergency response to mental health, substance use, and other crisis calls.

Amend City of Northampton Administrative Code as follows:

Part I Administrative Organization, Section 3.02 Department of Veterans' Services

3.023 Department of Veterans' Services

Amend Part II Multi-Member Appointive Organization, Section 12.0 Health, Board of as follows:

Authorities and Responsibilities

The Board of Health preserves and maintains the City's public health standards and protects its environmental resources through community education, and by promulgating reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to those matters placed under its jurisdiction by state law or City ordinances. The board reviews and recommends Health and Human Services Department policies and programs for implementation by the Health and Human Services Department. The board has all of the other powers, duties, and responsibilities that are given to Boards of Health by the General Laws and City ordinances.