

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty

Upon the Recommendation of the Mayor and Historical Commission

20.012 An Ordinance

Relative to Demolition Review for Historically-Significant Buildings

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to modify the buildings and structures to which Demolition review applies. The amendments will apply Demolition review to all buildings and structures built in 1900 and earlier, and all principal structures on a lot built in 1945 or earlier to allow for more effective protection and preservation of the City of Northampton's significant historic resources.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

Amend the text with the additions, modifications, and deletions shown below.

§161-3

Buildings and structures regulated by this chapter are buildings or structures built in 1945~~39~~ or earlier, determined to be historically significant and preferably preserved by the Northampton Historical Commission. Such regulated buildings or structures ~~are all of those will be defined by age for properties~~ built in 1900 and earlier, ~~and all principal buildings or principal structures (e.g., not including out buildings, sheds, accessory structures, fences) and determined by inventory listing for those~~ built between 1901 and 1945~~39~~. ~~The Northampton Historical Commission will create the inventory within a two-year period from the date of the adoption of this chapter. The Historical Commission shall make a report to the City Council every six months after the date of the adoption of this chapter for the two-year period, to report on the progress. All reviews will be conducted based on a construction date of 1939 or earlier during the time that the inventory is being developed.~~ After the initial age-~~and inventory~~-based threshold determination, the Commission will institute the public hearing process to ascertain if the historically significant and preferably preserved criteria apply. At that time the determination will be made whether or not to activate a review period.