



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS  
Office of the City Clerk

**Meeting of the North Adams City Council  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the North Adams City Council will be conducted via remote, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, This meeting can be viewed live on the Northern Berkshire Community Television station and will be posted to their website as soon as possible.

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today, February 17, 2021, the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the Organization of Government in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening February 23, 2021 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Deborah M. Pedercini  
City Clerk

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
February 23, 2021**

Roll Call  
Moment of silent remembrance  
Approval of the minutes of February 9, 2020  
Hearing of Visitors on Agenda

- 11,826** An Ordinance amending the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams regarding the various fees established in the City Code which was postponed at the meeting of November 10, 2020
- 11,910** An Ordinance amending Chapter 27, entitled Dog Regulations, adding a new section 27-12, entitled Prohibition of the Sale of Dogs, Cats, or Rabbits by Pet Shops which was postponed at the meeting of December 8, 2020.
- 11,943** Communication submitted by Councilor LaForest regarding Ordinance changes to Section 7, Department of Public Services, establishing Fire Hydrant Division.
- 11,943** An Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Department of Public Services, Section 7-1, Establishment of Department, Fire Hydrant Division.

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**NORTH ADAMS  
MASSACHUSETTS**

Jason M. LaForest  
City Councillor

February 16, 2021

The Honorable Members of the North Adams City Council  
10 Main Street  
North Adams, MA 01247

Dear Honorable Colleagues:

Following a second devastating fire in the City of North Adams in which incapacitated and missing fire hydrants were identified by our fire department, it is clear that the inspection and maintenance of fire hydrants merits inclusion in our ordinances. We can no longer risk the lives of our firefighters and residents to chance.

I respectfully request the addition of this item to our agenda, and request the matter first be referred to the Public Safety Committee for discussion

Thank you and best wishes,

Jason M. LaForest, Vice President  
North Adams City Council



# City of North Adams

In City Council

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

That Chapter 7, Department of Public Services, Section 7-1, Establishment of Department, be and is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting the following:  
and, after a Library Division

and inserting in place thereof the following:  
, Veterans' Division and A Fire Hydrant Division.

## AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED

**That Section 7-40 Fire Hydrant Division-Established. be added**

A Fire Hydrant Division is hereby established. The Mayor shall appoint such employees of the Fire Hydrant Division as provided by the classification plan.

## AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED

**That Section 7-41 Fire Hydrant Division-Duties generally. be added**

The Commissioner of Public Services shall designate one employee of the division to exercise the general supervision of all matters related to fire hydrants and related water infrastructure laid or built by the city. The designee shall coordinate with the fire chief to keep the same duly inspected twice annually, properly classified and indexed, and cause to be made record to the Mayor, City Council, Commissioner of Public Services, and Fire Chief, all plans, inspections, classifications and indices, of all hydrants and related water infrastructure laid or built by the city; and publish said records on the city website for the general good. The designee shall coordinate with emergency dispatch to update the records required for their purposes within 14 days of the inspection of each hydrant. The designee shall report to the Mayor, City Council, Commissioner of Public Services, Fire Chief, and emergency dispatch, the incapacity or removal of any fire hydrant, no later than 2 hours after identification of said incapacity or removal.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**

**That Section 7-42 Fire Hydrant Division-Inclusion of Fire Hydrants in the Capital Outlay Program. be added**

The Mayor shall include a plan for the replacement of incapacitated and missing fire hydrants in the annual six-year program of capital improvements (Article XXII).