

# City of Northampton

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*In City Council*

December 15, 2022

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Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

## 22.215 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to FD Safe at Home Program

**Whereas,** Northampton Fire Rescue submitted a grant to fund SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) for older adults and “SAFE at Home” inspections for FY23; and

**Whereas,** The education piece is comprised of Health and wellness clinics at the Senior Center covering topics such as Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms, basic vital checks, Files of Life, signs of and action to take in event of a stroke, and risks of falls; and

**Whereas,** The home inspections for those Northampton residents who are over the age of 65 and own their own home include inspecting for electrical safety, trip hazards and clear walking areas, smoke and CO detectors, clear paths of egress, activating the emergency response system and discussing a home escape plan, reviewing cooking and heating safety and if applicable smoking safety. It also includes replacing failed, out of date, CO and smoke detectors and installing lock boxes to allow FD entry during an emergency; and

**Whereas,** The events at the Senior Center and the home inspections have been so popular that the department has exceeded the funding of the grant; and

**Whereas,** The City wished the Northampton Fire Rescue to continue to educate and support the older adult community on health, wellness and safety issues.

*Now, Therefore be it Ordered, that*

the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated from the FY2023 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to support the Fire Department’s “SAFE at Home” inspections and Senior Center health and wellness clinics.