

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, June 6, 2019

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Historical Commission

19.083 An Order to Convey a Permanent Historic Preservation Restriction for Bridge Street Cemetery

WHEREAS, The Bridge Street Cemetery, established in 1661, is the City's oldest place of interment, and an important historic landscape that is a critical piece of the Pomeroy Terrace Historic District; and

WHEREAS, A 2016 Preservation Master Plan for the Cemetery identified 13 priority preservation projects necessary to preserve and manage the historic Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Historical Commission Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund grant provides up to 50% reimbursement for projects that support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places which requires that areas selected for funding be protected by permanent preservation restrictions, and

WHEREAS, The City has received \$50,000 in state funds to conserve the highest priority threatened gravestones within the Cemetery;

Ordered, that

The City, acting through its Mayor, is authorized to convey a perpetual historic preservation restriction on the Bridge Street Cemetery to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Further that the City of Northampton confirms fee title of the Bridge Street Cemetery, an ancient burial ground for which no deed of record is found.