

# City of Northampton

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**In City Council, April 4, 2019**

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Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

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**19.041 An Order to Declare Surplus and Authorize Sale of Former South Street School**

**BE IT ORDERED**

**Whereas**, the City of Northampton owns a former elementary school property located at 139 South Street known as the South Street School, and shown on Assessors Map 38B, Parcel 32 lot 1; and

**Whereas**, in 2007 the Northampton School Committee, after determining that the property was no longer needed for district educational purposes, voted to surplus the building to the City; and

**Whereas**, the City currently leases the property to Northampton Community Music Center, Inc. a private, non-profit music education school for \$1 per year until June 30, 2033; and

**Whereas**, Northampton Community Music Center, Inc. has been an excellent steward of the property, investing significant funds into renovating and maintaining it, and a positive member of the South Street neighborhood and the wider community; and

**Whereas**, Northampton Community Music Center, Inc. is interested in purchasing the property from the City of Northampton; and

**Whereas**, the City of Northampton does not have a municipal use for the property and M.G.L. c. 30B, §16 requires a vote of City Council to surplus any interest in public property prior to its disposal; and so now be it

**ORDERED THAT**

The property at 139 South Street is declared surplus to City needs and is hereby transferred to the care, custody and control of the Mayor for the purpose of selling such property for continued use for music education in accordance with Massachusetts procurement law and on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable and appropriate, provided that the property shall not be sold for less than its current fair market value and, if sold to a nonprofit entity, shall be subject to the successful bidder entering into an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes.