

Northampton Police Department



Date: July 17, 2019

To: Northampton City Council

From: Chief J. Kasper #160

Re: Request for stop signs on Fulton Avenue

To the Honorable Members of City Council,

I am writing this memo to request the addition of stop signs at the intersections of Fulton Avenue at Conz Street and Fulton Avenue at Pleasant Street. In order to expedite the process, I am requesting a waiver of referral to Legislative Matters and a request for two readings by City Council on August 15, 2019.

The NETA facility on Fulton Avenue continues to experience a high number of customers travelling by car and by foot. On a recent Saturday, it was reported that they had about 3,600 customers that day. Officers working the detail have reported numerous near-collisions at the intersections of Fulton and Conz and Fulton and Pleasant. Since NETA began selling adult-use marijuana in November of 2018, we have taken three reports of collisions at the intersection of Fulton Avenue and Pleasant Street and multiple collision reports in the general area. In the parking lot of the facility we have responded to twelve collisions. Many visitors to NETA are from out of town and out of state. They may not be familiar with the area and with the general traffic patterns around the facility. Further, the facility is open until 10:00 p.m. and while it is currently light later into the evening, the fall and winter seasons bring early darkness. The requested stop signs should improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chief J. Kasper