

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

March 16, 2023

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

23.264 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Purchase LUCAS 3 Devices for NFR

Whereas, the Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System (LUCAS) device is a vital piece of equipment on each of the city's five ambulances that assists our firefighter paramedics with high quality CPR compressions in all circumstances and have been proven to save lives; and

Whereas, the city's current LUCAS 2 machines are well past the recommended life and the COVID-19 pandemic has added significant wear and tear to the machines; and

Whereas, after two unsuccessful attempts to secure funding for replacement through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Chief Jon Davine submitted a request in the FY2024-FY2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan for replacement in FY2025; and

Whereas, the city was recently notified in late February 2023 that as of July 1, 2023, the LUCAS 2 devices will no longer be eligible for service or preventative maintenance support contracts because parts are not being made anymore and repairs can not be guaranteed; and

Whereas, the Fire Rescue Department needs to have supported, working devices on each of its five ambulances as of July 1, 2023, to provide lifesaving services to individuals in need.

Now, Therefore be it Ordered, that

the sum of \$109,088.17 be appropriated from the FY2023 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to purchase five LUCAS 3 devices for the Fire Rescue Department.