

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**In City Council**

August 17, 2023

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Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra and the Northampton School Committee

**23.370 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE JACKSON STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CLARKE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF aka CLARKE SCHOOL FOR HEARING AND SPEECH**

**WHEREAS**, Jackson Street Elementary School (“JSS”) is a public elementary school of the Northampton Public Schools in the City of Northampton; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarke School for the Deaf aka Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech (“Clarke”) provides oral education for children who are deaf or hard of hearing in five locations, including Northampton; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarke is in need of classroom and other space in Northampton for the 2023-2024 school year to carry out its educational mission, and JSS has surplus space that would serve Clarke’s needs; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2023, the Northampton School Committee voted to declare Classrooms #122 and #210, Pull-Out Space #126, and Office #125 (collectively “the premises”) to be surplus to the needs of the Northampton Public Schools, and to recommend to the Northampton City Council that the premises be leased to Clarke on terms and conditions substantially similar to those contained in the proposed lease agreement attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no other city department that has need for the premises; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 3, any lease entered between Northampton and Clarke would be subject to the approval of the commissioner of education; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

The City Council hereby authorizes the lease of Classrooms #122 and #210, Pull-Out Space #126, and Office #125 in Jackson Street Elementary School, along with rights to certain shared spaces, to be leased to Clarke School for the Deaf aka Clarke School for Hearing and Speech for the period of September 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for the total fixed rent of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000.00).

The City Council further authorized the Mayor to make such modifications to the draft lease agreement that the Mayor deems reasonable or necessary and may execute such documents and instruments reasonable or necessary to carry out this Order.