

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, September 22, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Office of Planning & Sustainability

21.323 An Order to Acquire, Surplus, and Dispose of a Certain Property Located at 33 King Street

WHEREAS, Whereas Chapter 345 of the Acts of 2020 authorizes the Massachusetts Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer 33 King Street, the former Probate and Family Court, to the City of Northampton, with a formula for splitting the proceeds of the ultimate sale of the land between the City and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the land to be transferred is shown Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Northampton, Mass. Prepared for the Hampshire County Commissioners, dated January 31, 1972, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 83, Page 95.

WHEREAS, Consistent with the City’s Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan, this property provides a critical redevelopment opportunity for downtown Northampton, with a reuse that can advance downtown vibrancy;

WHEREAS, Redevelopment of this property in the core of the Central Business District has the potential to advance economic development, downtown vibrancy, housing, affordable housing, and other important city interests;

WHEREAS, The City will engage community members, community development stakeholders and economic development stakeholders to help set priorities prior to issuing a Request for Proposals.

Ordered, that

The Mayor is authorized to accept a deed or other instrument of conveyance for the property located at 33 King Street in accordance with and subject to the provisions of St. 2020, c. 345; and

Further that City Council declares the property located at 33 King Street surplus to City needs; and

Further, after obtaining City Council approval of the Request for Proposals prior to its issuance, that the Mayor is authorized to transfer, subject to retained easements and restrictions as the Mayor deems reasonable, the property at 33 King Street for redevelopment, which may include but is not limited to parking, commercial uses, market and affordable housing, streetscape improvements, shared use path access, and/or other redevelopment opportunities, consistent with state procurement requirements;

Further, Mayor is authorized to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to achieve the purposes of this Order.

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Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Office of Planning & Sustainability

ORDER TO ACQUIRE, SPLIT, AND DIVIDE A CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 33 KING STREET

WHEREAS, Worcester Chapter 42A of the Acts of 2001 authorizes the Massachusetts Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer 33 King Street, the former Probate and Family Court, to the City of Northampton, with a fee simple for splitting the property 75-100 percent of the land between the City and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the land to be transferred is shown on a plan dated January 11, 1972, and recorded in the Transfer Records of Deeds in the Book 83, Page 93

WHEREAS, consistent with the City's Sustainable Northampton Township Plan, the property provides a critical neighborhood opportunity for downtown Northampton with a use that can advance downtown vitality;

WHEREAS, redevelopment of this property in the area of the Central Business District has the potential to advance economic development downtown through housing, affordable housing and other important city interests;

WHEREAS, the City will engage community members, community development organizations and economic development stakeholders to help set priorities prior to issuing a Request for Proposals.

Ordered, that

The Mayor is authorized to accept a deed in full satisfaction of any claim in the property

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Passed First Reading on Roll Call Vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused (Councilor Thorpe)

Attest: Laura Krutzler, Clerk of Council

In City Council, October 7, 2021

Passed Second Reading on Roll Call Vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused (Councilor Thorpe)

Attest: Laura Krutzler, Clerk of Council

Approved: David J. Narkewicz, Mayor

Passed two readings and enrolled.
I hereby certify that the above Order passed the Northampton City Council on October 7, 2021

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor approved the Order on October 12, 2021

Attest: Laura Krutzler, Clerk of Council