

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, May 19, 2022,*

*Upon the recommendation of the Northampton Board of Health.*

**22.107 AN ORDER OPTING OUT OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL  
SPRAYING CONDUCTED BY THE STATE RECLAMATION AND  
MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 252, § 2A(b)(2), the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (“EEA”) has established a process to permit municipalities to opt out of spraying conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (“SRMCB”) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 252, § 2A(a); and

WHEREAS, the process developed by the EEA requires the city council to take a vote indicating the municipality’s intention to opt out of SRMCB spraying after consultation with the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, At the April 21, 2022 Northampton Board of Health meeting, the board voted to opt-out of 2022 aerial mosquito spraying by a majority vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, after receiving notification of the Board of Health’s recommendation, on May 19, 2022 at 7 p.m., the city council held a meeting at which councilors accepted public comment and voted to opt out of all spray activities; and

WHEREAS, the process also requires that the city prepare an alternative mosquito management plan and submit checklist, alternative mosquito management plan and copy of certified vote to EEA by May 27, 2022; and

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

***Ordered, that***

In accordance with the recommendation of the Northampton Board of Health, the City of Northampton shall opt-out of the mosquito control spraying conducted by the SRMCB under M.G.L. c. 252, Section 2A(a). On or before May 27, 2022, the City shall file with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs an application for approval of an alternative mosquito management plan, which approval shall be required for the opt-out to be recognized.