

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

June 15, 2023

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

23.340 An Order to Authorize FY2024 Intermunicipal Agreements

Ordered, that

Whereas MGL C.40 s. 4A allows for joint operation of public activities among governmental units, and

Whereas, MGL c. 40, s. 4A requires that such inter-governmental agreements be approved, in a city, by the City Council and the Mayor, and;

Whereas the City of Northampton provides services to and shares services with other municipalities;

Therefore pursuant to MGL C. 40 s. 4A the City Council hereby authorizes the City of Northampton to enter into the following inter-municipal agreements for FY2024 (all agreements for one year unless specifically noted):

Contract with Town of **Williamsburg for Building Inspection and Zoning Enforcement Services** – agreement to provide the Town of Williamsburg with services for a lump sum annual fee.

Contract with Town of **Williamsburg for Electrical Inspection Services** – agreement to provide the Town of Williamsburg with services, with permit fees turned over to the City of Northampton.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Easthampton, Granby, Hadley, and South Hadley to provide **Sealer of Weights and Measures Services** – agreement to provide these services to the various communities and assessments to individual towns per the agreement.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Belchertown, Easthampton, Hadley and Southampton for **Municipal Hearing Officer Services** – agreement to provide Municipal Hearing Officer Services pursuant to MGL C.148A s.2c to hear complaints related to alleged violations of state building codes or the state fire codes for a lump sum per the agreement.

Contract with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to partner with the City of Northampton, through its Health & Human Services Department (DHHS), relative to the following contracts: 1) to provide services relative to the **Hampshire Medical Reserves Corps** and 2) to provide emergency management services for the **Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition**.

Contract with Amherst, South Hadley, Pelham, Ware, Belchertown and Easthampton – agreement to jointly create a coalition called the **Hampshire Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative** charged with mobilizing local boards of health, medical providers, educational facilities, social service agencies, community organizers and others in Hampshire County to create sustainable policies, programs and practices to change community ideas and expectations regarding opioid use and abuse, as well as to reduce the morbidity and mortality rates that result from opioid use and abuse.

Health Information Exchange – An MOU and BAA agreement for the enhancement of the regional capacity for timely and comprehensive data collection to improve data efficiencies, cost savings, and improved service delivery by expanding our regional public health data capabilities, partners: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Opioid Task Force, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Massachusetts Ambulance TRIP data MATRIS, Department of Public Health, Mass Registry of Vital Records Death Certificate data, PDMP/Mass PAT, MAVEN & other Mass CHIP data and other relevant behavioral health and substance use related data.

Contract with **Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District**, working under the oversight of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, focused on mosquito surveillance and control. The City, through its Health and Human Services Department participates in this regional effort to assist western Massachusetts communities with mosquito related health concerns.

Public Health Excellence (PHE) Collaborative- The City of Northampton's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Public Health Excellence (PHE) Collaborative has committed to regional public health infrastructure and data modernization and Regional Municipal Host for an additional 17 communities in Hampshire County with MOU's and data sharing agreements: Amherst, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Granby, Goshen, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Southampton, and Worthington. DHHS will improve effectiveness and efficiency of the currently fractured system by creating an umbrella system to assist with infectious disease management and surveillance by expanding a shared HIE and PHN service. DHHS will improve regional data surveillance and communication of communicable disease occurrence in bordering communities by expanding NHD's HIE for MAVEN data acquisition. DHHS will coordinate a rapid response framework of shared nursing response for timely containment of outbreaks by Local Health Departments for non-COVID-19 MAVEN duties and responsibilities.

Regional Opioid Data Collaborative - Contract with Baystate Health Systems, City of Springfield Department of Health and Human Services, Hampden County DA, Northwestern DA, Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Opioid Task Force, Berkshire Opioid Abuse Prevention

Collaborative, North Quabbin Community Coalition, Partners for a Healthier Community Inc., West Springfield Health Department and CORE of Westfield – agreement to work cooperatively to create methods to collect, store and aggregate data regarding opioid use and abuse in the region with the goal of analyzing trends and identifying short and long term intervention strategies.

Contract with Easthampton, Hadley, Holyoke, South Hadley, and Holyoke Gas and Electric to participate in the **Connecticut River Channel Marking** to maintain the Channel Markers from the Holyoke Dam north to the City’s Connecticut River Greenway off Damon Road for FY2024.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Three-year agreement to provide to the Planning and Sustainability Department the following: Planning technical assistance, traffic and transportation analysis, historic preservation planning, and housing rehabilitation services – through FY2026.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst and Pelham to seek and accept grants where possible and to otherwise explore the mutual advantages of **electricity community aggregation**.

Contract with **Pioneer Valley Bike Share** and to enter into agreements with the city of Westfield to participate in the Pioneer Valley Bike Share program along with the following entities which are already part of the existing inter-municipal agreement for the program: West Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield, Amherst, South Hadley, Hadley, UMASS, PVPC and Easthampton already approved through FY2025.

An MOU with the Town of Amherst to contract for **Kennel Services** as needed in FY2024.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hadley, Huntington, Middlefield, Pelham, Williamsburg, and Worthington to provide **Veterans Services Officer Services** – agreement to provide these services to the various communities and assessments to individual towns per the agreement.

The following are agreements currently authorized by the city and have not expired:

Paramedic Intercept Agreements with multiple towns and ambulance districts – through November of 2041

Agreement to participate in the **Northwestern District Anti-Crime Task Force** with all communities and their respective law enforcement entities within the jurisdiction of the Northwestern District, which are within the jurisdiction of the Northwestern District courts and that of the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office – multi-year agreement with no end date.

Agreement to participate in **the Domestic Violence Intervention Project**, a regional partnership formed between the Northwestern District Attorney's office, Safe Passage, The New England Learning Center for Women in Transition and area police departments – four-year agreement expires December 2026.

Contract to participate in the **Connecticut River Task Force** with the police departments of Easthampton, Hadley, South Hadley, Chicopee and the Northwestern District Attorney in partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Police to enhance law enforcement efforts on the Connecticut River due to the heavy volume of boating activity within the regional boundaries of the adjacent agencies – three-year agreement to May of 2025.

Contract with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for **Senior Transportation Services** – through November of 2041.

Multi-year contract with the Town of Williamsburg to provide wastewater treatment services for a period of ten years (FY2032).

Agreement for **Fiber Optic Cable with Five College Net, LLC** – Agreement to allow the city use of four strands of the Cable Network, including the right to transport and distribute digital signals for data – renewal of agreement for five years from 2019 – 2024 and allowing for automatic renewal for another five years from 2024-2028.

Contract with the Towns of Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg - agreement to provide **Laserfiche Hosting Services** for an annual fee thru FY2025.

DART Case Management Database – A three year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between police departments, healthcare, behavioral health, and recovery centers allows the first responders who respond to an overdose to communicate to the outreach teams in the municipality in which the person resides, thereby triggering a DART outreach. Partners: Hampshire County Police Departments - Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Williamsburg, Worthington, Amherst College, MA State Police; Hampden County Police Departments - Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, Longmeadow, West Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham, South County EMS, Northern Berkshire EMS; Behavioral Health Network, CSO, Gandara, Northampton Recovery Center, Western MA Training Consortium/Ware Recovery Center, The Nest Recovery Center, the Brien Center; Tapestry, Nothing But Kindness; Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Baystate Health Systems, Holyoke Medical Center, Mercy/Trinity Health Systems, Berkshire Health Systems, Mental Health Association (MHA, Northern Berkshire EMS (NBEMS); Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections through FY2025.

Contract with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for **EPA Stormwater MS4 Permit Assistance** – April 2022 through March of 2027