

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In the City Council, January 18, 2018*

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell, Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra and Councilor James Nash

O-18.015  
AN ORDER  
TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL RULES

Ordered, that the following amendments to the Rules be adopted:

2.3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT POWERS AND DUTIES. ....

2.3.8. To issue a Committee Study Request to any committee when, in the judgment of the President, a complex policy or issue area suggests in-depth research or gathering of testimony.—Such a request shall require a committee to report to the full Council on a particular policy or issue area within 120 days no later than 120 days from the referral, optionally accompanied by legislation. However a committee may by majority vote decline to consider or respond to such a request.

*[3.2 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. The City Council shall annually by December 1<sup>st</sup> consider a resolution of state legislative priorities that would benefit the City of Northampton. For this purpose, the City Council may establish a select committee to recommend a resolution.] – Deleted from Council Rules in xxx, 2017.*

3.2 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. The City Council may twice per year request that the Mayor engage with the Council in a discussion of state legislative priorities that would benefit the City of Northampton.

4.7 CONDUCT. City Councilors and members of the public shall conduct themselves with civility and respect at all times. Demonstrations from members of the public of approval or disapproval, or any actions that interfere with the ability of all in the Council Chambers to hear or see the Council conducting its business, will be not be permitted.

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5.2.1. In general, any Councilor may recommend that any matters may be referred to Council committees or executive multiple-member bodies, which shall constitute a request for a report on such matters.