

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, June 20, 2019

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Arts and Culture Department

R-19.095 A Resolution
to Redesignate the City of Northampton Cultural District

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton wishes to pursue a redesignation of a state-authorized cultural district through the enabling legislation approved by the MA State Legislature and Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS, Northampton has held a public hearing and adopted a resolution proclaiming its interest in redesignating a state-designed cultural district; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton has created a broad and diverse partnership of stakeholders committed to cultural, community, and economic development to provide oversight of the district through the Northampton Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be petitioned in accordance with its guidelines and criteria to designate said cultural district; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Honorable Mayor David Narkewicz and Northampton City Council endorse the submission of an application for redesignation and agree to foster the development of a cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northampton City Council endorses the state-sponsored cultural district goals; attracting artists and cultural enterprises, encouraging business and job development, establishing tourist destinations, preserving and reusing historic buildings, enhancing property values and fostering local cultural development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Economic Development Coordinator be and hereby is requested to work in conjunction with the Director of the Arts Council to provide overall guidance and technical support in representing the city within the district partnership of said cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northampton City Council encourages all who own property or businesses within said cultural district to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Economic Development Coordinator be and hereby is requested to direct city agencies to identify programs and services that could support and enhance the development of the cultural district and ensure that those programs and services are accessible to the cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Economic Development Coordinator and the Director of the Arts Council on behalf of the entire City Council with the understanding that the additional application materials will be completed for review and implementation by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.