

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, September 14, 2022

Upon the recommendation of the Councilor Karen Foster

22.171 An Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Filling Vacancies in Elected Positions on the Community Preservation Committee

Whereas, the Home Rule Charter for the City of Northampton provides that the City Council shall fill a vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to the process and procedures set forth by ordinance.

Now, therefore, Ordered that, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton shall be amended by amending section 22.2 (F) as follows:

F. Should there be a vacancy or resignation in any of the Community Preservation Committee positions, the commissions, boards or authorities who have appointment authority under this article shall appoint a new representative within 45 days of the first date of vacancy or resignation, otherwise said vacancy may be filled by the City Council. Should there be a vacancy in one of the two elected positions, such vacancy shall be filled as follows until the next regular city election:

- (1) The vacant position shall be advertised in a manner that the President of the Council deems likely to attract a diverse pool of qualified candidates.
- (2) The vacancy shall appear on the agenda for a City Council meeting within 30 days of the vacancy.
- (3) The City Council may vote on such vacancy, or it may refer the matter to a Council committee for a recommendation as to the filling of the vacancy.
- (4) The vacancy shall be filled by a person eligible to vote in the City of Northampton no later than 60 days of the vacancy.