

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the City Clerk

Meeting of the North Adams City Council
August 23, 2022
7:30 PM

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today, August 17, 2022, the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the Regular Meeting of the City Council in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening August 23, 2022 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

This meeting can be viewed live on the Northern Berkshire Community Television station and will be posted to their website as soon as possible.

Joshua Vallieres
City Clerk

AGENDA

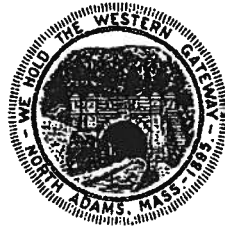
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
August 23, 2022

Roll Call
Moment of Silent Remembrance
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2022
Hearing of Visitors on Agenda

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| 11,826 | An ordinance amending the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams regarding the various fees established in the City Code. |
| 12,152 | Communication from Councilor Sapienza requesting time for he and Anna Farrington of the Public Arts Commission to present a letter of response to Council Paper 11,986. |

- 12,153 Communication from City Clerk Vallieres requesting to allow the Police Chief and City Clerk the responsibility to assign police officers to the polling place on Election Day.
- 9,513-31 Mayor's Communication #85 to amend Chapter 7, Section 7-11 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams regarding the change of permit price.
- 9,513-31 An ordinance to amend Chapter 7, entitled Department of Public Services, Section 7-11 regarding the change of permit price.
- 12,154 Mayor's Communication #86 seeking confirmation of the list of election wardens and inspectors for the term of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.
- 12,155 Mayor's Communication #87 requesting time to for a proclamation in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
- 12,156 Mayor's Communication #88 to amend Chapter 8 Section 22, entitled Department of Public Safety regarding the qualifications of Police.
- 12,156 An ordinance to amend Chapter 8 Section 22, entitled Department of Public Safety regarding the qualifications of Police.
- 12,157 Mayor's Communication #89 to amend the entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V. – Stopping, Standing or Parking Generally, Section 13-49 regarding parking prohibition on certain streets.
- 12,157 An ordinance to amend the entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V. – Stopping, Standing or Parking Generally, Section 13-49 regarding parking prohibition on certain streets.
- 12,158 Mayor's Communication #90 to amend the entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI. – Parking Meters, Section 13-61, regarding fees for parking in public lots during large events.
- 12,158 An ordinance to amend the entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI. – Parking Meters, Section 13-61, regarding fees for parking in public lots during large events.
- 12,159 Mayor's Communication #91 to appoint Jennifer Dunning as a member of the Windsor Lake Recreation Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2025.

**OPEN FORUM
MAYOR'S CONCERNS
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES
LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCILOR CONCERNS
CORRESPONDENCE ADJOURNMENT**



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the City Clerk

Meeting of the North Adams City Council
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
7:30 PM

MINUTES

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30 p.m. in Council chambers.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Councilors Barbeau, Blackmer, Bona, Obasohan, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, Shade, and Wilkinson; a quorum was present.

A moment of silence was observed. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President called for approval of the minutes for the meeting of June 28, 2022. On the motion of Councilor Oleskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Sapienza, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The President called for the hearing of visitors.

Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincey Street, addressed item 12,138 saying there was division in the city.

Robert Smith, 163 North Street, agreed saying people are tired of the division.

Keith O'Kelly, 199 Holden Street, said that people are tired of government overreach.

12,138 Communication from Councilor Shade introducing a Code of Conduct to be reviewed by General Government, the IDEA Commission, the Mayor's Office, and the City Solicitor.

Councilor Wilkinson said that General Government met in July, and decided that the code was not appropriate for the city, as it was based on guidance for town governments. He explained that Councilor Shade withdrew her proposal without prejudice, and will bring something forward fitting more with the city type government.

Councilor Shade said she had gotten feedback from the solicitor's office and the administration, with a review pending from the IDEA Commission. She is going to take all of the recommendations into consideration, and redraft the proposed code for re-entry in September.

On the motion of Councilor Shade, seconded by Councilor Oleskiewicz, it was unanimously voted to withdraw the submission.

12,146 Mayor's communication #80 seeking confirmation of the list of election wardens and inspectors for the term of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

On the motion of Councilor Wilkinson, seconded by Councilor Oleskiewicz, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointments.

12,147 Mayor's Communication #81 seeking the reappointment of Andrew Kawczak as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire August 1, 2025.

On the motion of Councilor Oleskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Wilkinson, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

12,148 Mayor's Communication #82 seeking the appointment of Jason Canales as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire August 1, 2025.

On the motion of Councilor Sapienza, seconded by Councilor Shade, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

12,149 Mayor's Communication #83 seeking the appointment of Jennifer Dunning as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire August 1, 2025.

Councilor Wilkinson said that the city is having a hard time getting people for these commissions, and that while these confirmations seem fairly procedural, these people are putting in the work and he's glad that they're serving.

On the motion of Councilor Sapienza, seconded by Councilor Shade, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment.

12,150 Mayor's Communication #84 requesting time to present an order for permanent and temporary easements for Brayton School's Safe Routes to School Project.

The President filed the communication without objection.

Mayor Macksey explained that at the end of the previous year, the City Council approved the receipt of a grant for Safe Routes to School. She said the point that they were at was the purchase of property to get the project underway.

Community Development Director Michael Nuvalle said Superintendent Malkas and her team applied for the grant, and were awarded \$598,255. The grant came through MassDot, and they assigned the city an engineering firm which did the Right of Way survey. Mr. Nuvalle explained this was important when

doing a construction project like this as it effects land, and that the City Council approved the survey in November. He said that before the plans can move forward, the easements need to be approved. He went on to further explain the temporary and permanent parcels in question.

Councilor Wilkinson asked how small the parcels for the permanent easements are, and he was told that they were both approximately 82 square feet. Mr. Nuvallie said there was one permanent easement on private property, and the other was on municipal property.

Councilor Oleskiewicz asked what it was on Mr. Girard's property that makes it temporary rather than permanent. One of the MassDot representatives explained that after the three year time period when construction work is done the temporary easement will be released from the property.

Councilor Bona asked why three years, as it was not going to take three years to do the grading and yardwork. One of the MassDot representatives said that whenever federal aid is used on a project, they are required to do a minimum of three years. In order to certify the project, the easement would need to be follow a multitude of steps, and in case of any delay it allows for enough time to make sure the temporary work can be done properly.

Councilor Shade asked if there had been any objections from the property owners, and Mr. Nuvallie said that letters had gone out the prior month, along with hand delivered packages, and there have been no responses back.

Councilor Obasohan asked where the numbers come from for the damages being awarded to property owners. Mr. Nuvallie said the numbers came from a certified appraisal company who took a look at the property and applied the value per square foot to come up with compensation.

Councilor Sapienza asked if the amount of money they are receiving included the remediation work going to restore the properties to their near-original condition, and Mr. Nuvallie said it would be complete as though they were never even there.

Councilor Wilkinson asked how much the appraisals indicate the homeowner should get, asking for an example of the permanent easement. Mr. Nuvallie answered \$1,875. Councilor Wilkinson stated for the record that from his own experience the appraisals looked great.

Councilor Bona asked about the city regularly widening sidewalks in a nature similar to this where it interferes with a yard. He asked if it was the type of funding that required this. One of the MassDOT representatives said that they wanted to make sure an owner is fully compensated, and require stringent requirements the protects the property owner at a quick speed.

Councilor Blackmer wanted clarification that this is beyond the normal easements that are already there. The MassDOT representative said that it was beyond the normal roadway layout.

Councilor Shade asked if there were somehow other damage to property than expected, how would that be compensated. The representative said that any additional compensation would not be on the city.

Councilor Obasohan asked about the packages sent out and how there has been no response, wondering what would happen if there was no response. Mr. Nuvallie said there was still time to write the written grant of easement, and if they don't sign it the project will go ahead using eminent domain.

Councilor Wilkinson said the state has reason to do this, saying that if the person decides not to sign they can sue. He said its about making sure everything necessary is in place in case that person decided to sue.

12,150 An order for permanent and temporary easements for Brayton School's Safe Routes to School Project.

Councilor Blackmer said there would need to be an amendment on Schedules A & B on account of a spelling error from "Gerrard" to "Girard".

On the motion of Councilor Bona, seconded by Councilor Sapienza, the spelling was unanimously voted to amend.

Councilor Shade thought it was a wonderful project, and supported it completely, but was personally opposed to eminent domain.

Councilor Bona said in the past he had voted against things that were eminent domain, but thought this was different as none of the property owners have come forward to express concern.

Councilor Sapienza said that if this were displacing an individual or family residence he would be opposed to it, but saw nothing but benefit with this project.

On the motion of Councilor Bona, seconded by Councilor Sapienza, the order was voted to pass by roll call vote. 7 yeas 1 nay, motion passes.

12,151 An order calling the State Primary Election for September 6, 2022.

On the motion of Councilor Wilkinson, seconded by Councilor Oleskiewicz, the order was unanimously voted to pass by roll call vote. 8 yeas 0 nays.

Councilor Blackmer thanked the work of Superintendent Malkas, Community Development Director Nuwallie, and the MassDOT team on the Safe Routes to School Project.

Open Forum

Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street, began to use the name of a community member.

Mayor Macksey invoked a point of order.

Mr. Cardimino found no need for a deputy fire chief.

Barbara Alexander, 89 Wells Avenue, spoke about the need for a new proposed ordinance about short term rentals, and presented a competing ordinance, and wanted to get it into the public record.

Robert Smith, 163 North Street, asked if there was any progress being made on the Assistant City Clerk.

Lois Daunis, 37 Wall Street, is looking forward to the time the council deliberates on the short term rental policy, and hopes they look at the language of some other Massachusetts communities.

Virginia Riehl, 36 Holden Street, commended the council for the hiring of Clerk Vallieres and his writing of the minutes. She also found Mr. Nuwallie very helpful, and thought he was very generous with his time.

Keith O'Kelly thanked the mayor for what was getting done.

Isaiah Moore, 43 Highland Avenue, brought up having a crosswalk outside Key West and the State Street Tavern.

Committee Reports and Minutes

Councilor Wilkinson said the short-term rental ordinance was sent to General government, and then sent to the Administration and has been put in the hands of the Building Inspector. According to Councilor Wilkinson, this is something the Building Inspector feels he can enforce. It has been sent to a consultant who is looking it over, it will be sent back to Administration, the City Solicitor, General Government, and hopefully City Council from there.

Councilor Blackmer said it has to go to the Planning Board between General Government and Council.

Mayor's Updates

Mayor Macksey invited everyone to the Downtown Celebration.

Liaison Updates and Councilor's Concerns

Councilor Bona said that Ms. Alexander could send it to a councilor to forward the ordinance so it is on the agenda. He also said they've looked at many communities for example.

Councilor Sapienza asked the mayor about water restrictions in Pittsfield, and if we were fine. The mayor said we were.

On the motion of Councilor Oleskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Wilkinson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

A True Record Attest,

/Joshua Vallieres
City Clerk



Lisa Hall Blackmer, City Council President
City of North Adams
City Council
RE: Council Paper #11,986

Dear Council President Blackmer,

As requested by the City Council in the April 26, 2022 City Council meeting, the Public Arts Commission has re-reviewed Council Paper 11,986 in our meeting July 18, 2022.

Council paper 11,986, submitted by former Councilor Ben Lamb July 27, 2021, requested *"a joint review of the concept of artistic crosswalk installations by the Traffic Commission and the Public Arts Commission, to include an opinion from KP Law as the City Solicitor. The goal being to review the specific issues that such installations would present, what methods we have at our disposal to mitigate those issues, and if the risks associated create a true impasse to pursuing artistic crosswalks."*

The PAC originally reviewed this paper at its October 2021 meeting and agreed that the PAC ordinance did not include crosswalk oversight and voted to forward the paper to the Traffic Commission for their review. The Traffic Commission unanimously moved to file this paper.

In the July 18 meeting of the PAC, I provided a brief history of this Council Paper for the PAC's two new commissioners. This brief included the reasons why the Traffic Commission voted to file the paper: "state and federal standards would not be met (which would jeopardize funding), federal studies have shown artistic crosswalks to be distracting, and the incorrect paint could create dangerously slippery surfaces".

Following the brief, each member of the PAC was asked to provide their opinion of the Artistic Crosswalks question and what they thought the role of the PAC should be.

Following this discussion, it was moved, and unanimously agreed upon, to respond with the following:

- The PAC does not want to jeopardize any state/federal/grant funding availability in regards to road or crosswalk maintenance, or otherwise create unsafe conditions by altering the standard crosswalks.
- The PAC would like to investigate and further discuss other ways to create artistic streets that would result in traffic calming and promote foot traffic downtown. Examples of this might include artistic interventions such as creating crosswalk "zones" on either side of crosswalks, bump out "zones" at sidewalk connections, or artistic intersections (artwork at the center of the intersection). None of which would interfere with the standard crosswalks.
- The PAC proposes to work towards identifying sources for funding for artistic streetscape projects, and is committed to working towards developing such project(s), with the understanding that the City will fully support the PAC's efforts as outlined in the North Adams Public Art Master Plan section IV. Administrative Guidelines/B. Roles and Responsibilities. This would require that the City assign a City Staff Person to the PAC who would be available to assist the PAC in the project(s) development, management, oversight, and coordination with City Hall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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Anna Farrington
Chair, Public Arts Commission
City of North Adams, Massachusetts



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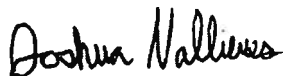
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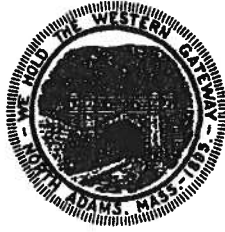
On June 22, 2022 an election reform law titled "The VOTES Act" was signed in to law in Massachusetts. In this law, there was a change in who is responsible for assigning police officers at polling places.

What I am asking from the Council is that you take a vote to allow the responsibility to remain that of the Police Chief and the City Clerk to assign the specific police officers to the polling place. This would make the process easier and more efficient.

The next Election is the State Primary on September 6, 2022, so this vote would have to take place before then.

Thank you for your time and consideration,


Joshua Vallieres



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Jennifer A. Macksey

Communication #	Subject	Date
85	Transfer Station Fees	August 23, 2022

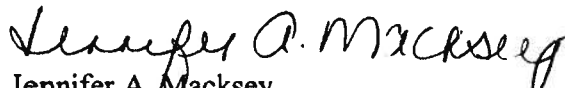
Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

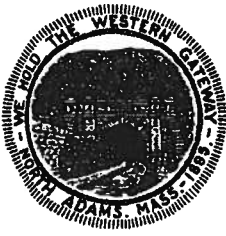
Dear Honorable Councilors:

Enclosed with this communication is an Ordinance amending Chapter 7, entitled Department of Public Services, Section 7-11, Disposal of Waste at the Transfer Station. I respectfully request that this document be referred to the Public Services committee for evaluation.

This document reflects changes to charges for the permit price for nonresident, resident, and commercial haulers as well as general refuse, bags, and other miscellaneous items. I am proposing these changes effective November 1, 2022, to ensure that the committees of the City Council have adequate time to review. My team will be available to attend the committee meetings to discuss rational behind changes.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor



City of North Adams

In City Council

August 23, 2022

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

That Chapter 7, entitled Department of Public Services, Section 7-11, entitled Disposal of Waste at Transfer Station; charges, be and is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting Paragraph (b)(2) and inserting in place thereof the following:

(b)(2) All commercial businesses desiring to enter and utilize the transfer station shall pay a fee of \$100 for a primary permit; and \$100 for each additional vehicle registered to the same commercial business. Permits are renewable on July 1 of each calendar year.

And is further amended as follows:

By deleting Paragraph (c)(1) and (c)(2) and (c)(3) and inserting in place thereof the following:

(c)(1) All residents desiring to enter and utilize the transfer station shall pay a fee of \$70 for a primary permit; and \$5 for each additional vehicle registered to the same household when purchased together. Permits are renewable on July 1 of each calendar year.

(c)(2) All residents, including part-time residents, desiring to enter and utilize the transfer station from January 1 to June 30 shall pay a fee of \$40 for a primary permit and \$5 for each additional vehicle registered to the same household when purchased together.

(c)(3) All residents, including part-time residents, desiring to enter and utilize the transfer station on a monthly basis shall pay a fee of \$20 per month for a temporary permit; the total fee for the temporary permit shall be based on the fee rate (\$20) and the number of months the temporary permit is to be valid. All residents, including part-time residents, may access the transfer station on a daily basis at a rate of \$10 per day. The daily fee shall be payable at the Transfer Station by debit and/or credit card only.

And is further amended as follows:

By deleting Paragraph (e)(1) and (e)(2) and inserting in place thereof the following:

(e)(1) All nonresidents desiring to enter and utilize the transfer station shall pay a fee of \$100 for a primary permit. No additional permits, other than the primary permit, shall be made available to nonresidents. Permits are renewable on July 1 of each calendar year.

(e)(2) All nonresidents desiring to enter and utilize the transfer station on a monthly basis shall pay a fee of \$40 per month for a temporary permit. The total fee for the temporary permit is to be based on the temporary fee rate (\$40) and the number of months the temporary permit is to be valid. Nonresidents may access the transfer station on a daily basis at a rate of \$25 per day. The daily fee shall be payable at the Transfer Station by debit and/or credit card only.

And is further amended as follows:

By deleting the following:

Paragraph (b) (4) Rates

Paragraph (c) (5) Rates

Paragraph (e) (4) Rates

And inserting in place thereof new Paragraph (b)(4) Rates, Paragraph (c)(5) Rates and Paragraph (e)(4) Rates as follows:

General refuse: \$0.0829 per pound
Brush, cord wood and leaves: \$10 per cubic yard (residential) with a \$10 minimum
\$20 per cubic yard (commercial) with a \$20 minimum
Building materials and debris: \$0.0829 per pound
Metal, excluding appliances: \$0.0829 per pound
Appliances: \$50 per appliance
Recyclable material: Residential (no charge)
Commercial \$0.0815 per pound
Car Tires: Smaller than 19.5" - \$10.00 each
Larger than 19.5" - \$15.00 each
Truck Tires: Smaller than size 1100-20 - \$35.00 each
Larger than size 1100-20 - \$45.00 each
Truck tires with rims: \$15.00 additional per tire
Televisions: Smaller than 42" - \$30.00 each
Larger than 42" - \$50.00 each
Consumer electronics (including computers, keyboards, printers, laptops, video cameras,
Audio equipment and copiers): \$20.00 each
Air Conditioning Units: \$50.00 each
Dehumidifiers: \$50.00 each
Water Heaters: \$50.00 each
Small Appliances: \$25.00 each
Non-compacting material/items including furniture (sofa, loveseat, upholstered chair, carpets, mattresses and
box springs, etc.) \$35.00 each
Clean wood: \$0.10 per pound, minimum charge \$2.00

MINIMUM SCALE CHARGE: \$10.00

And is further amended as follows:

By deleting Paragraph (f) in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

(f) Bag Fees are as follows:

Small bag: \$1.75 each

Large bag: \$3.25 each

And further:

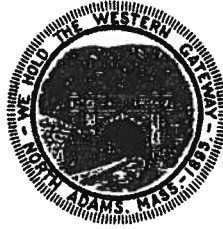
That Section 7-11.1, entitled Mandatory Recycling be modified to delete the following

Paragraph (c) (9) All other waste items

And inserting in place thereof the following:

- (9) Mattresses
- (10) Textiles
- (11) Food material in excess of ½ ton per week
- (12) All other waste items

This modification of Section 7-11.1 shall be effective November 1, 2022.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Jennifer A. Macksey

Communication #	Subject	Date
86	Appointment of Election Wardens and Inspectors	August 23, 2022

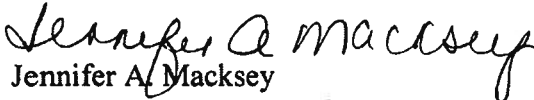
Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

At the recommendation of the City Clerk, I present for your consideration the attached lists of individuals for appointment as election wardens and inspectors, respectively. The term of service of these election workers and inspectors will be from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. This list is in addition to the list presented at the August 9, 2022, meeting.

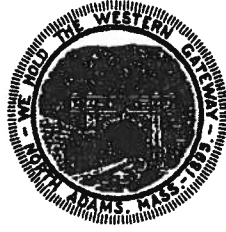
I request Council confirmation of these appointments as presented.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor

INDIVIDUALS RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT AS ELECTION INSPECTORS AND WARDENS FOR
THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS FOR A TERM FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH
AUGUST 31, 2023.

Judy Blaisdell	74 Chantilly Avenue
Nancy Canales	30 Williams Street
Gene Carlson	32 Cherry Street
Justyna Carlson	32 Cherry Street
Marissa Carlson	27 Taft Street
Robin Martin	33 Windom Terrace
Brenda Zappone	191 Ashland Street



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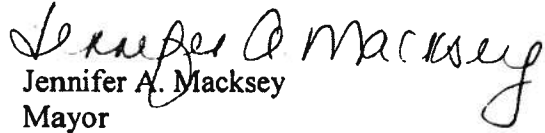
Communication #	Subject	Date
87	Proclamation in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	August 23, 2022

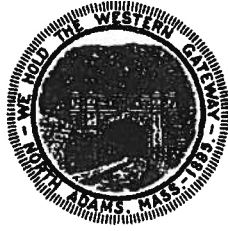
Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I request time on the August 23, 2022, City Council meeting agenda to present a proclamation in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
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Communication #	Subject	Date
88	Residency for North Adams Police Officers	August 23, 2022

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North Adams, Massachusetts

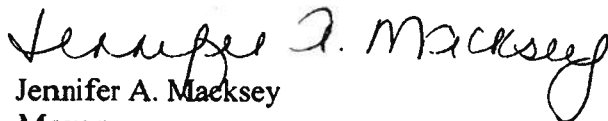
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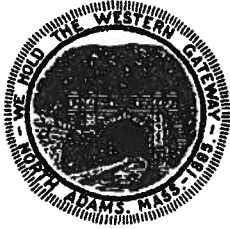
Enclosed with this communication is an Ordinance amending Chapter 8 Section 22, entitled Department of Public Safety, Qualifications of members of Police.

As you know we are struggling to recruit officers to the Police Department. This document reflects changes to the age requirement as well as parameters for residency. It is recommended by Chief Wood that we expand our residency requirements to allow officers to reside outside the City of North Adams, provided their residence is within 25 miles of the jurisdictional limits of the City of North Adams. This is to include both within or outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Chief Wood will be available to discuss any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor



City of North Adams

In City Council

August 23, 2022

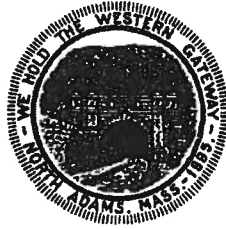
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

Delete the following under Chapter 8, Sec 8-22 Qualification of Members:

No person shall be a member of the Police Division who is less than 19 years of age. Members of the Division may reside outside the City; provided that they reside within the commonwealth and within 20 miles of the limits of such City. Members of the Division must be citizens of the United States.

And replace with the following:

No person shall be a member of the Police Division who is less than 21 years of age upon beginning academy training. Members of the Division may reside outside the City of North Adams, provided their residence is within 25 miles of the jurisdictional limits of the City of North Adams. This is to include both within or outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Members of the Division must be citizens of the United States.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Jennifer A. Macksey

Communication #	Subject	Date
89	No Parking Central Avenue, easterly side	August 23, 2022

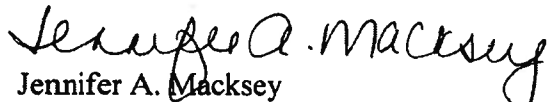
Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Enclosed with this communication is an Ordinance amending entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V. - Stopping, Standing or Parking Generally, Section 13-49, Parking prohibited on certain streets.

This was reviewed and recommended by the Traffic Commission at their July 19, 2022, meeting. See attached letter from Traffic Commission as well as Chief Wood.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor



City of North Adams

In City Council

August 23, 2022

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

That Chapter 13, entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V. entitled Stopping, Standing or Parking Generally, Section 13-49, entitled Parking prohibited on certain streets; be and is hereby amended to insert after:

“Center Street, entire north and south side”

The following:

“Central Avenue, easterly side”

**Traffic Commission
North Adams, Massachusetts
July 19, 2022**

RE No Parking on the easterly side of Central Avenue

Dear Mayor Macksey,

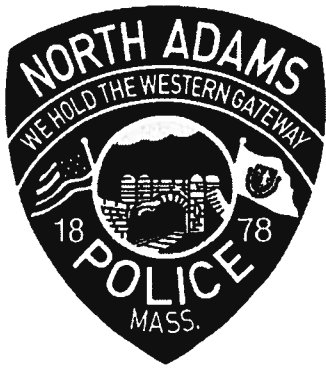
In our meeting of June 8, 2022, the Traffic Commission reviewed a letter from Police Chief Wood regarding the life safety issue created by parking on both sides of Central Avenue, which does not leave room for emergency vehicles to navigate the street.

At this meeting the Traffic Commission voted to table this issue until letters could be issued to the residents notifying them of the motion, and with the goal to confirm that the parking change would not cause any residents a hardship.

In our meeting of July 19, 2022, It was confirmed that all the residents had been notified of the motion, and there had been no responses, and no residents were in attendance at the meeting.

The Traffic Commission voted in favor of restricting parking on the easterly side of Central Avenue. Please see the attached Ordinance.

**MaryAnn King
Traffic Commission Chair**



Jason R. Wood
Chief of Police

City of North Adams, Massachusetts

Department of Public Safety

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To: North Adams Traffic Commission

From: Jason R. Wood, Chief of Police

Date: June 02, 2022

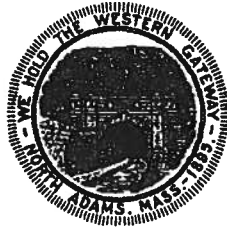
I am requesting that the Traffic Commission to evaluate and consider posting the easterly side of Central Ave as "No Parking". Recently, residents that live on Central Ave have been making complaints about parking on the easterly side of the street.

As you know, this street is very narrow to begin with. Parking on either side of the street is a hindrance to vehicle traffic, making the situation worse. However, realistically, I understand one side of the street should allow parking. It makes most sense to allow parking on the westerly side of Central Ave, as this is historically how parking occurs on Central Ave. The photo below illustrates my concerns.

Respectfully,

Jason R. Wood, Chief





CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Jennifer A. Macksey

Communication #	Subject	Date
90	Event Parking Fee	August 23, 2022

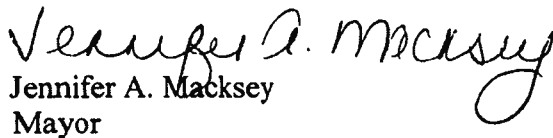
Honorable Members of the City Council
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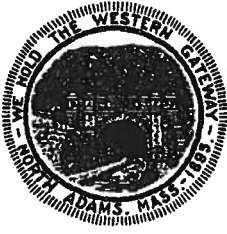
Dear Honorable Councilors:

Enclosed with this communication is an Ordinance amending entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI. - Parking Meters, Section 13-61, Fees for different parking zones. This will set a fee for parking in public lots during large events.

This was reviewed and recommended by the Traffic Commission at their July 19, 2022, meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor



City of North Adams

In City Council

August 23, 2022

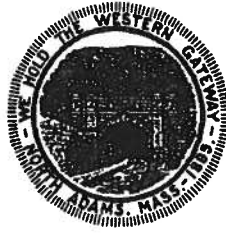
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

That Chapter 13, entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI. entitled Parking Meters, Section 13-61, entitled Fees for different parking zones; be and is hereby amended to delete the following:

(b) (Reserved)

And insert in place thereof the following:

(b) Event Parking: At the discretion of the Mayor certain events and locations shall be designated as Event Parking at a rate of \$40 per day.



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Jennifer A. Macksey

Communication #	Subject	Date
91	Appointment to the Windsor Lake Recreation Commission	August 23, 2022

Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jennifer Dunning to serve as a member of the Windsor Lake Recreation Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2025. Ms. Dunning will be replacing the unexpired term of Arlen Cellana.

This is presented for City Council confirmation only.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer A. Macksey
Mayor