

# CITY OF NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS

*In the City Council, November 7, 2019*

Upon the Recommendations of Councilors Alisa F. Klein and Gina-Louise Sciarra

## 19.160 AN ORDER

### TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO CAST VOTES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENERGY EFFICIENT CODES COALITION (EECC) VOTING GUIDE

#### *Whereas,*

The Massachusetts base building code follows the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), a model code adopted by many states and municipal governments to establish minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency.

#### *Whereas,*

By vote on September 19, 2019, the City Council designated the four members of the Community Resources Committee as its voting representatives for the 2021 IECC. Online Governmental Consensus Voting for the 2021 IECC opens on November 18, 2019 and closes on December 5, 2019. Further, the City Council voted to require CRC members to present voting recommendations for approval by the full council before casting votes in accordance with this prior authorization.

#### *Whereas,*

In the past, various energy efficiency organizations have put out their own voting guides but, this year, the energy efficiency community has coalesced around a single voting guide published by the Energy Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC). The recommendations of the voting guide have the potential to increase the overall residential and commercial building efficiency of the IECC by 10%

#### *Now therefore be it ordered that,*

The City Council hereby approves of the recommendations relative to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) that are reflected in the Energy Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC) voting guide, and authorizes individual members of the Committee on Community Resources to cast votes during online voting in accordance with the voting guide.