CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACUSETTS

In the City Council, April 1, 2021

Upon the Recommendation of: Councilor William Dwight

21.233 A Resolution to Review and Revise the Rules and Committees of the City Council

Whereas, the City Council of Northampton, on a regular basis and as the need arises, must review and revise the rules that prescribe the processes by which the body shall deliberate; and

Whereas, the City Council must also periodically reconsider and evaluate the Committees of the Council to determine how they may best serve the Council; and

Whereas, the COVID 19 pandemic required significant changes in the way the Council convenes and conducts its business; and

Whereas, the Open Meeting Law of the Commonwealth requirements continue to evolve in meaningful ways as the Council conducts its business remotely via a changing technology; and

Whereas, the City Council of Northampton abides by and upholds the principles and the spirit of open government; and

Whereas, some Council rules have been rendered outdated and void by recent decisions by the Attorney General and the Governor in order to allow safe participation and continuity in government;

Now therefore, be it resolved that: the City Council of Northampton requests that the Council President appoint a select committee made up of three city councilors and two community members to review the Council Rules and Council Committees and present their recommendations to the City Council for deliberation and vote before the end of the current term.

In City Council, April 1, 2021
Passed First Reading on Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Attest: Laura Krutzler, **Clerk of Council**

In City Council, April 15, 2021
Passed Second Reading on Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Attest: Laura Krutzler, **Clerk of Council**

Passed two readings and enrolled.
I hereby certify that the above Resolution passed the Northampton City Council on April 15, 2021

Attest: Laura Krutzler, **Clerk of Council**