

**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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**MAYOR**  
**Joseph M. Petty**

**AT-LARGE COUNCILORS**

**Morris A. Bergman**  
**Donna M. Colorio**  
**Khrystian E. King**  
**Thu Nguyen**  
**Kathleen M. Toomey**



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**DISTRICT COUNCILORS**

**Jenny Pacillo - District 1**  
**Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2**  
**George J. Russell - District 3**  
**Luis A. Ojeda - District 4**  
**Etel Haxhijaj - District 5**

**CITY CLERK**  
**Nikolin Vangjeli**

**CITY MANAGER**  
**Eric D. Batista**

**CITY AUDITOR**  
**Robert V. Stearns**

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

**Virtual Attendee Call-In Information:**

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

### 3. ROLL CALL

### 4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE

### 5. ELECTION - CITY CLERK - TWO YEAR TERM

### 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### 6a Adopt

- 6a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 6, 2024.

### 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - a person may speak for no more than two (2) minutes on any items appearing on the agenda

- 7a. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the "Public Participation" section of the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated.

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### 8. HEARINGS AND ORDERS - 6:30 P.M.

#### 8a and 8b Hold Hearings and Adopt

- 8a. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole location on: BURNCOAT ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC for a jointly-owned pole location on: BURNCOAT ST.

- 8b. Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: HUNTINGTON AVE.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: HUNTINGTON AVE.

### 9. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS - Biannual Economic Development Report

**10. PETITIONS - a Petitioner may speak up to three (3) minutes the first time their petition appears on an agenda**

**10a - 10d Refer to Planning Board**

- 10a.** Athena Corbin et al. request Crillon Rd. be made public.
- 10b.** Stephen Verdolino request Belcourt Rd. from Plantation St. to Cadorna Rd. be made public.
- 10c.** Stephen Verdolino request Cadorna Rd. from Belcourt Rd. to Dominion Rd. be made public.
- 10d.** Aitza Rosado request Tracy Pl. be made public.

**10e - 10g Refer to Public Works Committee**

- 10e.** Roy John Moore III request sidewalk resurfacing in the vicinity of 10 Berkshire St.
- 10f.** Cheryl Laporte request sidewalk resurfacing on Park Terrace Rd.
- 10g.** Cheryl Laporte request street resurfacing on Park Terrace Rd.

**10h - 10v Refer to Traffic and Parking Committee**

- 10h.** Evan Corrigan request installation of a lit pylon for the Burncoat neighborhood at the "Triangle."
- 10i.** Councilor George J. Russell request the establishment of a permanent, Zone A parking ban on both sides of Vernon St. between Winthrop St and Upsala St.
- 10j.** Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson request installation of a speed hump on Channing St. between Catharine St. and the entrance of Green Hill Park.
- 10k.** Oscar Tavaréz request removal of handicap parking space in front of 57 Cutler St.
- 10l.** Paola Gutierrez request installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Sagamore Rd. and Grove St.
- 10m.** Kevin Seifert request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Newton Ave North and Salisbury St.
- 10n.** Anita Jarvis request installation of handicap parking space across from 36 Granby Rd.

- 10o.** Doug Clark request installation of handicap parking space in the vicinity of 8 Ashmont Ave.
- 10p.** Nicole Gulbankian request "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at 64 Norfolk St. be replaced with "No Parking - Tow Zone" sign.
- 10q.** Nicole Gulbankian request installation of speed humps on Norfolk St.
- 10r.** Alfred Gendron request the handicap parking sign in front of 23 Delawanda Dr. be replaced with a handicap access ramp sign.
- 10s.** Wanda Cedeno request installation of handicap parking space in the vicinity of the front side of 90 Ward St.
- 10t.** Tracy A. Novick et al. request City Council request City Manager advocate to the Legislative delegation to restore at least once a day in each direction service of a Worcester express train to the spring MBTA Commuter Rail schedule.
- 10u.** Stephanie Kingsford request installation of speed humps on Parsons Hill Dr.
- 10v.** Roxas Joshua Angell-Clune request installation of two (2) or three (3) handicap parking spaces in the vicinity of 18 and 20 East Worcester St.
- 10w Refer to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee**
- 10w.** Nicholas Argento request installation of a "Veteran Square" memorial for U.S. Army Private John D. Kelleher at the intersection of Hartshorn St. and June St. or at the intersection of Hartshorn St. and Manor St.
- 10x.** Aislinn Doyle request City Council request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the library services currently available to elementary school students, as well as how the city may be able to increase access to library services for schools that do not have libraries or librarians.
- 10y.** Evan Corrigan request the creation of a permitting process to allow for resident to have chicken hens.
- 10z.** Evan Corrigan request creating a permitting process for residents living in suitable areas to be able to have and use outdoor fire pits for recreational purposes, including those outside of the currently allowed cooking.



- 10aa.** Gordon T. Davis request City Council advertise joint meetings of the City Council with the School Committee, as well as the Mayor's meeting with the School and City Council Education Committee, on the city's website. Further, request clarification be given regarding whether said meetings are open meetings where the public can participate.
- 10bb.** Ben Parker et al. request approval of funding to perform private street repairs not to exceed \$6.00 per linear foot on Rydberg Terrace.
- 10cc.** Michael Grandone request City Council request City Manager institute/adopt an identification process for all homeless individuals in the city to identify which individuals are and were city residents.
- 10dd.** Samantha Olney request City Council request City Manager create a sanctioned area for unhoused individuals to camp safely, free from prejudice and prosecution.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

## **12. CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS**

### **12a - 12k Adopt**

- 12a.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the city can ensure Chapter 74-approved vocational technical education programs are best utilized in building projects throughout the city.
- 12b.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of using ARPA funds to ensure families are able to afford internet access in lieu of the expiring Affordable Connectivity Program.
- 12c.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager request Director of Public Health provide City Council with a comprehensive update relative to the results of the evaluation from the REACH Program, specifically concerning best practices used and challenges identified within the program.
- 12d.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager request Director of Public Health work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to build relationships with the Worcester Public Schools relative to health initiatives in the city.

- 12e.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Health and Human Services work with the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance to provide City Council with a presentation concerning the most recent information relative to chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals, including information about understanding the gap between permanent supportive housing and the number of homeless people in the city.
- 12f.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning whether there is a need for a permanent winter parking ban ordinance or whether suitable alternatives exist.
- 12g.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility create a Master Plan for Salisbury St. that would improve pedestrian accommodations.
- 12h.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Lynnwood Ln.
- 12i.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Birchwood Rd.
- 12j.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Lynnwood Ln. and Dick Dr.
- 12k.** FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Toronita Ave. and Barrett Ave.

### **13. ORDERS**

- 13a.** Request City Manager request Chief Information Officer review the feasibility of pursuing a What Works Cities Certification, which aims to ensure cities' data is used to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, equitably improve services, evaluate the effectiveness of programs, and engage with residents. Further, request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report detailing how the city's existing Open Data Portal may be of benefit when applying for said certification. (Pacillo)

- 13b.** Request Standing Committee on Public Works hold a public discussion relative to the leak on a sewer force main that was discovered in the vicinity of 65 Lake Ave. on February 20, 2024 that resulted in an estimated 193,000 gallons of wastewater entering Lake Quinsigamond through the city's storm drainage system. (Mero-Carlson)
- 13c.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the existing crosswalks in the vicinity of the intersection of North St. and Grove St. (Mero-Carlson)
- 13d.** Request City Manager work with the Superintendent of Public Schools and any other appropriate departments to put together an orientation package for refugees and immigrants that includes pertinent information regarding fire safety, personal safety, health and nutrition resources, explanations of expectations and requirements for parents of children, information for seniors and any other information that would be relevant to ensure safety and quality of life. (Toomey)
- 13e.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning what process businesses need to follow in order to sell tobacco products, how many licenses are currently granted in the city for selling tobacco products, and what the maximum is for the number of businesses in the city that can be allowed to sell tobacco products. (Mero-Carlson)
- 13f.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the number of accidents that have occurred on Mill St. since its reconfiguration, as well as the impact the reconfiguration has had on the street's safety. (Colorio)
- 13g.** Request City Manager work with any appropriate State and local stakeholders to review potential improvements that can be made relative to improving walkability and beatification of the walking bridge on Cambridge St. Said improvements should include the installation of a plaque signifying the neighborhood's historical significance. (Ojeda)
- 13h.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic review of Cambridge St. at its intersection Richard St., as well as its intersection with Fremont St. and Canterbury St., for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving traffic flow at said locations. Said review should also include determining the appropriateness of installing additional lighting to aid motorists and pedestrians. (Ojeda)

- 13i.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report reviewing the process the city uses following natural disasters occurring at properties in the city for the purpose of improving upon and/or creating additional infrastructure to ensure tenants are appropriately taken care of when dealing with landlords of said properties, as well as insurance agencies. Said review should include the feasibility of creating a team of housing and legal experts to aid residents through such a situation. (Ojeda)
- 13j.** Request City Manager request Interim Police Chief provide City Council with a report explaining how both internal and external training for patrolmen and officers is conducted. (Toomey)
- 13k.** Request City Manager and Mayor organize for the Irish Flag to be raised from March 15, 2024 through March 18, 2024, in honor of Irish American Heritage Month. (Toomey)
- 13l.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility consider pausing the elimination of travel lanes on public streets as a traffic calming measure by the creation of on-street parking spaces in their place, such as on Mill Street, while the safety and best practices of creating same are fully evaluated over this coming calendar year. (Bergman)
- 13m.** Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report recommending speed calming measures and traffic signage improvements at the intersection of Bullard Ave., Wayside Rd. and White Ave. (Pacillo)
- 13n.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks install “No Smoking” signage at Bancroft Tower. (Pacillo)
- 13o.** Request City Manager work with representatives from the city’s utility companies to improve upon the process for notifying residents and/or business owners relative to the companies’ construction timelines. (Pacillo)
- 13p.** Request City Manager request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks begin the process to rename the Crompton Neighborhood Center in honor of Lorraine M. Laurie. (Petty)
- 13q.** Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning why the city’s online vendor check register is no longer available on the city’s website. (Petty)

## 14. RESOLUTIONS

- 14a. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2024 as Women's History Month in the city of Worcester and that the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon its public officials, community members and residents to observe in the celebration of Women's History Month by participating in the various happenings that honor the many achievements of women throughout history. (Mero-Carlson)
- 14b. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support House Bill No. 2356, An Act relative to problem properties and enhancing fire safety, filed by State Representatives David LeBoeuf and Patricia Duffy. (Ojeda)
- 14c. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2024 as Irish American Heritage Month in the city of Worcester. (Toomey)
- 14d. That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon the State Legislature to fully enforce and enact any additional required legislation to ensure full sentencing be mandatory for the illegal possession of firearms. (Toomey)

## 15. COMMUNICATIONS

### 15a Refer to Education Committee

- 15a. Paul Matthews, Executive Director and CEO of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, transmitting, "Building the Future: Investing in Worcester Public Schools Facilities," and the online visualization, "Understanding Your Neighborhood Schools."

## 16. COMMUNICATION OF THE CITY CLERK

### 16a Refer to Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee

- 16a. Recommend consideration for the negotiation of an employee contract with the City Clerk at the commencement of a new, two (2) year term, upon the review of the City Clerk's performance and goals over the past two (2) years.

## 17. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

### 17a Refer to Economic Development Committee

- 17a. REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD Upon the Petition of Mark Borenstein, Esq. request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning designation of the property located at and known as 342 West Boylston St. from the current zoning designation of Business, Limited (BL-1.0) to Business, Limited (BL-1.0) and Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E) by establishing the Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E) at the property.

## 18. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### 18a - 18e Advertise proposed Ordinances

- 18a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Frank Zitomersky request the Zoning Map be amended to change the zoning at 9 Castle St., 5 & 7 Castle St., 4 Castle St., 6 Castle St. and 8 Castle St. from BG-3 to RG-5 and to remove the same properties from the Commercial Corridors Overlay District (CCOD-E): recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
- 18b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Jonathan Finkelstein, on behalf of Michael O'Rourke, Principal of S&O Realty LLC, request City Council amend Zoning Map by changing the zoning district designation for the property at 12 Jackson St. from MG-2.0 to RG-5.0: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
- 18c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Brendan Gove and John D. Barry request to amend the city's zoning map by extending the BG-3.0 zoning district and the CCOD-E to wholly encompass the property at 0 Grafton St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
- 18d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of a proposed zoning map amendment that would extend the Residential, General - 5.0 (RG-5) zoning district to wholly encompass the property located at 104 Armory Street: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.
- 18e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Meletios D. Chacharone request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning destination of the properties located at 440, 454 & 474 Grove St. from RL-7 and BG-3.0 to BG-3.0: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

### 18f and 18g Accept and Adopt on a roll call

- 18f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommend designation of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Program Zone and Approval of a UCH-TIF Plan for 16 and 52 Great Brook Valley Avenue: recommend adoption of the two (2) accompanying Resolutions.

- 18g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Housing Development Certified Project Application/Tax Increment Exemption Plan for One Chestnut Place at 22 Elm Street: recommend adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

**18h - 18i Accept**

- 18h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Economic Development Initiatives: recommend Communication be placed on file.
- 18i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on housing and neighborhood development: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**19. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**19a - 19c Accept**

- 19a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report of all grant funds and associated activities at the Division of Public Health: recommend Communication be placed on file.
- 19b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the different types of homelessness experienced by individuals in the City of Worcester: recommend Communication be placed on file.
- 19c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Upon the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Fitness Court in Main South: recommend Communication be placed on file.

**20. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

**20a Advertise proposed Ordinance**

- 20a.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Thomas Card request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on both side of Amanola Ave. where the road intersects with Plantation St. to allow for increased visibility for motorists to safely turn onto Plantation St.: recommend passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**20b and 20c Accept and Adopt**

- 20b.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Gregory Wong request installation of flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights on Sunderland Rd. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Street School: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.
- 20c.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Daniel Green et al. request installation of crosswalk and flashing crosswalk signs on Suffolk St. south of 24 Suffolk St. between the parking lots associated with the business at 360 Franklin St.: recommend adoption of the accompanying Order.

**20d - 20p Accept**

- 20d.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Felix Osafo and Corinne Karanja request installation of additional handicap parking signage at existing handicap parking space on Leon St. opposite of 18 Plantation St. to provide further clarification that there are two (2) handicap parking spaces on the street: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Ashley Seymour request removal of handicap parking space in front of 45 Waverly St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Patrick Foley request installation of speed humps on Revere St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20g.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Amanda Gorman et al. request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of the intersection of Ridgewood Rd. and Ararat St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20h.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Yixuan Wang request installation of crosswalk on Salisbury St. between Flower Hill Dr. and Old English Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20i.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Delma Betancourt request installation of No Parking Within 5 Feet of Driveway signage at 35 Shelby St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20j.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Joanne Troiano et al. request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on Short St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.



- 20k.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Lynnwood Ln.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20l.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Birchwood Rd.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20m.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Lynnwood Ln. and Dick Dr.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20n.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Toronita Ave. and Barrett Ave.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20o.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of Hannah Jacobs request installation of traffic signal in front of 360 Franklin St., in the vicinity of the intersection of Norfolk St., Suffolk St. and Franklin St.: recommend Petition be placed on file.
- 20p.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PARKING Upon the Petition of John Yanczewski request installation of residential permit parking on Richland St. in the vicinity of the intersection of Richland St. and Ward St.: recommend Petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

## **21. TO BE ORDAINED**

### **21a - 21e Ordain on a roll call**

- 21a.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Bay State Road at Hillsboro Road.
- 21b.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for Stop Signs on Beacon Street at Oread Street.
- 21c.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for a Stop Sign on Myrna Road at Miscoe Road.
- 21d.** Amending Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 Providing for Stop Signs on Barry Road, Barry Road Extension and Toronita Avenue.

- 21e.** Amending Section 29 Of Chapter 13 Of The Revised Ordinances Of 2008 Providing For Stop Signs On Moreland Street At Brigham Road And Carter Road.

## **22. TABLED UNDER PRIVILEGE**

- 22a.** Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a pole location on: MILTON ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a pole location on: MILTON ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Petty February 6, 2024 and February 13, 2024)

- 22b.** PETITION of Kathryn Hagan request street resurfacing between 277 and 281 Moreland St. (Tabled Under Privilege - King February 13, 2024)

- 22c.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a review of pothole damage on Moreland St., in order to determine areas for immediate repair. (Tabled Under Privilege - King February 13, 2024)

## **23. TABLED ITEMS**

- 23a.** ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

- 23b.** RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

- 23c.** ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

- 23d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)
- 23e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
- 23f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)
- 23g.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhijaj August 22, 2023)
- 23h.** Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj October 17, 2023 and October 24, 2023 and Tabled - Petty November 14, 2023)

**24. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the February 13, 2024 City Council meeting.**

**24a.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager provide City Council with information outlining the benefits that neighboring communities receive from Discover Central Massachusetts, as well as what funds said neighboring communities contribute to Discover Central Massachusetts’ budget. – Item #20a CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

**24b.** ORDER of Councilor George J. Russell – Request City Manager request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks work with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to provide City Council with the list of approved streets and sidewalks to select for funding in future construction projects. – Item #20b CC Order adopted on a roll call vote of 10 Yeas and 0 Nays

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## Scheduled Meetings of the Standing Committees

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| <b>Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2024</b>   | <b>Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee</b>       | Esther Howland (South)<br>Chamber                |
| 05:00 PM                        | Chairperson Jenny Pacillo, Etel Haxhij, Kathleen M. Toomey       |  |
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| <b>Wednesday, Mar. 13, 2024</b> | <b>Public Works Committee</b>                                    | Esther Howland (South)<br>Chamber                |
| 05:00 PM                        | Chairperson George J. Russell, Candy Mero-Carlson, Jenny Pacillo |  |
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| <b>Wednesday, Mar. 13, 2024</b> | <b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>                             | YMCA Central Branch,<br>766 Main Street          |
| 05:30 PM                        | Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King      |  |
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| <b>Thursday, Mar. 14, 2024</b>  | <b>Public Safety Committee</b>                                   | Esther Howland (South)<br>Chamber                |
| 05:30 PM                        | Chairperson Kathleen M. Toomey, Morris A. Bergman, Luis A. Ojeda |  |
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| <b>Monday, Mar. 18, 2024</b>    | <b>Education Committee</b>                                       | Esther Howland (South)<br>Chamber                |
| 06:00 PM                        | Chairperson Etel Haxhij, Khrystian E. King, Thu Nguyen           |  |
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| <b>Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2024</b> | <b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>                             | Esther Howland (South)<br>Chamber                |
| 04:00 PM                        | Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King      |  |
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| <b>Tuesday, Mar. 26, 2024</b>   | <b>Municipal and Legislative Operations Committee</b>            | Esther Howland (South)<br>Chamber                |
| 05:00 PM                        | Chairperson Morris A. Bergman, Donna M. Colorio, Luis A. Ojeda   |  |
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| <b>Wednesday, Mar. 27, 2024</b> | <b>Traffic and Parking Committee</b>                             | Seventh-day Adventist<br>Church, 2 Airport Drive |
| 05:30 PM                        | Chairperson Donna M. Colorio, Thu Nguyen, Khrystian E. King      |  |
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**CITY OF WORCESTER**  
**JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**  
**Esther Howland (South) Chamber**  
**Convened: 6:30 P.M.**  
**Adjourned: 9:03 P.M.**

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**MAYOR**

Joseph M. Petty

**AT-LARGE COUNCILORS**

**Morris A. Bergman**  
**Donna M. Colorio**  
**Khrystian E. King**  
**Thu Nguyen**  
**Kathleen M. Toomey**



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**DISTRICT COUNCILORS**

**Jenny Pacillo - District 1**  
**Candy Mero-Carlson - District 2**  
**George J. Russell - District 3**  
**Luis A. Ojeda - District 4**  
**Etel Haxhijaj - District 5**

**CITY CLERK**

**Nikolin Vangjeli**

**CITY MANAGER**

**Eric D. Batista**

**CITY AUDITOR**

**Robert V. Stearns**

City Hall - 455 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

**3. ROLL CALL - All present with the Mayor as the Chair.**

**4. PROCLAMATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

- 4a.** MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of Professor Thomas Doughton, who passed away on February 3, 2024 at the age of 75. Thomas Doughton was a professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester and worked to create the Worcester Black History Trail.
- 4b.** Mayor Petty presented a Key to the City to Eamonn Dennis, a Special Teamer and Wide Receiver for the University of Michigan Wolverines, where he won the 2024 College Football Playoff National Championship on January 8, 2024 in a 34 to 13 victory against the University of Washington Huskies.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5a. Order - That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby approves the minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 23, 2024.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to adopt the item. Order adopted**

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 6a. Mayor Petty read the item and recognized the following speakers:

1. Charles Luster, Worcester resident, spoke concerning the Key to the City presentation
2. Ambrose Toekulah, Worcester resident, spoke concerning the Key to the City presentation
3. Fred Nathan, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
4. Frank Callahan, Worcester resident, spoke concerning the Moment of Silence for Thomas Doughton and in favor of item #9.4A CM
5. Pam Barnes, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
6. Janine Loescher, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
7. Serenity Jones, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
8. Maria Montano, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of items #10e CC, #10a CC and #10g CC and in opposition to item #8h CC
9. David Webb, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8h CC and #10g CC, as well as in opposition to item #9.39A CM
10. Allen Dillaire, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
11. Samantha Olney, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8h CC
12. Joan Davenport, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
13. Michael Lagoy, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #7a CC
14. Mark Dufresne, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of item #8h CC
15. John Rodgers, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
16. Donald Gove, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
17. Ed Dziewietin, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC
18. Marcel Blais, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to item #8h CC

## 7. HEARING AND ORDER

- 7a. Hearing: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a pole location on: MILTON ST.

Granting permission to CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS for a pole location on: MILTON ST.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to Table the Item Under Privilege.**

**Tabled Under Privilege - Petty**

## 8. PETITIONS

- 8a. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Susan Perkins request Passway One be made public.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Planning Board. Referred to Planning Board**

- 8b. Valeria Claret request installation of sidewalks on Moreland St.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee**

- 8c. Emilie Halaby Brisseault request removal of handicap parking space in front of 7 Stoneland Rd.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer items #8c CC through #8f CC to Traffic and Parking Committee. Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee**

- 8d. Ashley Seymour request removal of handicap parking space in front of 45 Waverly St.

**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8c CC)**

- 8e. Matthew Morse et al. request traffic exiting Chandler Magnet Elementary School (525 Chandler St.) be made right-turn only between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. for all vehicles with the exception of school buses.

**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8c CC)**

- 8f. Kwaku Obeng-Mensah request removal of handicap parking space in front of 9 Tower St.

**Referred to Traffic and Parking Committee (See Item #8c CC)**

- 8g. NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: PLEASANT ST.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to set a hearing hearing for February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Hearing set for February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**



- 8h.** Samantha Olney request the usage of tents in city parks and public property for temporary shelter as a temporary solution to the growing homeless population be allowed.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Colorio, who moved to place the item on file.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj, who moved to, “Request City Manager invite Samantha Olney and other representatives from the homeless community when holding discussions relative to finding respectful, dignified solutions for housing concerns brought forward by community neighbors, public safety officials and the homeless population.” (See Item #12a CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Nguyen and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and the City Solicitor, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report detailing legal proceedings and decisions relative to allowing homeless individuals to sleep in public parks.” (See Item #12b CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, Councilor Toomey, and Councilor Mero-Carlson, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Bergman, who moved to, “Request City Manager hold conversations with the city’s State Delegation to determine ways the city’s surrounding towns can help share responsibilities associated with caring for the homeless community, either through creating housing or through funding, due to a number of residents from other cities and towns relocating to Worcester for services.” (See Item #12c CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor King for a second time, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager ensure that currently or recently unsheltered individuals are included as members of the Homelessness Task Force.” (See Item #12d CC).

Councilor King then moved to, “Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the city is engaging with the State to ensure funding for housing solutions for the city’s homeless population.” (See Item #12e CC).

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Haxhiaj and Councilor Russell for second times, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty moved for a roll call vote to place the item on file. Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Mayor Petty moved to adopt the motions brought forward during the discussion of the item. Orders adopted

Placed on file on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

**9.1 APPOINTMENTS**

**Non-City Council Confirmation**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the appointment of Constables for Civil Process.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file**

**9.2 APPOINTMENTS**

**City Council Confirmation**

**9.3 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**William Bagley, Jr., Esq., Chief Human Resources Officer**

**9.4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Housing Development Certified Project Application/Tax Increment Exemption Plan for One Chestnut Place at 22 Elm Street.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Economic Development Committee. Referred to Economic Development Committee**

**9.5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**Eric D. Batista, City Manager**

**9.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**Division of Human Rights and Accessibility**

**Victor Perez, Interim Director**

**9.7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Administration Division**

**Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Whispering Wall at Lincoln Square Renovation.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Veterans' Memorials, Parks and Recreation Committee**

**9.8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Engineering and Architectural Services Division**

**Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner**

**9.9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Operations Division**

**Jay J. Fink, P.E., Commissioner**

**9.10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

**Parks Division**

**Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Assistant Commissioner**

**9.11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**

**Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Commissioner**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Treatments.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Russell, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who responded to questions raised by Councilor Russell.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Works Committee. Referred to Public Works Committee

**9.12 FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Martin Dyer, Fire Chief**

**9.13 POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief**

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Drug Trafficking Statistics.

Mayor Petty read the item and moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

- B. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to Information on Gun Violence and Firearms Seized by the Worcester Police Department.

Mayor Petty read the item and recognized Councilor Toomey, who moved to, "Request City Manager request Interim Police Chief provide City Council with a five-year comparison relative to gun violence and firearms seized by the Worcester Police Department (WPD)." (See Item #12f CC).

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Safety Committee. Referred to Public Safety Committee

**9.14 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**Charles R. Goodwin, Director**

**9.15 LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Michael E. Traynor, Esq., City Solicitor**

- 9.16 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**  
Administration  
Christopher P. Spencer, Commissioner
- 9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**  
Building and Zoning Division  
David Horne, Deputy Building Commissioner
- 9.18 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**  
Housing and Health Inspections Division  
Lee R. Hall, Director
- 9.19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Administration  
Dr. Matilde "Mattie" Castiel, M.D., Commissioner
- 9.20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Public Health  
Soloe M. Dennis, MS, MEP, Director
- 9.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Elder Affairs  
Amy Vogel Waters, Director
- 9.22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Veterans Services  
Dr. Joe Robinson, Veterans' Services Officer/Director
- 9.23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Youth Services  
Raquel Castro-Corazzini, Director
- 9.24 WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Jason L. Homer, Executive Director
- 9.25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**  
Election Commission Division  
Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk
- 9.26 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
Rachel Monarrez, Superintendent

**9.27 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Assessing Division**

**Samuel E. Konieczny, City Assessor**

**9.28 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Budget Office Division**

**Erin E. Taylor, Director**

**9.29 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Purchasing Division**

**Christopher Gagliastro, Director**

**9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

**Treasury and Collections Division**

**Timothy J. McGourthy, Acting Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**

A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the certification of DCU Special District Improvement Fund.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved to place the item on file. Placed on file**

**9.31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Julie A. Lynch, Chief of Public Facilities**

**9.32 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**

**John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer**

**9.33 DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer**

**9.34 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Capital Transfers**

**9.35 FINANCE ITEMS**

**Grants and Donations**

A. Recommend adoption of a resolution to file, accept and expend a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$500,000.00) from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Equity Workforce Training, Equipment, and Infrastructure Grant program.

**Mayor Petty read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt items #9.35A CM through #9.35C CM, #9.36A CM through #9.36E CM and #9.37A CM through #9.37F CM. Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays**

- B. Recommend adoption of a resolution to accept a donation in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars And No Cents (\$200.00) from Our Lady of Vilna Parish, to support the Worcester Police Department.  
**Resolution adopted with gratitude on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**
- C. Recommend adoption of the attached resolution to apply for, accept, and expend a grant in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Forty Three Dollars And Eighty Nine Cents (\$1,249,043.89) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, 2024 Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative grant program.  
**Resolution adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

## **9.36 FINANCE ITEMS**

### **Operational Transfers**

- A. Recommend that Fifteen Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$15,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1007-600100, Public Facilities Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1007-601100, Public Facilities Overtime, to cover continued overtime costs.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**
- B. Recommend that Six thousand Sixty Nine Dollars And Ninety Three Cents (\$6,069.93) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1021-610100, MassHire Workforce Board Division Ordinary Maintenance and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1021-600100, MassHire Workforce Board Division Salaries, to cover the costs of staff salaries working on this program for the remainder of the fiscal year.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**
- C. Recommend that Six Hundred Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$600,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1026-600100, Water Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #1026-610100, Water Ordinary Maintenance.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**
- D. Recommend that Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents (\$10,000.00) be transferred from Cost Center #CC1001-600101, City Council Salaries, and be appropriated to Cost Center #CC1001-610100, City Council Ordinary Maintenance, to cover operating expenses through the end of FY2024.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**
- E. Recommend an amendment to Fiscal Year 2024 Table of Organization for Sustainability & Resilience.  
**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**



## 9.37 FINANCE ITEMS

### Prior Year

- A. Recommend One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars And No Cents (\$1,299.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1049, Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Youth Opportunities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

- B. Recommend that Two Hundred Ninety Four Dollars And Thirty Eight Cents (\$294.38) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1049, Health & Human Services - Division of Youth Opportunities Ordinary Maintenance, for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

- C. Recommend that Two Hundred Twelve Dollars And Thirty Five Cents (\$212.35) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Public Works & Parks Cost Centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

- D. Recommend that Six Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$635.00) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1031, Department of Innovation and Technology Ordinary Maintenance, for payment of a prior year invoice.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

- E. Recommend that Sixty Four Dollars And Thirty Eight Cents (\$64.38) be authorized from various Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Public Works & Parks Cost Centers for the payment of prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

- F. Recommend that Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$13,944.40) be authorized from Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Center #CC1012, Human Resources Administration, to allow for the payment prior year invoices.

**Order adopted on a roll call vote of 11 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #9.35A CM)**

## 9.38 FINANCE

### Loan Orders

## 9.39 MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA TRANSMITTALS

- A. Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Quality of Life Team.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager, who offered City Council a presentation relative to issues overseen by the city's Quality of Life team.

Vice Chairman Councilor King recognized Mayor Petty, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized Councilor Russell, Councilor Mero-Carlson, and Councilor King, who spoke concerning the item.

Mayor Petty recognized the City Manager and Director of the Quality of Life Taskforce, who responded to questions raised by Councilor King.

Mayor Petty moved to refer the item to Public Health and Human Services Committee. Referred to Public Health and Human Services Committee

## 10. TABLED ITEMS

- 10a. ORDER of Councilor Konstantina B. Lukes - Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program. (Tabled Under Privilege - Lukes September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019 and Tabled - Lukes October 15, 2019)

No action taken

- 10b. RESOLUTION of Councilor Khrystian E. King - That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman February 9, 2021 and Tabled - Bergman February 23, 2021)

No action taken

- 10c. ORDER of Councilor Sarai Rivera - Request City Manager consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson October 26, 2021 and Tabled Under Privilege - Petty November 9, 2021 and Tabled - Rivera November 16, 2021)

No action taken

**10d.** CHAIRMAN'S ORDER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Request City Council work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity. (Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson May 24, 2022 and June 7, 2022 and Tabled - Petty June 14, 2022)

**No action taken**

**10e.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way: recommend Communication be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

**No action taken**

**10f.** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION Upon the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops: recommend Order be placed on file. (Tabled Under Privilege - Bergman January 17, 2023 and Tabled Under Privilege - Mero-Carlson January 24, 2023 and Tabled - Mero-Carlson January 31, 2023)

**No action taken**

**10g.** ORDER of Councilor Etel Haxhijaj and Councilor Thu Nguyen - Request City Manager work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj July 18, 2023 and Tabled - Haxhijaj August 22, 2023)

**No action taken**

**10h.** Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST.

Granting permission to NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST. (Tabled Under Privilege - Haxhijaj October 17, 2023 and October 24, 2023 and Tabled - Petty November 14, 2023)

**No action taken**

**11. BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the January 30, 2024 City Council meeting.**

- 11a.** ORDER of Councilor Khrystian E. King – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report detailing analytics around responsiveness via the city’s “311” application, including information as to how the city is tracking response to requesters and how said responses are being measured. – Item #19a CC Order adopted

**12. NEW BUSINESS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES - Items brought forth under suspension at the February 6, 2024 City Council meeting.**

- 12a.** Motion Haxhiaj @ #8h CC – Request City Manager invite Samantha Olney and other representatives from the homeless community when holding discussions relative to finding respectful, dignified solutions for housing concerns brought forward by community neighbors, public safety officials and the homeless population.

**Order adopted (See Item #8h CC)**

- 12b.** Motion King @ #8h CC – Request City Manager request City Solicitor provide City Council with a report detailing legal proceedings and decisions relative to allowing homeless individuals to sleep in public parks.

**Order adopted (See Item #8h CC)**

- 12c.** Motion Bergman @ #8h CC – Request City Manager hold conversations with the city’s State Delegation to determine ways the city’s surrounding towns can help share responsibilities associated with caring for the homeless community, either through creating housing or through funding, due to a number of residents from other cities and towns relocating to Worcester for services.

**Order adopted (See Item #8h CC)**

- 12d.** Motion King @ #8h CC – Request City Manager ensure that currently or recently unsheltered individuals are included as members of the Homelessness Task Force.

**Order adopted (See Item #8h CC)**

- 12e.** Motion King @ #8h CC – Request City Manager provide City Council with a report concerning how the city is engaging with the State to ensure funding for housing solutions for the city’s homeless population.

**Order adopted (See Item #8h CC)**

- 12f.** Motion Toomey @ #9.13B CM – Request City Manager request Interim Police Chief provide City Council with a five-year comparison relative to gun violence and firearms seized by the Worcester Police Department (WPD).

**Order adopted (See Item #9.13B CM)**

Questions contact – Brandon MacMillan 774-232-8698

**PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS**

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council  
Of Worcester, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Burncoat St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Burncoat St beginning at a point approximately 730 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Matteo St. National Grid to install one new 40ft class 3 pole, numbered P124-50 to provide electricity to 3 new units across Burncoat St.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Burncoat St - Worcester - Massachusetts.

**No. 30903285** January 15, 2024

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a

NATIONAL GRID *Pat Shea*

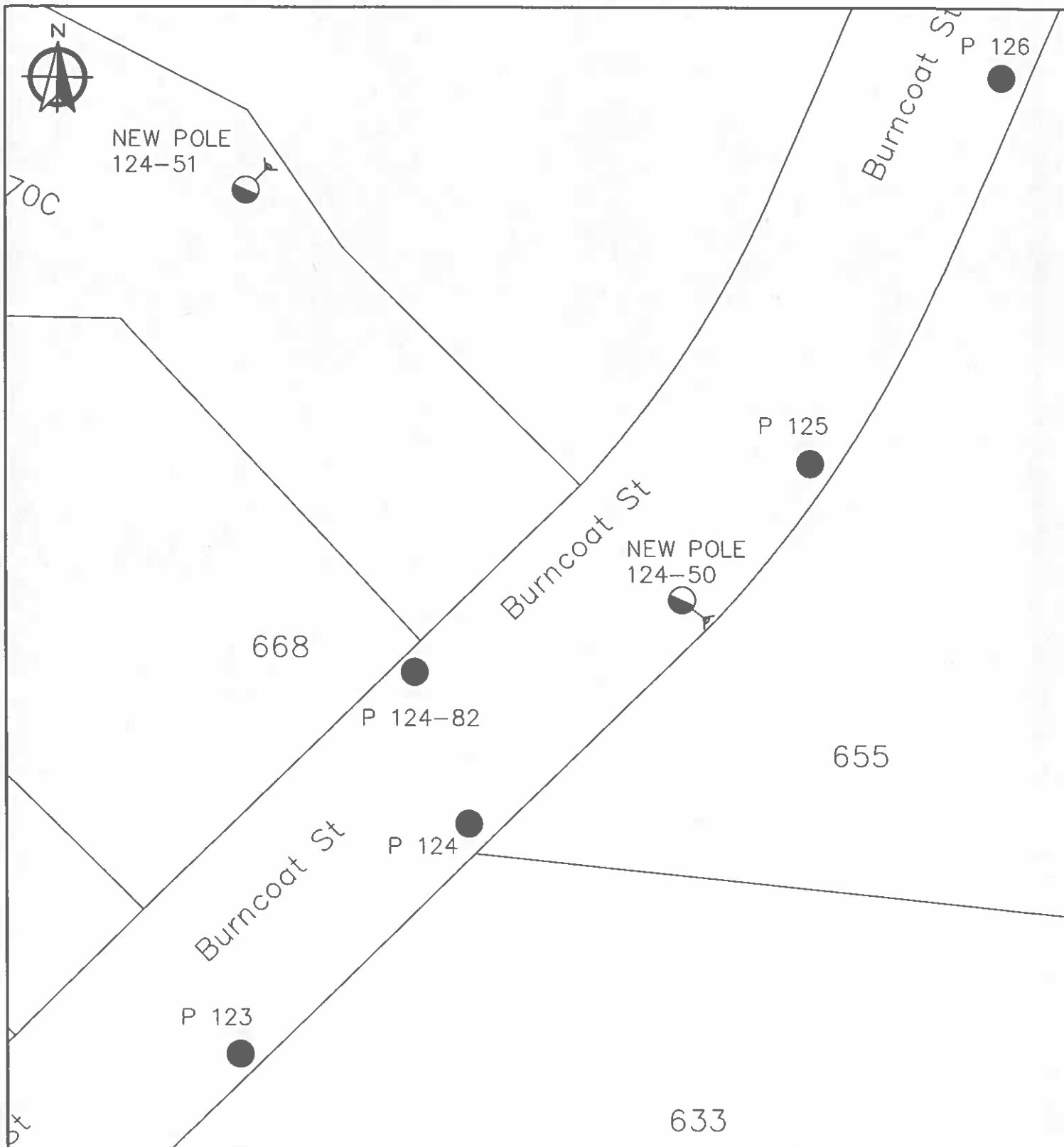
BY \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Manager / Right of Way



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| <b>LEGEND</b><br>EXISTING POLE       NEW ANCHOR<br>NEW POLE |  | <b>PETITION SKETCH</b><br>670 Burncoat St      Worcester, MA<br><b>ADDITIONAL NOTES</b><br>NOT TO SCALE: |  | Date: 12/13/2023<br>Designer: MACMIB<br>W/R: 30903285 |
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**nationalgrid**

Questions contact – Abdel Nabat 781-795-5733

**PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS**

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council  
Of Worcester, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Pleasant St - National Grid to install 2 JO Poles on Huntington Ave. National Grid is petitioning to relocate 1 JO Pole to the public way and install 1 JO stub pole on Huntington Ave due to deteriorating retaining wall that is collapsing.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Huntington Ave - Worcester - Massachusetts.

**No. 30873098** January 11, 2024

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a

NATIONAL GRID *Pat Shea*

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering Department

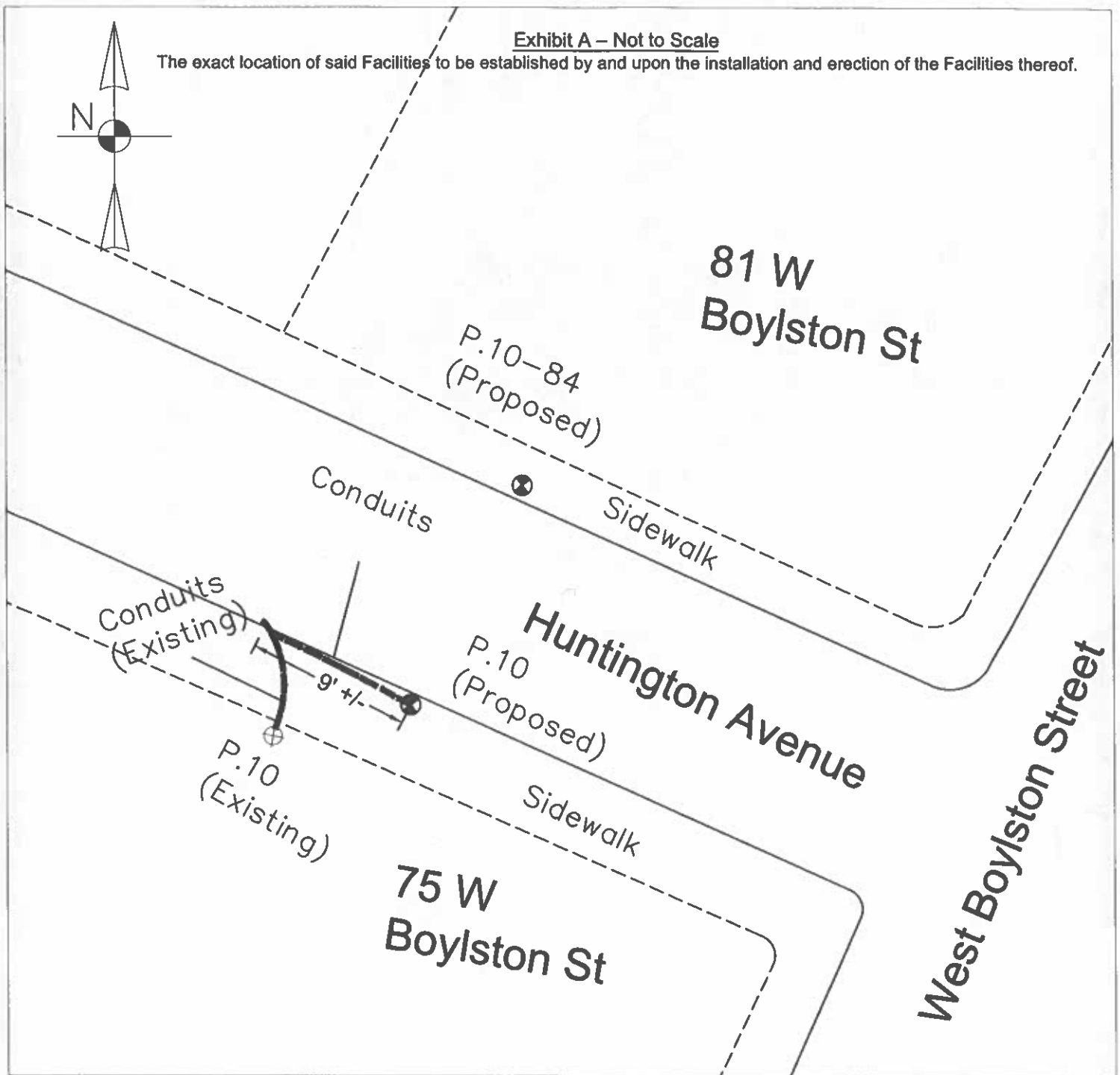
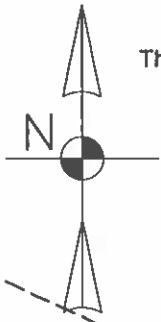
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Manager / Right of Way

Exhibit A – Not to Scale

The exact location of said Facilities to be established by and upon the installation and erection of the Facilities thereof.



**JO POLE PETITION SKETCH**

⊗ Pole (Existing)

——— Underground Conduits

⊕ Pole (Proposed)

- - - - - Property Line

**Scope**

- NGRID is petitioning to relocate (1) JO pole, install (1) JO stub pole, on Huntington Ave Worcester due to deteriorating retaining wall that is collapsing.

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE

**nationalgrid**

Date: 12/12/2023

WORK REQUEST: 30873098

To The: City Of Worcester

For Proposed: JO Pole Location: W Boylston St

Drawn By: Abdelwahed Nabat



# Petition to Designate Crillon Road as a Public Road

**To:** The Honorable City Council of Worcester, Massachusetts

**From:** The undersigned residents of City of Worcester

**Subject:** Request to Designate Crillon Road as a Public Road

## Introduction:

- We, the undersigned residents of Plantation/Lake Quinsigamond, are writing to petition the City Council to designate Crillon Road as a public road.

## Current Conditions:

Crillon Road is currently an undeveloped road with deep holes, mud, and other issues that make it unsafe and impassable for regular vehicular traffic. This condition creates several challenges for our community, including:

- **Limited Access:** Residents living on or near Crillon Road have limited access to their homes and the surrounding area due to the poor road conditions. Emergency vehicles may also face difficulty accessing these homes in case of an emergency.
- **Safety Concerns:** The deep holes and uneven surface present safety hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists who attempt to use the road.
- **Development Obstacles:** The lack of a properly maintained road hinders the development potential of the area and limits opportunities for new residents and businesses.

## Petition:

We, the undersigned residents, urge the City Council to take the necessary steps to designate Crillon Road as a public road. This designation would allow the City to allocate resources for paving, drainage, and other improvements to make the road safe and accessible for all users.

## Benefits of Designating Crillon Road as a Public Road:

- **Improved Safety:** Paved roads with proper drainage and signage would significantly improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.
- **Enhanced Access:** Residents and emergency vehicles would have reliable access to the area, improving quality of life and emergency response times.
- **Increased Development Potential:** A well-maintained road would attract new residents and businesses, boosting the local economy and tax base.
  - **Community Connectivity:** A designated public road would better connect Biotech Park Area to other parts of the city, improving overall community integration.

## Conclusion:

We believe that designating Crillon Road as a public road is a necessary step to improve the safety, accessibility, and development potential of our neighborhood. We urge the City Council to consider our petition and take action to address this important issue.



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Public Need: Crillon Road is currently used by a significant number of residents for commuting, walking, cycling, and its designation as a public road would formalize this use and ensure continued access for all.

| Signature | Name               | Address, Zip Code          | Phone Number | Email                       |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|           | Athena Colson      | 2 Natural History Dr 01605 | 508-864-2385 | athenacolson@gmail.com      |
|           | Stephanie Davis    | 10 Crillon Rd              | 781 367 5108 | stephanedavis@outlook.com   |
|           | Julie Conacher     | 1 Natural History Dr.      | 508 625 0794 | Julie88905@gmail.com        |
|           | Mericla Santiago   | 12 Crillon Rd              | 784 249 2532 | mericla@gmail.com           |
|           | Kathleen Offenberg | 5B Natural History Dr      | 508-756-3021 | kathleenoffenberg@gmail.com |

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|           | Donavan Kieran   | 3a natural history    | 857-636-1474 | donavan.m.kieran@gmail.com      |
|           | OLGA GONCHAROVA  | 3A NATURAL HISTORY    | 423-994-7284 | topolmod@yahoo.com              |
|           | Jonathan Marconi | 5A Natural History Dr | 508-713-1432 | slagger19@aol.com               |
|           | MAREK GWUZDA     | 217 LAKE AVE N        | 508-769-9516 | 21750167@GMAIL.COM              |
|           | Rafael Rosario   | 29 Natural History Dr | 774-778-6073 | rosario.rafael.garcia@gmail.com |

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|           | Mike Trudell     | 5 Crillon Rd, 01605 | 508 736-4823 |       |
|           | Vanessa Bouch    | 6 Crillon Rd        | 508 794 7773 |       |
|           | Daniel Foley     | 1 Crillon Rd        | 508 340-8234 |       |
|           | Alberto Sagustum | 33 Crillon Rd       | 305 801 1403 |       |
|           | JAS-M. STAMM     | 7 Crillon Rd        | 508 735 8694 |       |

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| <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>[Signature]</i> | 58 Natural History<br>Drive | 508-774-2253/3331 |       |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | Matthew Higgins    | 25 Natural History<br>Drive | 508-795-7457      |       |
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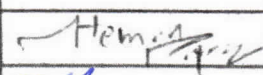

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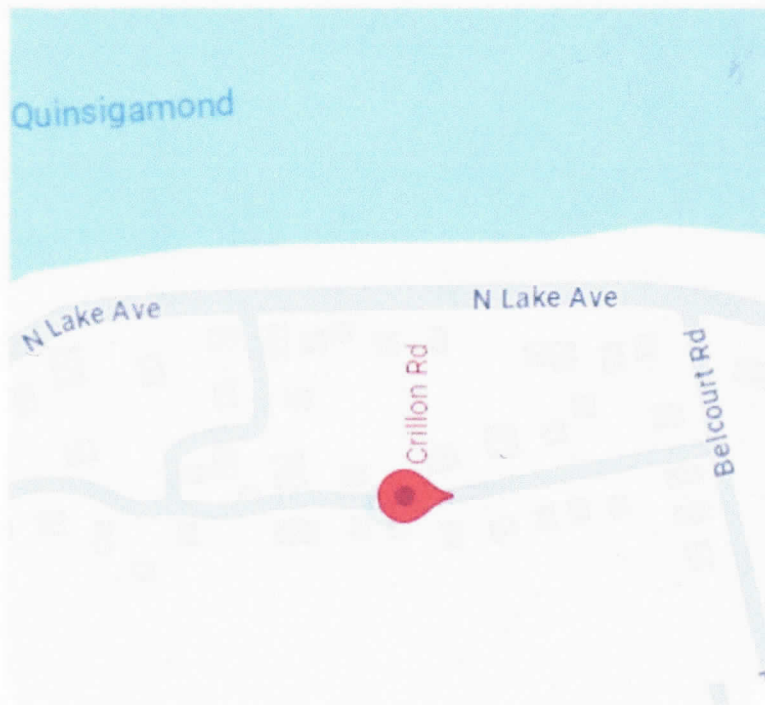
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|  | HEMAL PATEL            | 9 CRILLON RD.<br>01605                 | 716-348-4301 | hemalpatel@yahoo.com |
|  | Samantha Waidyarachchi | 14 Crillon Road<br>Worcester, MA 01605 | 508 723-6765 | swlakma@gmail.com    |
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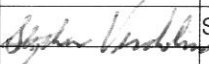
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1- To make any required betterments and to convert Belcourt Road from Platanon Street to Cadorna Road to a public street.

2- To make any required betterments including public sewer lines and convert Cadorna Road from Belcourt Road to Dominion Road to a public street.

| Signature  | Name              | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number | Email                |
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|  | Stephen Verdolino | 22 Cadorna Rd     | 860-402-8575 | sverdolino@gmail.com |
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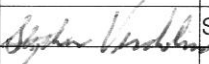
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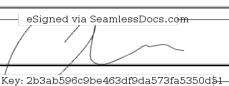
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Hello,

I want to petition that Tracy Place becomes a fully public road. I requested through 311 some huge potholes to be fix in Tracy Place and I was told by 311 that only a partial of the potholes could be fix due to the road being partially private. I live in 1045 Southbridge St. and I can only access my driveway going through Tracy Place. This road is in dirt and has a lot of huge potholes. The train also goes through Tracy Place and the train tracks are in bad shape, people get stuck on the train tracks all the time. It's not safe. It would be of great help if this road be paved. At the end of Tracy Place intercepting Southbridge St. its where the road is worst and is where my driveway its at. Please take a look and help me with this petition because its getting worst everyday.

Thank you!

| Signature  | Name         | Address, Zip Code   | Phone Number | Email                  |
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| <br><small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com<br/>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d91</small> | Aitza Rosado | 1045 Southbridge St | 5085792004   | iza-rosado@hotmail.com |
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My name is Roy John Moore and I live at 10 Berkshire St and I have lived here for 7 years and the sidewalks are all cracked and jagged. I have personally seen 4 people take very bad falls we would like to have them repaired

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| <br><small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com<br/>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d91</small> | Roy John Moore III | 10 Berkshire St Apt 1 | 774-303-0312 | royjohnmooreIII@yahoo.co |
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Fix side walks and Park Terrace Road  
which has numerous pot holes dangerous  
Side walks and just gets patched up  
The Road is dangerous sidewalks are unsafe  
Disabled children and adults can not safely  
Walk on the sidewalk or streets

| Signature      | Name           | Address, Zip Code           | Phone Number | Email                     |
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| Cheryl Laporte | Cheryl Laporte | 60 Park Terrace Rd<br>01604 | 508 371 5610 | cleotyson219943@gmail.com |
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FROM THE HAND OF  
**EVAN C. CORRIGAN**

WORCESTER, MA

I, Evan Corrigan, do hereby petition the Worcester City Council the following:

- ~~A. Provide an update on the petition regarding the ability of residents to raise chickens within city limits.~~
- B. To consider creating a permitting process for residents living in suitable areas to be able to have and use outdoor fire pits for recreational purposes, those outside of the currently allowed cooking.
- C. Install a lit pylon for the Burncoat neighborhood at the Triangle, as has been done for other neighborhoods/districts.

Witness my hand, and  
know these words to be true.  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

  
Evan C. Corrigan

*A. To consider creating a permitting process to allow for residents to have chickens, more specifically.*

**cc2024feb25101115**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER:**

**The undersigned person(s) most respectfully petitions your Honorable Board:**

**Request the establishment of a permanent, Zone A parking ban on both sides of Vernon St. between Winthrop St and Upsala St.**

**Councilor George J. Russell**



**cc2024mar01035917**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER:**

**The undersigned person(s) most respectfully petitions your Honorable Board:**

**Request installation of a speed hump on Channing St. between Catharine St. and the entrance of Green Hill Park.**

**Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson**



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The front of 57 Cutler St Worcester, MA 01604 United States has handicapped parking signs from previous owners that used to own the house many years ago. I would like to request these signs to be remove to allow for more parking spaces in the street for residential use to everyone

| Signature  | Name          | Address, Zip Code                | Phone Number | Email               |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br> | Oscar Tavaréz | 57 Cutler St Worcester, MA 01604 | 9784894711   | aniolby@hotmail.com |
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Installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Sagamore Rd and Grove St. That intersection frequently backs up due to busy traffic on Grove St and with cars coming out of the plaza.

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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Paola Gutierrez</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Paola Gutierrez | 33 Monroe Ave #3, Worcester MA | 832-242-4939 | gutiepao000@gmail.com |
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Addition of crosswalk between Newton Ave N and Salisbury St (private extension of Salisbury between (356 and 360 Salisbury St). Extremely dangerous crossing street -- oftentimes when a car stops to allow pedestrian crossing, the subsequent car mistakes the stopped car for turning, and crosses into the other lane to go around them. Multiple vehicle/pedestrian accidents have almost occurred as a result.

| Signature   | Name          | Address, Zip Code               | Phone Number | Email                    |
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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Kevin Seifert</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Kevin Seifert | 352 Salisbury St, Worcester MA, | 484-467-7716 | kevinseifert02@gmail.com |
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I would like to petition for the Installation of a designated handicap parking place to park with my handicap parking plate. For medical reasons, I am in need of having a parking place with very short walking distance to house and be right across the street from my house.

| Signature   | Name         | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number | Email                    |
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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Anita L. Jarvis</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Anita Jarvis | 36 Granby Road    | 508-451-4114 | Anita.Jarvis330@gmail.co |
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I Doug Clark am applying for a petition to put up more accessible and available handicapped parking near 8 Ashmont Ave in Worcester 01610 thank you very much for taking the time in your day to read my request

Doug Clark

02/21/2024

| Signature   | Name       | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number | Email                     |
|---|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Douglas Clark</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Doug Clark | 8 Ashmont Ave     | 774 284 6188 | douggiefresh1988@icloud.c |
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Installation of a revised No Parking Sign at 64 Norfolk St

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Im requesting 2 things, a revised sign stating "No Parking - Tow Zone" i was allotted 20ft when I was granted the sign. The sign needs to go before my mailbox to keep the walkway open for my mailman as well as myself. And also, some kind of a temporary speed bump needs to be implemented. There was one put out at the other end of norfolk closer to Vallanueva St & it for sure made a difference. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Nicole Gulbankian</i> | Nicole Gulbankian | 64 norfolk st 01604 | 7742423475   | nicoledg89@gmail.com |
| <small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d91</small>                    |                   |                     |              |                      |
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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

I live at 23 Delawanda <sup>dr.</sup> I'm a 70 yr old  
handicapped man in a wheel chair. I request  
the following 1. Remove the handicap parking sign.  
2. Place handicap access ramp sign instead.  
The handicap Parking Sign allow's people  
w/ handicap signs to park in that space  
blocking the ramp so I Can not get out.  
There are curb cuts for the ramp the  
incorrect signage was placed while I was  
in the hospital.

| Signature   | Name           | Address, Zip Code     | Phone Number | Email |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|
|  | Alfred Gendron | 23 delawanda<br>drive | 774-262-3785 | —     |
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Worcester City Clerk  
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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Next to my building, Front side  
90 Ward St Worc, MA 01610  
Handicap Parking & Space

| Signature | Name         | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number | Email                  |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|           | Wanda Cedeno | 90 Ward, 01610    | 774-641-7966 | wanda.cedeno@gmail.com |
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**PL6660650**

**Expires:**

**03-29-24**

**Disabled Persons  
Parking Identification Placard**



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*



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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Request the City Council request the City Manager and advocate to the Legislative delegation to restore at least once a day in each direction service of a Worcester express train to the spring MBTA Commuter Rail schedule.

| Signature  | Name           | Address, Zip Code           | Phone Number | Email                 |
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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Tracy A Novick</i> | Tracy A Novick | 135 Olean Street            | 5085795472   | tracynovick@gmail.com |
| <small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small>                 | Matthew Noe    | 145 Front Street, Unit 1317 |              |                       |
|  | Andrew Marsh   | 212 May Street              |              |                       |
|  | Deb Powers     | 8 Plantation Street         |              |                       |
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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

Installation of speed bumps going up the length of Parsons Hill Dr.

This has been ongoing for years. People go extremely fast on Parsons Hill Dr (both ends). A dog was hit and killed last year as well. Can we get a speed bump near both ends, and in the middle?

| Signature   | Name                | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number | Email               |
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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Stephanie Kingsford</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Stephanie Kingsford | 51A Timrod Dr     | 5089041372   | steph0763@gmail.com |
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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request  
Installation of 2 or 3 handicap parking spots along East Worcester St. Specifically, directly in front of  
18 East Worcester St & 20 East Worcester St. An attached map shows red rectangles where these  
& other spots could go as well.


There are currently ZERO public HC spots along this street, which houses the DPW campus.

I've included a map of the current conditions that affect HC individuals. The assigned spots in the  
DPW lot are also in the worst condition of all spots in the lot: holes/cracks & tripping hazards with no  
proper lines, HC symbol on the ground, or permanent signage. Both buildings are fundamentally  
inaccessible, with lack of HC parking contributing to this.

(The 3 visitor spots in the DPW lot are usually largely unavailable. Requests to expand/fix HC &  
visitor spots have not been considered, including through an accommodation with HR.)

I work at 18 East Worcester Street, and every week we see residents coming to talk to us who have  
mobility impairments, and are forced to park up to 3 blocks away! The "most accessible" entrance  
into 18 East Worcester St is also inside a restricted working lot - with no public HC parking within  
200 walking feet. All on-street parking is taken by DPW employees all day & it's a 24/7 dept.

Thank you for your consideration.

| Signature  | Name                      | Address, Zip Code   | Phone Number | Email                          |
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|  Date: 2024.03.08<br>08:21:53 -05'00' | Roxas Joshua Angell-Clune | 41 Holland Rd, Worc | 774-287-1061 | angell-clunerj@worcesterma.gov |
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2 assigned  
HC spots

GoVenture Capital Group

Ruby Electric

Plum St

E \\\\orceser St

blue = fence

green = current HC  
accomodation presence

HC entrance

Public Works &  
Parks Department

HC entrance



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2003 MAY -8 AM 11:05

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

The installation of a "Veteran Square" memorial for U.S. Army Private John D. Kelleher who was " Killed in Action" @ the Korean War on August 25, 1950. PVT. Kelleher grew up in the Newton Square Neighborhood at # 18 Hartshorn St. with his immediate family. A 1949 Graduate of St. Peter's High School, 19 year old Private Kelleher was K.I.A. just 5 days after he landed in Korea. Members of Private Kelleher's family requested Mayor Joseph Petty to file a petition upon their behalf for the installation of "Kelleher Square" to be prominently displayed at the intersection of Hartshorn St. & June St. or a secondary location at the intersection of Hartshorn St. & Manor St. Thousands of motorists & neighborhood pedestrians would be able to see the sacrifice of a neighborhood veteran and son of Worcester. The extended family of Private Kelleher is prepared to pay in full, any costs associated in erecting such a deserving tribute. All military documentation shall be provided upon request for City of Worcester Veteran Services & the City Council for approval. Upon completion, the family requests a formal dedication service for "Kelleher Square" where family, friends, elected officials, & veteran groups can all attend.

| Signature   | Name              | Address, Zip Code  | Phone Number   |
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|  | Nicholas Argento. | # 41 Treetop Rd.<br>Westborough, MA. 01581<br>Nicholas.e.argento@gmail.com | (508) 259-4419 |
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a report from the Worcester Public Library/Worcester Public Schools about the library services currently available to elementary students in school settings and how they might be able to collaborate to increase access to library services for elementary schools that do not have school libraries or school librarians.

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| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Aislinn Doyle</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Aislinn Doyle | 25 Franconia St. 01602 | 508-556-1575 | beehive- |
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FROM THE HAND OF  
**EVAN C. CORRIGAN**

WORCESTER, MA

I, Evan Corrigan, do hereby petition the Worcester City Council the following:

- ~~A. Provide an update on the petition regarding the ability of residents to raise chickens within city limits.~~
- B. To consider creating a permitting process for residents living in suitable areas to be able to have and use outdoor fire pits for recreational purposes, those outside of the currently allowed cooking.
- C. Install a lit pylon for the Burncoat neighborhood at the Triangle, as has been done for other neighborhoods/districts.

Witness my hand, and  
know these words to be true.  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

  
Evan C. Corrigan

*A. To consider creating a permitting process to allow for residents to have chickens, more specifically.*

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**PETITION**

**Worcester City Council**

**City Clerk**

**Worcester Massachusetts**

**455 Main St. Room 201**

**Worcester MA 01608**

**February 26, 2024**

2024 FEB 21 AM 10:10  
Worcester City Clerk  
1100 Main St  
Worcester MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows:

Whereas some of the grammar schools in Worcester are old, inadequate, and in need of new construction, significant remodeling or repair. Examples are Chandler St. School and Grafton St. School.

Whereas there is no information as to when the City Council's Subcommittee on Education jointly meets with the School Committee's subcommittee on Operation and Finance to discuss new school construction and maintenance.

Whereas there is very little information about the Mayor's committee on School buildings and finance that is usually held in the summer.

Whereas there is some confusion as whether the committees mention above are open meetings in which the public attends and have input.

We ask the City Council to put the Joint meetings of the City Council with the School Committee, and the Mayor's meeting with the School and City Council Education Committee in the City Website and other means of communication with the public. The notice should include time, date and location of the respective meetings.

We ask City Council to clarify the status of the aforementioned meetings as open meeting in which the public can participate.

**Name**



Gordon T. Davis

**Residence**

Worcester MA

508 757 5873

Hellowithfire1@aol.com



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## **Private Way Temporary Repairs Petition**

*Chap. 302 of the Acts of 1984, as amended by c. 166 of the Acts of 1996 SECTION 2. At any time within five years after a vote by the city council of the city of Worcester, pursuant to **a petition by at least two-thirds of the abutters thereon**, that conditions exist on any private way appearing on the official map of the city of Worcester which require temporary repairs by public necessity, the commissioner of public works of said city shall cause the temporary repairs to be made. Said temporary repairs shall include the grading and filling of holes or depressions with such materials as the commissioner shall deem suitable to make the street passable, but in no event shall such temporary repairs include extensive construction, reconstruction, resurfacing or the installation of drainage facilities. Said temporary repairs may also include the filling of potholes in such private ways as may have a paved roadway surface. Betterment charges shall not be assessed. Said city shall have no liability in tort on account of the performance of any such repairs. In no event shall the cost of such repairs exceed the sum of six dollars per linear foot as delineated by the commissioner of public works of said city.*

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**The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request private way temporary repairs pursuant to Chapter 302 of the Acts of 1984, as amended:** *Please be specific on the type of repairs that you are requesting to be performed. With or without assessments or just a limited amount of work, (such as a grading of the road and then asphalt paving or just repairing potholes and or craters).*

The homeowners of **Rydborg Terrace** are asking the City Council to approve the repair and patch all pot holes under the existing "Special Acts" which authorizes the City to budget and perform repairs not to exceed \$6.00 per linear foot.

Please forecast and budget the necessary funds to accomplish this task for **Rydborg Terrace** as soon as possible.

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| Signature              | Name             | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number  | Email                      |
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| <del>*</del> P. Parker | Bern Parker      | 24                | 774-420-4545  | bparker1988@gmail.com      |
| Ceslawn Pardo          | CESLAWN PARDO    | 15                | 5089637037    | ceslawnpardo@yahoo.com     |
| M. Manguela            | MARIA BIANZUELA  | 7                 | 508-498-9599  |                            |
| C. Manguela            | Carlos Manguela  | 290               | 774 242 2380  | bandomart798@gmail.com     |
| Adrian Alzumbarr       | Sabbar Alzumbarr | 29                | 774 242 8011  | Sabbar1933@yahoo.com       |
| Adam Pardo             | Adam Pardo       | 19                | 508-736-9980  | Adam.pardo802@yahoo.com    |
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City Hall Room 206  
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Worcester, MA 01608

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request


(KINDLY NOTE LARGE TYPE IS NOT MEANT TO BE YELLING....JUST EASIER TO READ)

AS WE KNOW.... BEING HOMELESS.... HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR MOST OF AMERICA  
AND THIS INCLUDES WORCESTER.

HOWEVER; FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORCESTER AND..... OUR.....

HOMELESS.....THIS PETITION ASKS, THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL... OF THE CITY OF  
WORCESTER..... TO INSTITUTE/ADOPT AN IDENTIFICATION PROCESS FOR ALL HOMELESS HERE IN THE  
CITY.....MAINLY TO IDENTIFY THOSE THAT..... ARE/WERE..... CITY RESIDENTS OF WORCESTER.

\*\*\*\*\*THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO PROVIDE SAID SERVICES FOR WORCESTERS HOMELESS  
AND NOT OTHERS WHO SHOULD BE SEEKING SERVICES FROM THEIR HOMETOWNS\*\*\*\*\*

| Signature   | Name             | Address, Zip Code | Phone Number | Email             |
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The city create a sanctioned area for unhoused individuals to camp safely, free from prejudice and prosecution. We, the undersigned urge the city to take action in addressing the needs of the unhoused population by designating a specific area where we can be allowed to camp safely and with dignity. We urge the city to find a solution to the problem NOW. Many of us do not have years to wait, while shelters and housing are planned, proposed, approved, and then slowly constructed. Adequate shelter is a life or death situation for many of the unhoused today, not 2-5 years from today. There are examples of successful self governing homeless sanctioned camps that provide temporary shelter for unhoused individuals by means of tents, or building structures using recycled materials across the country. I have attached research documents as evidence for this claim.

Providing a sanctioned area for unhoused individuals to camp offers a temporary solution to the urgent needs of these individuals, ensuring they have a safe place to sleep, access to basic amenities, clean water, sanitation facilities, waste disposal, peer and community support. By designating a specific area for unhoused individuals to camp, we can mitigate the negative impacts of unregulated encampments on public spaces, parks, and private property, fostering a more orderly and compassionate approach to addressing homelessness as well as a sense of community and solidarity among residents. This can facilitate peer support networks, mutual aid initiatives, and opportunities for positive human connection. Concentrating unhoused camping activities in designated locations can mitigate environmental degradation, reduce conflicts with city residents and businesses, and preserve the aesthetic integrity of urban landscape. Sanctioned camping areas can serve as hubs for outreach services, connecting unhoused individuals with resources such as housing assistance, healthcare, mental health support, and employment opportunities. This integrated approach helps address the complex needs of unhoused populations and promotes pathways to stability and self sufficiency. Sanctioning an area for the unhoused ensures the safety and security of residents of the encampment and the city of Worcester. Establishing clear boundaries and regulations, sanctioned campsites can reduce the risk of violence, exploitation, and victimization that are often associated with unregulated encampments. Sanctioned camping areas uphold the principles of human rights, dignity and compassion for all individuals, cities demonstrate their commitment to addressing homelessness in a human and respectful manner. Providing centralized services and support within a sanctioned camping area can be more cost-effective and efficient than managing the consequences of unregulated homelessness. Investing in proactive solutions like sanctioned camping yield long-term savings for the city and the taxpayers respectively.

| Signature  | Name           | Address, Zip Code               | Phone Number | Email                  |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| <small>eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com</small><br><i>Samantha Olney</i><br><small>Key: 2b3ab596c9be463df9da573fa5350d51</small> | Samantha Olney | 162 Chandler Street, Worcester, | 774-502-6809 | HALOgreaterworc@gmail. |
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# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Economic Development, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with a report concerning how the city can ensure Chapter 74-approved vocational technical education programs are best utilized in building projects throughout the city.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with a report concerning the feasibility of using ARPA funds to ensure families are able to afford internet access in lieu of the expiring Affordable Connectivity Program.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Director of Public Health provide City Council with a comprehensive update relative to the results of the evaluation from the REACH Program, specifically concerning best practices used and challenges identified within the program.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Director of Public Health work with the Superintendent of Public Schools to build relationships with the Worcester Public Schools relative to health initiatives in the city.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Health and Human Services work with the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance to provide City Council with a presentation concerning the most recent information relative to chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals, including information about understanding the gap between permanent supportive housing and the number of homeless people in the city.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning whether there is a need for a permanent winter parking ban ordinance or whether suitable alternatives exist.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility create a Master Plan for Salisbury St. that would improve pedestrian accommodations.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Lynnwood Ln.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Birchwood Rd.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Lynnwood Ln. and Dick Dr.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the stop lines at the stop signs at Toronita Ave. and Barrett Ave.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request Chief Information Officer review the feasibility of pursuing a What Works Cities Certification, which aims to ensure cities' data is used to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, equitably improve services, evaluate the effectiveness of programs, and engage with residents. Further, request City Manager request Chief Information Officer provide City Council with a report detailing how the city's existing Open Data Portal may be of benefit when applying for said certification.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The Standing Committee on Public Works be and is hereby requested to hold a public discussion relative to the leak on a sewer force main that was discovered in the vicinity of 65 Lake Ave. on February 20, 2024 that resulted in an estimated 193,000 gallons of wastewater entering Lake Quinsigamond through the city's storm drainage system.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility repaint the existing crosswalks in the vicinity of the intersection of North St. and Grove St.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the Superintendent of Public Schools and any other appropriate departments to put together an orientation package for refugees and immigrants that includes pertinent information regarding fire safety, personal safety, health and nutrition resources, explanations of expectations and requirements for parents of children, information for seniors and any other information that would be relevant to ensure safety and quality of life.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with a report concerning what process businesses need to follow in order to sell tobacco products, how many licenses are currently granted in the city for selling tobacco products, and what the maximum is for the number of businesses in the city that can be allowed to sell tobacco products.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report concerning the number of accidents that have occurred on Mill St. since its reconfiguration, as well as the impact the reconfiguration has had on the street's safety.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with any appropriate State and local stakeholders to review potential improvements that can be made relative to improving walkability and beautification of the walking bridge on Cambridge St. Said improvements should include the installation of a plaque signifying the neighborhood's historical significance.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a traffic review of Cambridge St. at its intersection Richard St., as well as its intersection with Fremont St. and Canterbury St., for the purpose of providing recommendations for improving traffic flow at said locations. Said review should also include determining the appropriateness of installing additional lighting to aid motorists and pedestrians.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with a report reviewing the process the city uses following natural disasters occurring at properties in the city for the purpose of improving upon and/or creating additional infrastructure to ensure tenants are appropriately taken care of when dealing with landlords of said properties, as well as insurance agencies. Said review should include the feasibility of creating a team of housing and legal experts to aid residents through such a situation.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request Interim Police Chief provide City Council with a report explaining how both internal external training for patrolmen and officers is conducted.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager and Mayor be and are hereby requested to organize for the Irish Flag to be raised from March 15, 2024 through March 18, 2024, in honor of Irish American Heritage Month.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility consider pausing the elimination of travel lanes on public streets as a traffic calming measure by the creation of on-street parking spaces in their place, such as on Mill Street, while the safety and best practices of creating same are fully evaluated over this coming calendar year.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility provide City Council with a report recommending speed calming measures and traffic signage improvements at the intersection of Bullard Ave., Wayside Rd. and White Ave.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks install “No Smoking” signage at Bancroft Tower.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with representatives from the city's utility companies to improve upon the process for notifying residents and/or business owners relative to the companies' construction timelines.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Parks begin the process to rename the Crompton Neighborhood Center in honor of Lorraine M. Laurie.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED:** That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to provide City Council with a report concerning why the city's online vendor check register is no longer available on the city's website.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**WHEREAS:** Women's History Month is recognized nationally to increase awareness and knowledge around the contributions women have made throughout history;

**WHEREAS:** Women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS:** Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS:** The first National Women's Rights Convention occurred in the city of Worcester in 1850, which resolved for, "Equality before the law without distinction of sex or color."

**WHEREAS:** The Chamber in which the City Council of the City of Worcester conducts its business is dedicated to the memory of Worcester's own Esther Allen Howland, one of the first American women entrepreneurs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2024 as Women's History Month in the city of Worcester; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon its public officials, community members and residents to observe in the celebration of Women's History Month by participating in the various happenings that honor the many achievements of women throughout history.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support House Bill No. 2356, An Act relative to problem properties and enhancing fire safety, filed by State Representatives David LeBoeuf and Patricia Duffy.



# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2356

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Patricia A. Duffy*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to problem properties and enhancing fire safety.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                              | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> | <i>1/10/2023</i> |
| <i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>           | <i>5th Hampden</i>    | <i>1/10/2023</i> |

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2356

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By Representatives LeBoeuf of Worcester and Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2356) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Patricia A. Duffy relative to establishing and administering a program to assist landlords and lessors with providing fire safety education and fire prevention measures in multi-unit residential properties. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4168 OF 2021-2022.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act relative to problem properties and enhancing fire safety.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 22D of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 7. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
4 Tenant Fire Safety Trust Fund to be expended, without further appropriation, by the state fire  
5 marshal for the purposes of establishing and administering a program to assist landlords and  
6 lessors with providing fire safety education and fire prevention measures in multi-unit residential  
7 properties. There shall be credited to the trust fund: (i) any funds deposited in the trust fund  
8 pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) of section 101 of chapter 143; (ii) any funds  
9 that may be appropriated or transferred for deposit into the trust fund; and (iii) any income

derived from investment of amounts credited to the trust fund. Any balance in the fund at end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. No expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to become deficient at any point during a fiscal year.

(b) Annually, not later than October 1, a report shall be filed with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the house and senate committees on ways and means that shall include expenditures made and income received by the fund.

SECTION 2. Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 101. (a) An apartment or dwelling unit in any structure containing 3 or more dwelling units in any municipality that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 shall not be occupied for human habitation, after a vacancy, until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the building inspector, certifying that such apartment or dwelling unit: (i) conforms to the requirements of the applicable housing ordinances of the municipality; (ii) the state building code, as codified in 780 CMR, and (iii) until necessary fire safety inspections have been completed pursuant to chapter 148; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any structure occupied by the owner thereof and containing 3 or less dwelling units; provided, further, that this section shall not prohibit human occupancy of such apartment or dwelling unit during the pendency of an application for a certificate of occupancy.

The state fire marshal, head of the fire department as defined in section 1 of said chapter 148, or any person to whom the marshal or head of the fire department may delegate the

authority to perform fire safety inspections pursuant to section 4 of said chapter 148 shall notify the building inspector of the completion of necessary fire inspections pursuant to this subsection.

(b) (1) Any owner or lessor who recovers rent for the occupation of any apartment or dwelling unit for which a certificate of occupancy has not been obtained or for which necessary fire safety inspections have not been completed prior to the rental thereof in violation of subsection (a) shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$20 per day per violation for not more than 200 days for such period of unlawful occupation.

(2) Notwithstanding 105 CMR 410.900 of the state sanitary code, any owner or lessor of a structure not occupied by the owner or lessor who refuses entry to any apartment or dwelling unit for the purposes of completing an inspection for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or fire safety inspection shall receive a warning for the first offense and be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$250 for the second offense and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense; provided, however, that an owner or lessor may not be subject to an escalated penalty if the owner or lessor has shown good faith in complying with this section. All fines imposed pursuant to this paragraph and unpaid after 45 days shall become a lien upon the property, which shall have priority over all other liens.

(3) Notwithstanding 105 CMR 410.900 of the state sanitary code, any owner or lessor of a structure who refuses entry to any apartment or dwelling unit of a structure that is occupied by the owner or lessor for the purposes of completing an inspection for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or fire safety inspection shall receive a warning for the first offense and be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$100 for the second offense and \$250 for a third or subsequent offense; provided, however, that an owner or lessor may not be subject to an escalated penalty if

the owner or lessor has shown good faith in complying with this section. All fines imposed pursuant to this paragraph and unpaid after 45 days shall become a lien upon the property, which shall have priority over all other liens.

(4) Fifty per cent of any fine collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in a fund established for each municipality collecting such fine to be used for inspections for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or fire safety inspection and the remaining 50 per cent of any fine collected shall be deposited in the tenant fire safety trust fund established pursuant to section 7 of section 22D.

SECTION 3. Section 99 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause fifteenth A and inserting in place thereof the following clause:- Fifteenth A, Every policy which insures multi-unit residential property against loss or damage by fire shall provide additional benefits, by endorsement attached to the policy, up to a limit of \$750, without deductible, for each rental unit to cover the actual costs of relocation of any tenant or lawful occupant displaced by fire or by damage resulting from fire; provided, however, that every policy which insures a multi-unit residential property containing 6 or more units against loss or damage by fire shall provide additional benefits, by endorsement attached to the policy, of not less than \$1,500, without deductible, for each rental unit to cover the actual costs of relocation of any tenant or lawful occupant displaced by fire or by damage resulting from fire.

The actual costs of relocation shall include, but not be limited to, hotel room rental, a security deposit and first month's rent for a new rental unit if the security deposit or last month's rent is not already due and owing from the landlord to the tenant, clothing replacement, furniture

75 replacement and other reasonable costs and living expenses as a result of being displaced or  
76 damaged by fire. Benefits under this clause shall be paid by the insurer to the tenant or lawful  
77 occupant after taking into account benefits available under any other policy. The terms and  
78 conditions of such clause shall be approved or prescribed by the commissioner. The landlord or  
79 lessor of the property shall notify each tenant or lawful occupant in writing of the benefits  
80 payable under this clause at the beginning of the lease or tenancy period. A waiver of this  
81 provision in any lease or other rental agreement shall be void and unenforceable.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support and recognize March of 2024 as Irish American Heritage Month in the city of Worcester.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That City Council does hereby encourage the City Manager to produce a list of information and sites the city's residents can view highlighting the history of the Irish culture in the city, inclusive of lectures, movies, websites, etc. to broaden the scope of the city's residents' understanding of the Irish culture and the impact the Irish community has had on our growing city.

**Introduced in City Council by Councilor Kathleen M. Toomey**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby call upon the State Legislature to fully enforce and enact any additional required legislation to ensure full sentencing be mandatory for the illegal possession of firearms.





March 4, 2024

City Clerk Niko Vangjeli  
City of Worcester  
455 Main St.  
Worcester, MA

RE: WRRB Report *Building the Future: Investing in Worcester Public Schools Facilities* and online visualization *Understanding Your Neighborhood Schools*

Dear Mr. Clerk:

On behalf of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau (WRRB), our latest issuances are attached for the consideration of the Worcester City Council.

The first is a report entitled *Building the Future: Investing in Worcester Public Schools Facilities*, which provides an overview of the Worcester Public School's facilities, detailing the Commonwealth's involvement in repair and construction projects, the City and District's initiatives to improve learning environments, and a secondary examination of the District's 2017 Facilities Master Plan. The report is attached, and can be downloaded at <https://www.wrrb.org/reports/2024/02/building-the-future-investing-in-worcester-public-schools-facilities/>.

The other complementary resource is an online visualization *Understanding Your Neighborhood Schools*, which provides users with the opportunity to compare profiles of each school – including year built, square footage, enrollment, and student/teacher ratio - with demographic information on their respective catchment zones. This interactive dashboard serves as a valuable resource for families, policymakers, and educators, offering a comprehensive overview of Worcester Public Schools in a single glance, and is at <https://www.wrrb.org/reports/2024/01/understanding-your-neighborhood-schools/>.

We'd appreciate having these resources submitted for the City Council's consideration, and to be entered into the public record accordingly. If possible, the Bureau would be honored to have any opportunity to present on the findings, including brief remarks on the resources when they are admitted, and/or a more extensive briefing to any appropriate Standing Committee of the City Council.

Thank you for your assistance, and the Bureau appreciates the opportunity to share this research with the City Council and the public at large, while entering it into the public record. If there are any questions or if any other documentation is needed, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Paul F. Matthews  
Executive Director and CEO  
[pmatthews@wrrb.org](mailto:pmatthews@wrrb.org)  
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The Research Bureau

# BUILDING THE FUTURE

Investing in Worcester Public Schools  
Facilities

REPORT 23-03

February 2024

In Partnership with  
Worcester  
Education  
Collaborative





## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**RENEWED POLICY DISCUSSIONS** on school facilities investments in Worcester Public Schools underscore the pressing need for strategic action. This report delves into three key areas: state and local partnerships, local discretionary spending, and an analysis of the District's 2017 Facilities Master Plan. The Bureau's work seeks to inform public debate in preparation for the District's next Facilities

Master Plan. It is vital that the City and District continue to address issues such as aged school infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and limited revenue streams. By prioritizing collaborative, data-driven decision-making, with a focus on equitable resource allocation, Worcester can continue to improve its learning environments and enhance learning outcomes for its students.

### PAGES 3-4 | INTRODUCTION: WHY DO SCHOOL FACILITIES MATTER? A LITERATURE REVIEW

- Reviews the literature on school facilities, highlighting important studies on the subject.
- Examines key topics, including student performance, health, climate-friendly construction, community engagement, equitable resource allocation, and school safety.
- **While the District addresses aging buildings and deferred maintenance issues, city leaders have made progress through initiatives such as HVAC upgrade and the commission of a safety audit, aiming to improve learning environments.**

### PAGES 5-11 | THE MSBA AND WPS: IMPROVING SCHOOLS THROUGH STATE AND LOCAL COLLABORATION

- Examines the collaborative efforts between the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and Worcester to address challenges related to aging infrastructure and budget constraints.
- Explains the necessary steps to complete an MSBA project.
- Analyzes the MSBA's statewide involvement, then compares Worcester to peer Gateway Cities across the Commonwealth.
- **Despite facing challenges like budget overruns, Worcester has consistently collaborated with the MSBA, marking its position as one of the leading Gateway Cities in enhancing educational infrastructure.**

### PAGES 11-14 | LOCAL SCHOOL FACILITIES SPENDING: A FOCUS ON MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

- Analyzes trends in facilities-related spending across recent WPS budgets.
- Examines the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocation to WPS
- Highlights the continuous efforts of the City and District to enhance educational facilities through FY 2024.
- **Student enrollment projections highlight shifts across the District, emphasizing the necessity for strategic planning in future school consolidation and construction projects.**
- **In 2023, notable efforts include the City allocating \$1 million in new tax growth for school facility maintenance, the District adding a facilities section to its new five-year Strategic Plan, and conducting a safety audit for district-wide improvements.**

### PAGES 14-19 | ANALYSIS OF THE WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 2017 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

- Overviews the District's 2017 Facilities Master Plan, including cost evaluations and recommendations for the oldest schools.
- Analyzes the report's findings, providing secondary analysis and deeper insights.
- **Square footage emerges as the most significant factor correlating with higher repair costs for schools.**
- **Strong correlations exist between higher repair costs and increased numbers of Hispanic, African American, and Economically Disadvantaged students across the 28 schools in the Master Plan. No such correlation is found for White students. Further investigation is required to understand the underlying factors contributing to these disparities and to ensure equitable resource allocation. Note that correlation does not imply causation.**
- All findings are based on 2017 demographic data and 2018 cost projections.

### PAGES 19-20 | CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Summarizes the importance of improving school facilities, which will drive student learning outcomes, and make recommendations for local leaders to consider.
- **The Bureau's Recommendations: 1) develop a data-driven priority list of the district's neediest schools, 2) ensure a transparent, and equitable selection process for school construction and repair projects, 3) further analyze correlations between schools with higher numbers of students from historically underserved backgrounds and higher repair costs, 4) consolidate pre-WWII schools as necessary, and 5) advocate for increased state investment in school facilities for Gateway Cities to address inflation, ADA, and land acquisition costs.**



## **INTRODUCTION: WHY DO SCHOOL FACILITIES MATTER?**

School facilities serve as the physical foundation of education, shaping the academic, health, and social outcomes of students. From classroom design to indoor air quality, every aspect of the built environment can significantly impact student well-being and achievement. This section provides an overview of the multi-disciplinary field of school facilities. In summary, the quality of school facilities has crucial implications for student outcomes, health, safety, climate, community engagement, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### **STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

A recent study stands out as particularly informative on the relationship between investments in school facilities and student performance. ["What Works and For Whom? Effectiveness and Efficiency of School Capital Investments Across the U.S."](#) by Barbara Biasi, Julien Lafortune, and David Schönholzer, studied local public policy decision making on school facilities utilizing advanced statistical methods.

**The paper, published in 2023, investigated the impact of investments in school capital projects on student learning outcomes and real estate markets.** The authors explore two primary outcomes: student learning (measured by test scores) and housing prices. The authors were careful to examine capital projects by type: infrastructure improvements, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) equipment, and athletic facilities. The study also accounts for the variation in funding rules across the United States, but this procedural element does not matter as much for the purposes of this report. What is important to know is that **Massachusetts is one of nine states that funds capital projects primarily with state dollars and one of three states for which voter approval is not required to issue bonds for school districts.**

Here is a summary of the study's central findings, which focus primarily on the impact of the types of authorized projects and their real-world outcomes:

- 1. The approval of capital investments into school facilities is found to have a positive impact on both student test scores and housing prices.**
- 2. Investments in projects such as Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and safety improvements produce significant increases in test scores, nation-wide. Investments in amenities such as athletic facilities and classroom space only drive up housing prices.**

- 3. Districts that serve more socio-economically disadvantaged students tend to benefit more from facilities investments, experiencing larger increases in both test scores and housing prices.**
- 4. Despite variations in funding rules and district demographics, the study suggests that investment in school capital projects are generally beneficial for students and communities, with positive impacts on both student outcomes and housing markets.**

The strong relationship between school facilities and educational outcomes is further evidenced throughout the academic literature on the subject. [Penn State's Center for Evaluation and Education Policy](#) compiled a useful literature review in 2015, which outlined various essential considerations for designing school facilities that are conducive for student learning and educational attainment: acoustics and noise, air quality, lighting, temperature control, classroom size and space, and the shift to 21st century learning. This last item addresses how technological advancements can aid and facilitate core skills such as teamwork, collaboration, and effective communication for K-12 learners. Lafortune & Schönholzer's work from 2018 also supports the strong association between school facility investments and upward trends in performance.

The field of school facilities also branches into several other categories of importance for educators, city leaders, and policy advocates to consider.

### **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

There is also robust evidence connecting the quality of school facilities to the physical and psychological health of students and staff. Mendell et al. (2013) underscore the importance of indoor air quality and ventilation systems in promoting student health and reducing illness-related absences. Other studies have focused particularly on the incidence of asthma and general respiratory problems in schools (Smedje & Norback, 1999). Buckley, Schneider, and Shand (2004) underscore the multi-faceted challenge of teacher retention in urban districts, acknowledging the importance of classroom and school infrastructure in teacher satisfaction and health.



## **CLIMATE-FRIENDLY CONSTRUCTION**

[The Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council](#) has been at the forefront of promoting eco-friendly construction practices in school facilities through studies such as [“Greening America’s Schools: Costs and Benefits”](#) (Kats, 2006). The Center highlights the benefits of green building technologies in reducing environmental harms and improving indoor air quality. Patnaik et al. (2017) and Tsoulou et al. (2021) contribute to this discourse by exploring the adoption of green building technologies among construction firms and the impact of energy-efficient buildings on indoor air quality. Sustainable construction practices have become an important academic and policy subject to help mitigate climate change and promote healthier environments.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Anderson (2016) and Tahbaldar (2007) draw attention to disparities in school facilities and advocate for policies to ensure throughout the planning and construction processes of new school projects. Carter’s work (2013) delves into the roots of inequality in education and proposes strategies for closing opportunity gaps. More broadly, the literature on education policy has touted the importance of the political process, analyzing which groups enjoy the benefits of substantial investments. An equitable future requires supporting the communities in with the most need, whose neighborhoods may have been deprived of substantial investments in the past.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

It is essential to underscore the various dimensions of school safety. Mayer et al.’s (2021) work delves into five general important lenses by which to bolster safety in schools: conceptual foundations, disparate treatment of non-White racial and ethnic groups, the role of school resource officers, the effects of disciplinary action on school climate, and bullying prevention. Leveraging the studies from Mayer et al.’s review, schools can take preventative action against bullying and violence that undermines the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Bevan (2019) and the [U.S. Department of Education’s Readiness and Emergency Management Schools \(REMS\) Center](#) provide operational guides to enhance school safety, such as threat assessment models. A proactive approach requires built-in safety infrastructure rather than reactionary policies. School safety requires, on the one hand, a strong safety culture, which ensures effective communication between the superintendent, principals, teachers, and all other school staff. On the other hand, it

requires modern infrastructure and security systems that are deemed appropriate and necessary, with consent from parents and guardians of students. Adopting new safety technologies in schools should balance the need for safety with principles that protect students’ privacy and freedom.

## **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR WORCESTER?**

It is essential to inform Worcester’s policymakers and community members about data-driven approaches to enhance school facilities. All of the topics outlined in the literature review are relevant for the Worcester Public Schools system.

Across the District’s 45 schools, there are several buildings built in the 1800s and early 1900s, which require new HVAC systems and suffer from deferred maintenance. Lack of air conditioning across the District’s schools and broken heat pumps has caused delays in educational delivery. These problems have consequences for student outcomes and health and well-being.

While the City has limited resources to solve these large-scale problems, Worcester’s leaders have sought creative solutions to make improvements. For example, when the COVID-19 pandemic brought a renewed focus to issues of air quality and ventilation in schools, **the City invested \$15 million in HVAC upgrades while students learned remotely.**

Furthermore, the District commissioned Guide Post Solutions, a safety and construction consulting firm, to complete a safety audit of school facilities and identify key areas for improvement. They emphasized the importance of door locking hardware, emergency communications, control of school access, proper exterior lighting, emergency management training, and perimeter protection.

This report elaborates on these and various other initiatives that the City, District, and state have undertaken to address the needs of Worcester’s public school facilities. The Bureau pursued a three-pronged approach. **First, this report examines Worcester’s collaborative history with the Massachusetts School Building Authority**, comparing its projects to those of Boston and similar Gateway Cities. **Secondly, it analyzes trends in facilities-related spending within the WPS FY 2024 Budget and the City’s Capital Budget**, supporting the WPS’ Capital Investment Plan for deferred maintenance. **Lastly, The Bureau provides secondary analysis of the 2017 WPS Facilities Master Plan, contributing to public discourse in anticipation of the next plan.**





## THE MSBA AND WORCESTER: IMPROVING SCHOOLS THROUGH STATE AND LOCAL COLLABORATION

Established in 2004, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) is a quasi-public agency with a vital role in guaranteeing the quality and safety of educational infrastructure throughout Massachusetts. The MSBA is funded with one penny for every dollar of the state's 6.25% sales tax. Its primary responsibility is to provide funding for new school construction and urgent repair projects across the Commonwealth's 401 public school districts. Depending on the project, the MSBA reimburses cities, towns, or school districts for the construction costs of a project. The rate ranges from 78.5% to 90%, but is usually 80%. Large urban districts, with tens of thousands of students, face challenges in funding school facilities compared to wealthier suburban districts. **Worcester Public Schools currently serves 24,350 students and maintains several buildings constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s.** As a city that relies heavily on state resources, Worcester's partnership with the MSBA are crucial for developing safe and modern educational facilities.

### FROM CONCEPT TO CONSTRUCTION: NAVIGATING THE MSBA'S PROJECT PIPELINE

Before projects enter the MSBA pipeline, it's essential to understand the initial step: Statements of Interest (SOIs). **SOIs are proposals submitted to the MSBA, which outline facility deficiencies that undermine safety or hinder educational delivery.**

Approved projects enter the **Eligibility Period**, starting with a 270-day period. Projects must meet MSBA requirements, including an Initial Compliance Certification, forming a School Building Committee, summarizing maintenance practices, certifying design enrollment, and executing the MSBA's Feasibility Study

Agreement.

Next is the **Project Team** phase, when professional consultant services are procured. These teams guide projects through subsequent steps, including coordination with the district.

The **Feasibility Study** follows, in which the project team explores multiple project options required by the MSBA, including repair, an addition, renovation, and new construction. This step involves documenting the educational program of the school, evaluating existing conditions, and recommending solutions to the MSBA Board of Directors.

**Schematic Design** includes a detailed design program of the selected option, and establishing the scope, budget, and schedule of the project. The district and its team work closely during this phase to ensure alignment with project goals, integrating them throughout the balance of the project timeline.

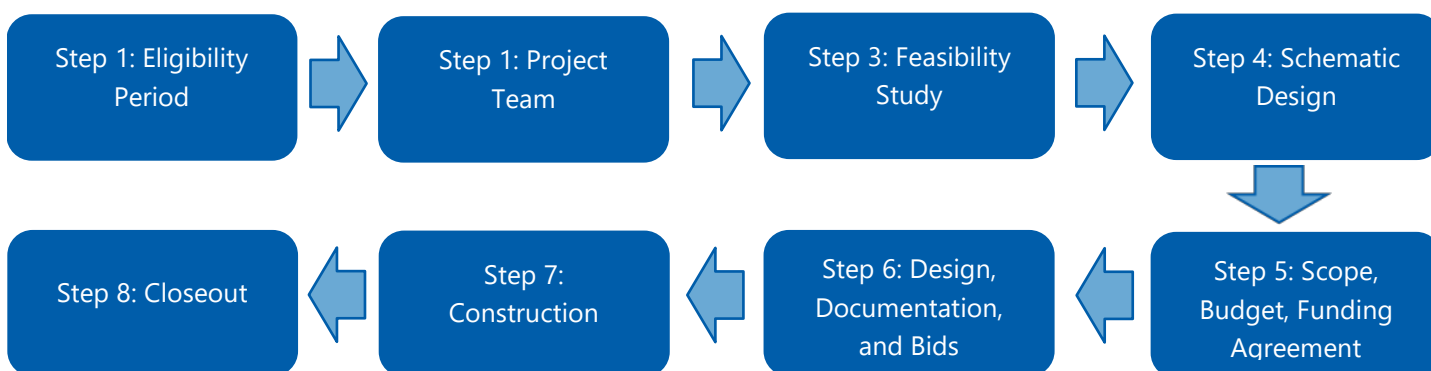
The **Project Scope, Budget, and Funding Agreement** phase documents project details for MSBA approval. The district secures community authorization and financial support before entering a Project Funding Agreement with the MSBA, ensuring commitment to the project.

**Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Bidding** includes planning and procurement activities. This involves finalizing the design, preparing construction documentation, and soliciting bids from construction companies. The goal is to ensure that the project stays within budget and meets quality standards.

**Construction** begins, monitored by the MSBA for adherence to timelines and budgets. Regular inspections and progress reports are conducted to address any issues promptly.

**Closeout** involves a final audit by the MSBA to determine grant amounts and mark project completion. This ensures

### Overview of the MSBA Project Pipeline



Source: [MSBA Modules Overview](#)



that all requirements have been met and the project has been successfully executed. This signals the end of the project.

The MSBA also includes a ninth step, called the **Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE)**, which assesses the performance and functionality of occupied MSBA-funded school buildings. This evaluation employs methods such as online surveys and site visits. Its aim is to improve school building design, construction and operation in the future.

A brief note on the formal processes of working with the MSBA: Massachusetts does not mandate local votes for school district bond authorizations. However, [G.L. c. 70B](#) and [963 CMR 2.10](#) guide the MSBA in establishing rules for local financial commitments for project authorizations. **Cities, towns, or districts must provide documentation of a motion, vote, order, or local ballot question authorizing funds for the Feasibility Study and the Project Scope and Budget stages.** This ensures that local communities have allocated the funds necessary to pay for the project. In Worcester, the City Manager recommends borrowing initiatives, such as MSBA projects, for approval by the City Council to obtain funds for construction projects. Upon fulfilling these requirements with the MSBA, projects are effectively greenlit to proceed.

#### THE MSBA'S STATEWIDE INVOLVEMENT:

The MSBA engages in statewide efforts to improve school building facilities. By cross-referencing publicly available data from the MSBA's website, including their [List of Projects](#), [Board Meetings](#), and [Capital Planning Project Overview Reports](#), the history of the agency's Statements of Interest (SOIs) and invitations reveals interesting trends. It is important for municipal leaders, policymakers, education advocates, and the general public to understand the scale of the agency's endeavors.

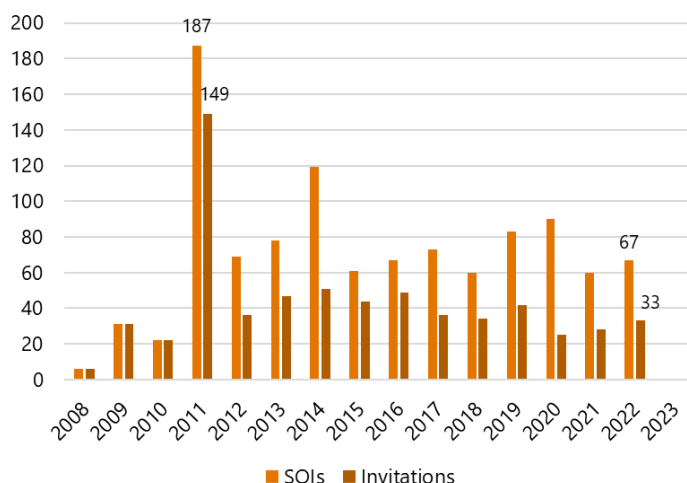
The MSBA has two main programs that this analysis will focus on. **The Core Program focuses on comprehensive renovations, additions, and new school construction projects.** These projects address outdated infrastructure such as plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems, alleviating overcrowding concerns, or ensuring safety by rectifying structural deficiencies and fire code violations.

**The Accelerated Repair Program (ARP) targets urgent repairs in existing school facilities. These projects include relatively less expensive repairs such as roof replacements, HVAC system upgrades, boiler replacements, window repairs, and other essential maintenance** that is crucial for the safety and functionality of school buildings. It serves as the successor to the [Green Repair Program](#), a one-time, \$300 million pilot initiative offered in FY 2011. Continuing its legacy, the ARP emphasizes energy-efficiency, cost-effective repair projects to swiftly enhance the safety and functionality of public educational facilities.

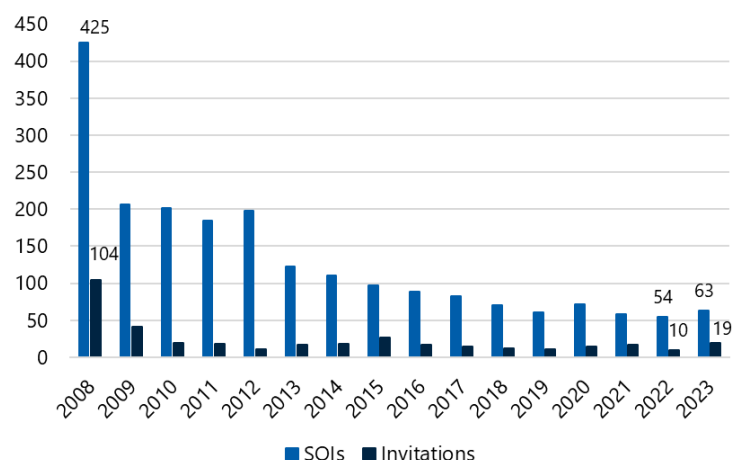
Charts 1 and 2 show the number of SOIs and invitations for both programs between 2008 and the year that the most recent data for each program was available. **On October 22, 2022, the MSBA Board of Directors announced a temporary pause to the Accelerated Repair Program for 2023, citing unexpected challenges in the market and supply chain disruptions**, leading to significant impacts on project bids. The decision aimed to bolster the MSBA's Annual Project Approval Cap and mitigate the rises in funding limits for Core Program projects, thereby maintaining the number of program invitations extended.

Note that the ranges for the y-axes on charts 1 and 2 are different. The highest number of SOIs for the ARP is 187, but 425 for the Core Program. While the number of SOIs

**Chart 1: Statewide Accelerated Repair Projects (2008-2022)**



**Chart 2: Statewide Core Program Projects (2008-2023)**



Source: MSBA Capital Project Pipeline Overview Report, November 17, 2023



and invitations extended for the ARP fluctuate each year, the number of SOIs and invitations for the Core Program have steadily declined between 2008 and 2023.

The Core Program consistently receives more demand than the ARP. On average, the **Core Program receives 93 SOIs per year**, while the **Accelerated Repair Program receives 67**. However, the MSBA extends **17 core invitations and 45 accelerated repair invitations in a typical year**.

The invitation rate, an original data point created by The Bureau, represents the percentage of SOIs that are extended invitations by the MSBA each year. Chart 3 plots the invitation rate over time, including dotted lines to show the overall trend. This is crucial for understanding the agency's ability to meet the Commonwealth's demand for state-aided public school facilities upgrades. Data labels are provided for the first, middle, and most recent year that standardized data was available. **On average, the invitation rate stands at 56.6% for the ARP and 18.6% for the Core Program.**

From 2008 to 2022, the invitation rate for the ARP has fluctuated, with the overall trendline indicating a decline. Even when excluding the outlier years of 2008-2010 from

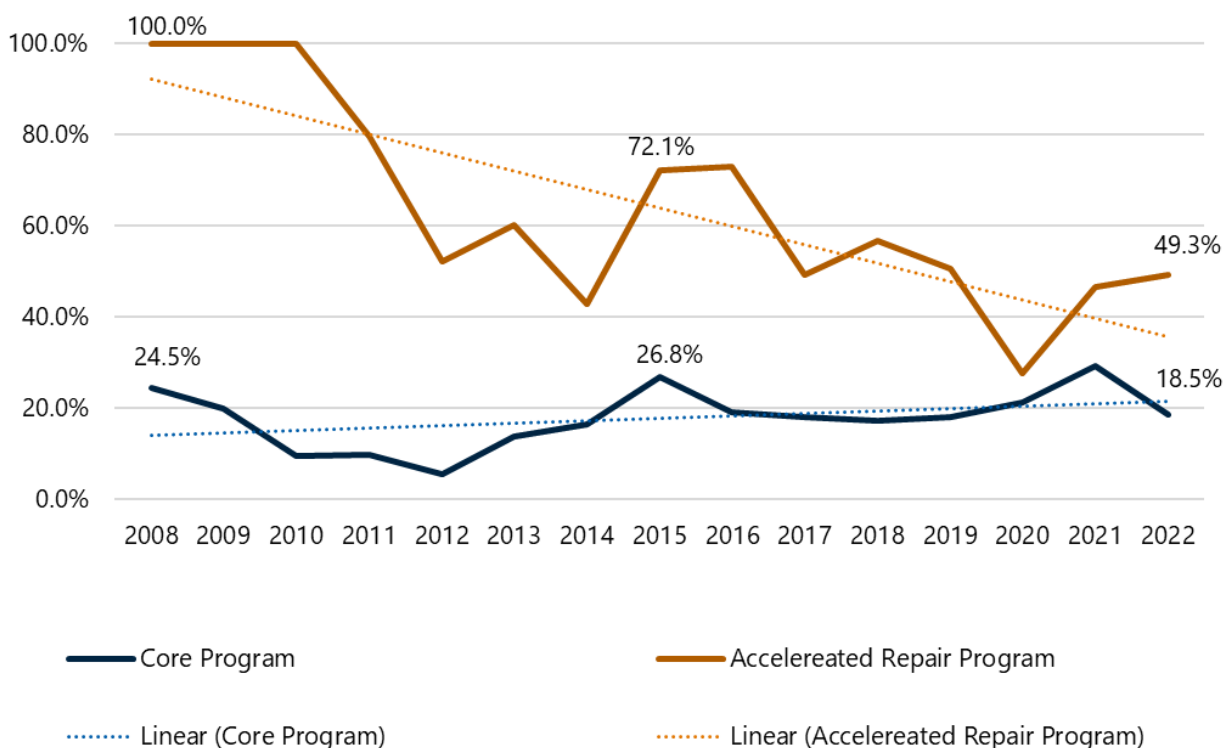
the dataset, the trend remains downward, though to a lesser extent. **In recent years, however, the MSBA has invited a greater percentage of ARPs, with the invitation rate reaching 49.3% in 2022, nearly returning to pre-pandemic levels.**

In contrast, the invitation rate for Core Program projects has been relatively stable over the same time period, fluctuating over longer periods than the ARP. The overall trendline suggests a modest increase in the invitation rate between 2008 and 2022. **In 2023, the invitation rate for the Core Program was 30.2%, a 11.7% spike from the prior year. This equates to 9 more projects in the Core Program.**

**Why does the Core Program receive more demand, yet the MSBA invites a greater number and percentage of ARP projects?**

This outcome likely stems from the differing financial scales of both programs. Core projects typically involve budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars, whereas ARP projects generally range in the millions to low tens of millions of dollars. Therefore, the MSBA addresses a relatively smaller number of very costly core projects each year, while supporting a larger volume of urgent, less

**Chart 3: The MSBA's Statewide Invitation Rates (2008-2022)**



Source: Capital Planning Project Overview, November 17, 2023





expensive repairs. This is not a reflection of the agency's priorities; rather, it reflects the agency's legislatively mandated responsibility to fund larger projects in the Core Program within its budget, while also addressing the immediate needs of districts. This strategy seeks to balance high and low-cost projects to meet the educational facility needs across the Commonwealth.

Now the focus shifts to the MSBA's history in Worcester, detailing the numerous projects that have enhanced the Worcester Public Schools system.

#### **A HISTORY OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN WORCESTER AND THE MSBA**

Between 2011 and 2023 the **MSBA has invited Worcester to engage in 5 core projects and 31 ARP projects**. Appendix 1 synthesizes detailed information on each project, including the year the SOI was submitted, the total budget and the MSBA's reimbursement.

According to the [MSBA Project List](#), Worcester has two active projects. **Firstly, the new Doherty High School is under construction**. This project was approved in 2017 and intended to cost \$293 million. However, the rising cost of materials has led to budget overruns. In 2022, to address a \$30 million overrun, The City Manager secured a \$23 million loan order with the City Council's approval.

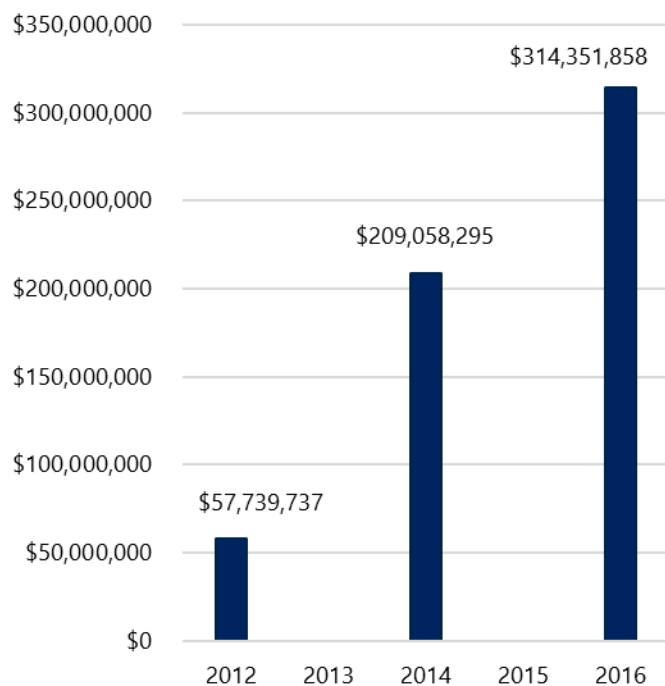
Additionally, to support local districts address these inflationary pressures, the MSBA's Board approved adjustments to the total facilities grant available for

projects approved prior to October 1, 2022. The specifics entail an increase to \$393 per square foot and \$39 per square foot for sitework, equating to a \$270 million supplemental grant across 30 projects, including Doherty High School. The funding for these adjustments stems from the Fair Share Amendment and changes to the state's FY 2024 Budget.

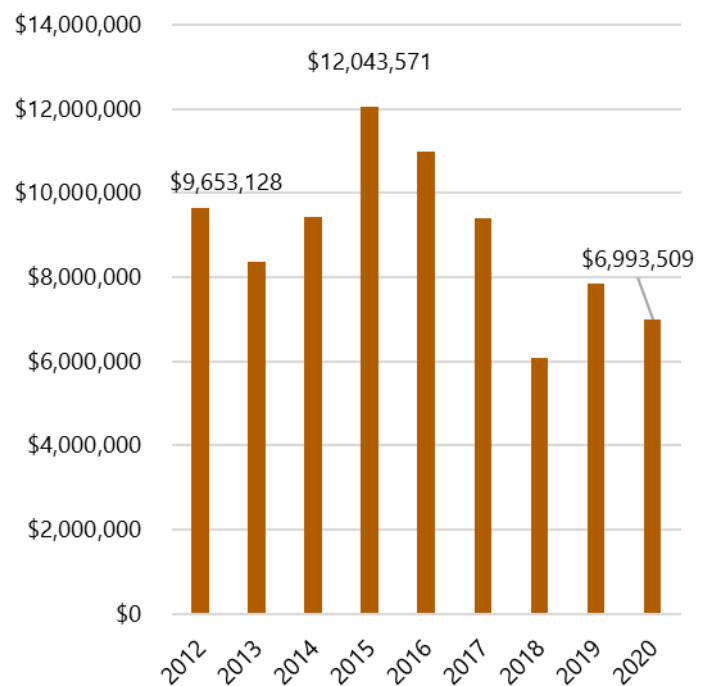
**The new total for Doherty High School, including overruns, is an estimated \$314 million. The MSBA Project List suggests that the agency will reimburse 49.5% of the total project costs.** So far, the MSBA has reimbursed the City \$80,700,786, and it is expected to pay another \$75,170,516 of remaining funds. The project is set to conclude in the summer, with student expected to attend in Fall of 2024.

**The second project is a roof replacement for Worcester Arts Magnet School, which was initially approved for a \$2 million loan in 2021.** On April 5, 2022, the City Council approved an additional \$5 million loan order because this cost of the project exceeded 30% of the assessed building value. This threshold triggered a zoning regulation in [521 CMR 3.3.2](#), which requires that the entire buildings be made compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The MSBA does not reimburse municipalities for these costs, which tends to force cities and towns to pay much higher, unexpected project costs. **As of 2022, Worcester Arts Magnet School's roof replacement now costs \$7 million.**

**Chart 4: Worcester's Core Program Project Costs**



**Chart 5: Worcester's Accelerated Repair Program Project Costs**



Sources: MSBA Project List and Capital Planning Overview Report, November 17, 2023



**On December 13, 2023, the MSBA Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve Burncoat Senior High School into the Feasibility Study phase.** The decision comes after 13 rejected SOIs over the past 15 years, and marks the District's fourth high school to be rebuilt since 2011. WPS is engaged in ongoing conversations with the MSBA to determine if Burncoat Middle School will be included in the project's scope. These two schools share the same premises and are interconnected facilities, which makes including both a natural consideration.

First built in 1964, Burncoat High has suffered from inoperable components and deferred maintenance for years, posing safety risks and challenges for a productive learning environment. The school's accreditation was put at risk due to these concerns. In December 2023, the school's heat pump failed, causing a one-day closure. In September, a three-day heatwave caused a three-hour early dismissal. Burncoat's acceptance into the MSBA pipeline is a long-awaited accomplishment that signals the end of the City and District's efforts to rebuild each high school. The new North High concluded in 2011, and the new South High opened in 2021. Worcester Technical High School, constructed in 2006, further demonstrates the city's collaboration with the state.

The lack of proper Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems is not unique to Burncoat, however. This is a district-wide, and indeed, a nation-wide problem, and that disproportionately hurts urban districts with older school buildings. The issue was covered frequently in the news. On September 3, 2023, NBC Boston speculated that **90% of classrooms in the District, or more, lack air conditioning** (Botelho). On September 8, the Telegram & Gazette reported that **80% of the District's school buildings do not have air conditioning** (Schwan). While the exact figures are unknown, the overall problem is clear: heat conditions pose a health and safety risks to students and staff across the District.

As climate change continues to worsen, making extreme heat waves more frequent, the District will be forced to address this concern sooner rather than later, in order to ensure the safety of students and staff. The Worcester Public Schools administration has expressed their deep concerns over the situation, and the resulting inequities in educational delivery.

### **WORCESTER'S COMPETITIVE FOOTING WITH PEER CITIES IN MASSACHUSETTS**

The Bureau will shed light on Worcester's success in securing ARP and Core Program projects compared to cities with similar school districts. The peer cities were carefully selected based on specific criteria: a FY 2020

school budget of at least \$200 million and a student population of more than 12,000. This list includes Boston, and seven Gateway Cities, including Worcester. The Gateway Cities that fall below this threshold include Fall River with 10,000 students, Quincy with 9,000 students, and Haverhill with 8,000 students.

The timeframe for analysis encompasses projects submitted to the MSBA from 2011 to 2022. 2011 marks the first year in which all selected cities submitted at least one project, while 2022 is the most recent year with up-to-date cost estimations, allowing for consistent comparison across all cities. This approach has obvious limitations, notably the exclusion of numerous projects undertaken by the MSBA (and its predecessor agency). However, the cutoff point simplifies the process of rectifying missing or outdated data on the MSBA Project List, particularly for projects inherited by the prior agency, for which there is limited online documentation. Additionally, this timeframe presents an opportunity for The Bureau to analyze the agency's recent history of collaboration with the state's eight largest public school districts.

**Between the 2011 and 2021 SOI Filing Period, Worcester accumulated a noteworthy total of 31 ARP projects**, solidifying its position as the highest recipient among selected Gateway Cities and only second to Boston, overall. It is important to acknowledge that Boston self-funded school projects for years without the MSBA's support, and Springfield received grants for may urgent repair project prior to 2011. It is realistic that Boston Public Schools, with 45,000 students across more than 100 school buildings, leads the state in acquiring these projects.

**Over the same time period, Worcester secured the second-highest number of core projects, totaling 3.** Comparing the number of core projects across districts is practically meaningless for any individual year because there are so few awarded, statewide. Over longer periods

**Table 1: Comparing Worcester's MSBA Projects to Peer Cities (2011-2022)**

| Peer Cities | Accelerated Repairs | Core Projects |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Boston      | 38                  | 2             |
| Worcester   | 31                  | 3             |
| Springfield | 28                  | 5             |
| Lowell      | 15                  | 1             |
| Brockton    | 13                  | 1             |
| New Bedford | 11                  | 1             |
| Lynn        | 8                   | 1             |
| Lawrence    | 3                   | 2             |



of time, however, comparing the number of core projects acquired is more appropriate.

It is also useful to compare the costs of projects in both programs. By cross-referencing the MSBA's List of Projects for each selected city with the latest data from the agency's Capital Project Overview Reports and Board of Directors meeting, the total costs of core and ARP projects can be compared. **However, simply comparing totals can be misleading without considering the number of projects each district accepts.** For instance, over this time period, Worcester took on three core projects with a combined cost of \$580 million, whereas Lowell's one project cost \$343 million. Thus, Chart 6 compares the average cost of core projects across peer cities. **On average, Worcester spends the third most, at roughly \$194 million per project.**

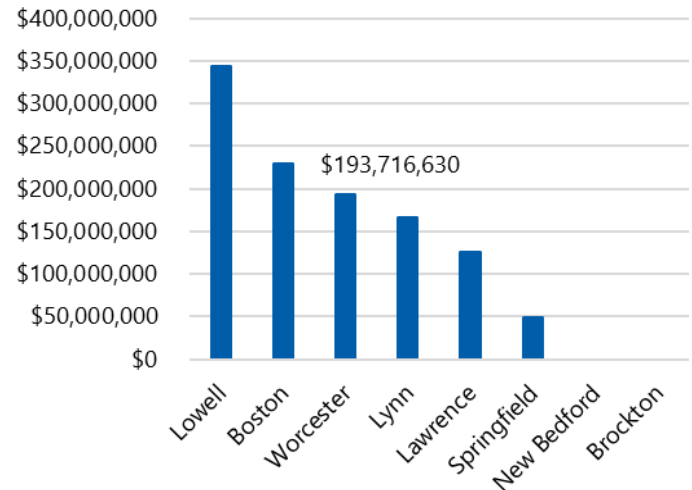
It's important to clarify that Worcester's apparent higher investment in core projects compared to other cities does not necessarily indicate an unnecessary overinvestment. Rather, it reflects differing project focuses and scopes. Worcester mainly concentrated on two high schools and an elementary school, while Boston included a high school and a K-12 facility. Although their projects seem similar, **Worcester was able to utilize more land for larger facilities, averaging about 93,000 square feet compared to Boston's 71,000.** This difference likely explains the variance in project costs. In contrast, Springfield's mix of elementary and middle schools typically have lower costs due to smaller enrollment, square footage, and material requirements.

When comparing the cost of ARP projects, most cities have acquired enough between 2011 and 2022, making it appropriate to compare total, as well as average costs. Also, the cost of these projects tends to fluctuate less considering the program's more limited scope. Chart 7 compares the total costs of ARP projects and the MSBA's reimbursement totals. **Worcester has the second highest total costs for ARPs among all selected cities, totaling \$88 million, with around \$50 million reimbursed by the MSBA. Additionally, it ranks first among Gateway Cities.**

As Chart 8 shows, **Worcester spends, on average, \$2.7 million on each ARP project. This ranks second-lowest among peer cities.** Springfield's projects cost the least, on average.

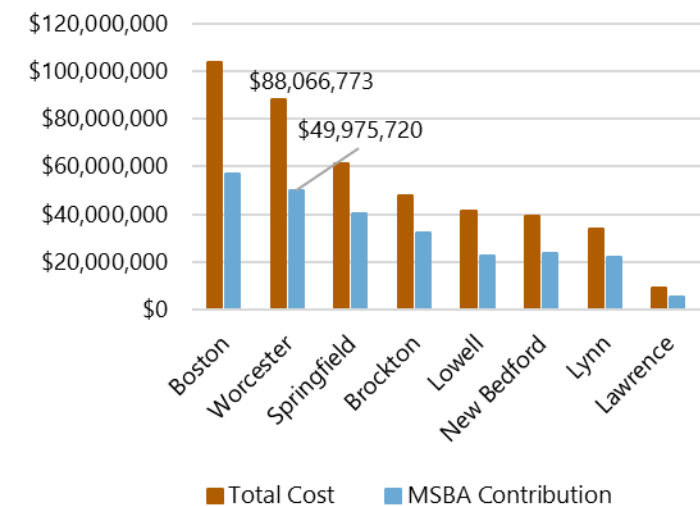
Overall, Worcester displays a relatively strong standing compared to peer cities, including Boston in acquiring both ARP and Core Program projects. A strong relationship between the MSBA and Worcester is vital for the city's educational growth.

**Chart 6: Average Costs of Core Projects in Peer Cities**

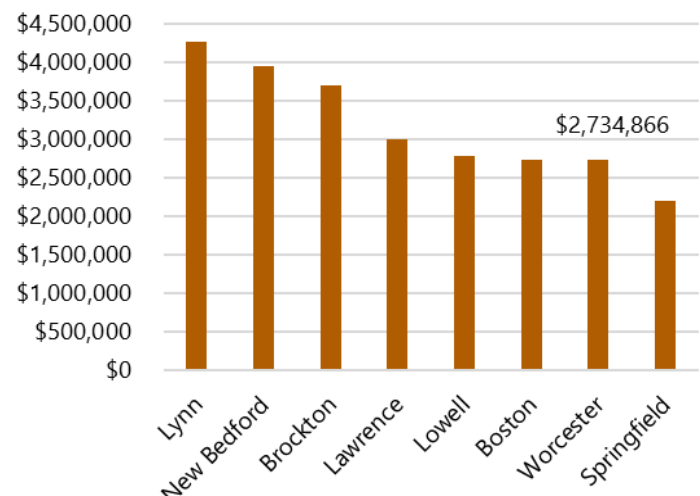


*Note: New Bedford's only core project has not secured a grant and Brockton received no core projects during this time*

**Chart 7: Total Costs of Accelerated Projects by Peer City**



**Chart 8: Average Cost of Accelerated Projects by Peer City**



Sources: MSBA: Project Lists, Capital Project Pipeline Overview Report (November 17, 2023), Board of Directors Meetings



## **BUILDING WPS' FUTURE: MAXIMIZING MSBA PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATIONAL GROWTH**

The MSBA continues to play a crucial role in enhancing school facilities in Worcester through the Core and Accelerated Repair Programs. Despite facing challenges with aging infrastructure and budget constraints, Worcester Public Schools have secured numerous projects, demonstrating effective collaboration with the MSBA. **With the acceptance of Burncoat High School into the MSBA pipeline, Worcester is positioned as one of the leaders among Gateway Cities in improving educational infrastructure.** Moving forward, city leaders can continue to leverage state funds by strategically aligning capital improvement plans with the MSBA's priorities. By maximizing opportunities to fund school facilities, Worcester can continue to improve K-12 learning outcomes, preparing students for future success.

## **LOCAL SCHOOL FACILITIES SPENDING: A FOCUS ON MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS**

In [Paying for A Public Education](#), the Bureau examined the WPS FY 2024 Budget in detail. This section will delve deeper into the facilities-related line items in the WPS FY 2024 budget to assess trends. It is also crucial to understand the [City's 2024 Capital Budget](#), which invests in facilities and equipment upgrades across Worcester's public buildings. A portion of that investment is dedicated toward WPS' Capital Improvement Plan, which is outlined in the [WPS FY 2024 Budget](#). While ordinary maintenance is funded by the District's budget, the City oversees and allocates school construction and renovation funds, as well as other initiatives. Understanding these various revenue streams, as well as updates to the City and District's discretionary spending

outside of state and federal contributions, is pivotal for assessing what the city prioritizes with limited resources.

### **THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

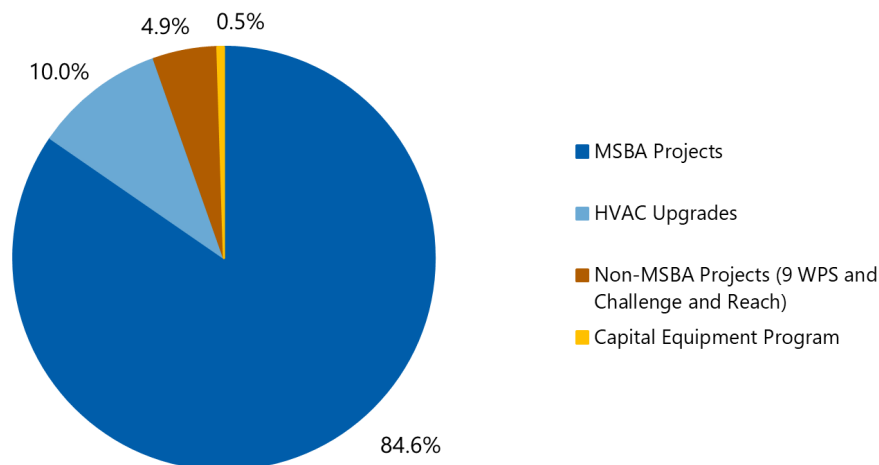
The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) serves as the primary funding mechanism for enhancing public infrastructure within the City. It is primarily funded through funds borrowed from the open market. Over time, this debt is repaid through various sources, with the City's tax levy being the largest contributor. Additionally, support for long-term debt service comes from enterprise funds, District Investment Funds (DIFs), and grants. **It is also crucial to understand that the annual borrowing budget reflects the projected amount to be borrowed within the fiscal year, rather than encompassing the total cost of a specific project outlined in the FY 2024 CIP.**

**The City of Worcester's FY 2024 CIP will spend about \$100.5 million on schools.** This is comprised of the City's \$53.9 million in borrowed funds, \$36.6 million from the MSBA, and \$10 million allocated by the City from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

**The vast majority of the City's school-related borrowing in FY 2024 represents the City's contribution to MSBA projects, which totals \$48.5 million.** This includes \$46.8 million for the new Doherty High School and \$1.7 million for Worcester Arts Magnet School's roof replacement. Meanwhile, the MSBA is contributing \$35.3 million on Doherty and \$1.3 million on Doherty and Worcester Arts Magnet, respectively. **Altogether, the City and MSBA are combining for \$85.1 million on MSBA projects this fiscal year.**

Outside of MSBA projects, the City is also borrowing an additional \$5.4 million. \$4 million of this represents the

**Chart 9: Breakdown of Approved Spending for WPS Facilities in the City's FY 2024 CIP**



Source: *The City of Worcester's FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan*





City's annual allocation to WPS projects. **\$3.5 million of this amount is being spent on nine non-MSBA repair projects.** These projects can be found in the WPS FY 2024 Budget under the Capital Improvement Plan. **\$500,000 goes toward capital equipment purchases across the District.** These initiatives include \$200,000 for purchasing and replacing equipment and vehicles that support cleaning, maintenance, and other grounds work. \$175,000 is for technology infrastructure for students, such as Chromebooks, iPads, desktops, laptops and other 21st century technological necessities to support modern learning needs. \$125,000 is being spent on maintenance and equipment for the district's bus fleet for students and other vehicles. **The remaining \$1.4 million in borrowed funds will pay for the Challenge and Reach Academy's sprinkler system.** In sum, outside of funding MSBA projects each, the City is borrowing an additional \$5.4 million in FY 2024 to improve school facilities.

The City has also allocated COVID-related ARPA funds to non-MSBA facility improvement projects. This additional \$10 million is being used to upgrade HVAC systems across the District, according to the WPS FY 2024 Budget.

In sum, WPS benefits from \$85 million toward MSBA projects, more than half of which comes from the City's borrowed funds. Additionally, WPS has an additional \$15.4 million, combining the City's borrowed funds and the federal government's ARPA grant funds. As ARPA funds expire, Worcester will need to identify alternative revenue sources to continue to invest in its school facilities.

### **THE WPS FACILITIES-RELATED BUDGET ITEMS**

The WPS FY 2024 Budget includes line items that are valuable for evaluating the District's limited spending capacity on facilities-related investments. This section focuses on how these line items have changed over time, particularly since FY 2018, which was the fiscal year that the District conducted the Facilities Master Plan, a comprehensive building evaluation of the city's oldest schools. Changes and trends in facilities-related spending areas from that fiscal year to FY 2024 will shed light on the ability and willingness of WPS to direct attention to issues such as deferred maintenance, school safety, and capital equipment.

The Worcester Public School's budget is divided into 20 object account areas for salary and wage-earning employees, and 12 non-salary object account areas. Object accounts areas are like large buckets, containing smaller budget line items within them. For the purpose of examining the District's spending on facilities-related infrastructure, only two of these object account areas are relevant.

The first is **Facilities Ordinary Maintenance, or FOI.** FOI provides funding for expenses including trash removal,

repair of buildings, construction, and custodial supplies. Trash removal is not considered integral to the state of each building's infrastructure, so this analysis excludes that line item. The other FOI line items, such as facility maintenance, environmental management systems, and capital equipment, will remain.

The other object account area of interest is **Miscellaneous Education Ordinary Maintenance, or MEOM.** MEOM includes funds that provide indirect support to the instructional programs throughout the WPS.

All the line items in this account are irrelevant for this analysis, except for one: **School Safety Equipment.** In sum, this analysis looks at three line-items from FOI and one line-item from MEOM. The selected line items are defined below:

- ◆ **Facility Maintenance:** Funds for maintenance and repair of all district buildings, including exterior and grounds, and interior and classrooms. This includes but is not limited to roofs, masonry, heating systems, plumbing, painting, electrical, repair of elevators, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, emergency generators, fire alarm systems, security systems, intercoms, and clock and bell systems performed by outside contractors. This account also represents necessary supplies and leases associated with the maintenance and repair of all district buildings.
- ◆ **Environmental Management Systems:** Funds for consulting and evaluation services related to the District's Environmental Management System (EMS), as initiated through a consent agreement between the Worcester Public Schools, the Attorney General, and the State Department of Environmental Protection. This system requires operating procedures to manage environmental issues throughout the district that include, but are not limited to, asbestos, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, chemical safety, and incident response. The FY 2024 Budget includes additional funding for abatement projects and hazardous waste disposal.
- ◆ **Capital Equipment:** Funds to repair, maintain and upgrade district buildings. This line item is utilized for capital equipment costs greater than \$1,000 per unit.
- ◆ **School Safety Equipment:** Funds to purchase equipment including, radios, surveillance cameras, monitors, window and door locks, access controls, intercoms, and door alarms. Additional funds are supported through the FOI object area to provide for school safety repairs and equipment. The FY 2024 budget includes an increase to address anticipated recommendations of recent safety audit of all district



building locations. This line will also include professional development and staff training.

Chart 10 on the following page tracks each of these line items between WPS FY 2018 and FY 2024 budgets. This timeline was selected because in late 2017, WPS concluded its Facilities Master Plan. This report evaluated only the oldest 28 schools out of the 45 schools in the district. These projects were eligible for renovation, addition, or new construction projects with the MSBA.

Thus, Chart 10 shows if facilities-related spending, aside from the Capital Improvement Plan, has increased in the fiscal years following the release of the Master Plan, until FY 2024. It is important that the District makes smaller, short-term investments in ordinary maintenance, just as the City takes on larger, long-term, and expensive projects with the MSBA. This chart sheds light on some of Worcester's efforts to address deferred maintenance and facilities issues independently.

There have also been several efforts by the City Manager, City Council, School Committee, and the Worcester Public Schools to enhance school facilities and pursue innovative funding opportunities to that end. For instance, on December 5, 2023, the City Council approved allocating the City's new tax growth to address various needs. This allocation, guided by spending options provided by the City Manager, includes **\$2 million towards relieving tax burdens, \$1 million towards a new fire station, and another \$1 million towards meeting the capital maintenance requirements of school facilities. \$750,000 of the school facilities allocation is for the Doherty High School project.** While \$1 million represents a modest increase considering the City's broad range of school facility needs, this initiative underscores the dedication of city leaders to devise innovative solutions to ensure students

have access to optimal learning environments.

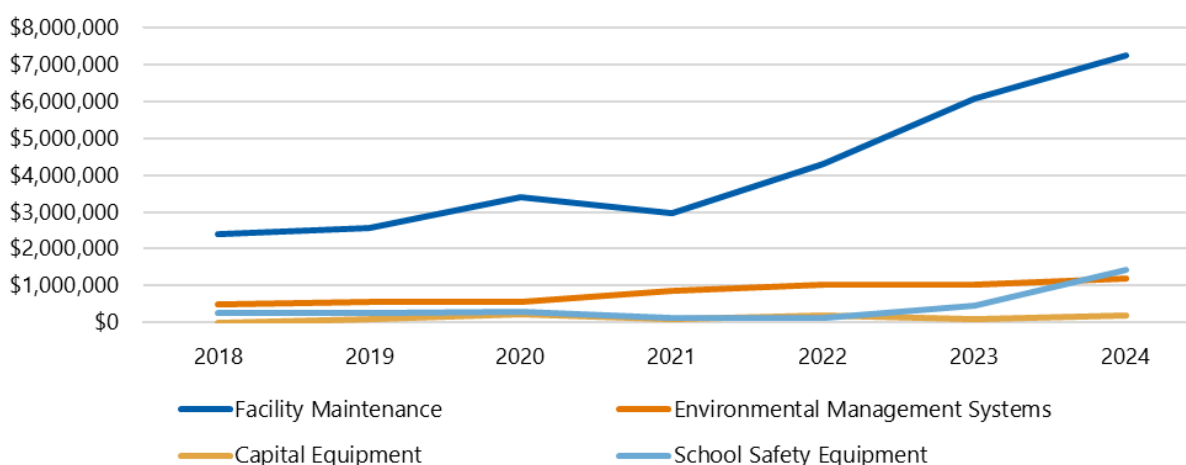
WPS also contracted Guidepost Solutions, a security and technology consultant firm, to conduct a safety audit for the District's schools. On November 16, 2023, Guidepost presented some of their topline findings to the School Committee, as well as recommendations to improve school safety District-wide. In accordance with exemption (n) of the Massachusetts Public Records Law, due to the sensitive nature of these data regarding individual schools, further substantive details regarding the audit will not be provided to the public. The presentation can be found in the [School Committee's November 16, 2023 Agenda and Minutes](#). Some their recommendations include: ensuring classroom doors and locking hardware function properly, establish key management and control, develop standards for security technology, add exterior lighting for schools with dark conditions, and considering perimeter protection measures and updating emergency management training.

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Understanding the dynamics of population and student enrollment changes in The City of Worcester is crucial for effective school facilities planning. The Bureau's report, [Reinventing Worcester](#), found that **the City's population has surged by almost 45,000 residents between 1980 and 2020, a 27.6% increase.** Amidst overall population growth and several dilapidated buildings District-wide, school consolidation is on the horizon in Worcester. To inform public debate on this issue, this section analyzes WPS' enrollment projections from the 2019-2020 academic year to 2026-2027, provided in the District's FY 2024 Budget.

Examining enrollment projections by quadrant reveals varying degrees of change in student numbers across different regions of Worcester. Notably, the **South**

**Chart 10: Facilities-Related Line Items from the WPS Budgets (FY 2018 - 2024)**



Sources: WPS Budgets FY 2018 - FY 2024



**Quadrant is projected to experience the most substantial decline in student enrollment with a decrease of 3.4%**, followed by Doherty (-2.4%), Burncoat (-1.8%), and North (-1.4%). While declines in other quadrants are less pronounced, there is an expected decline across the district. This signals the importance of proactive measures to address potential challenges arising from diminishing student enrollment.

Analyzing enrollment projections by school type further elucidates shifts in student demographics within the Worcester Public Schools system. Elementary schools are projected to experience the most substantial decline, with a decrease of 5.9%. Conversely, middle schools are anticipated to see a notable increase in students, growing 13.6%. High schools demonstrate a marginal decline of 0.6%. **The greatest increases in student enrollment projections are for middle schoolers, which should lead to an increase in high schoolers in the next few years.** This evidence supports city leaders' decision to pursue improvements to Burncoat High School and Worcester East Middle School.

**It is essential to acknowledge the inherent limitations of enrollment projections**, as they may fluctuate due to various factors such as demographic shifts, economic conditions, and policy changes. While these projections offer valuable insights into future trends, they should be interpreted with caution and supplemented with additional data and contextual analysis.

## ANALYSIS OF THE WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 2017 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

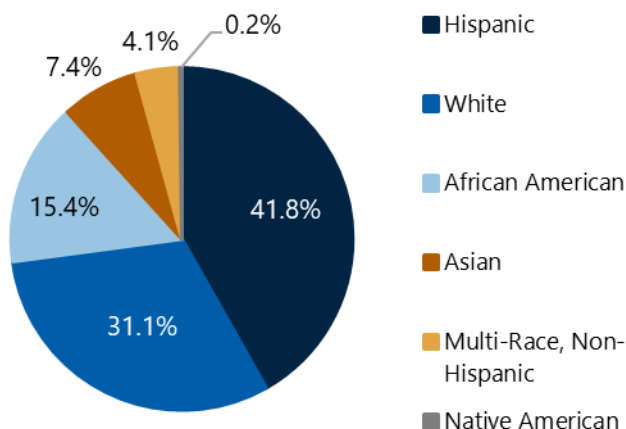
### BACKGROUND

The Worcester Public Schools unveiled its most recent Facilities Master Plan (FMP) in 2017. Discussions in preparation for the study were started several years earlier when the City approved funds to commission a comprehensive component inspection of 28 of the District's 45 schools. The District selected Symmes Maini & McKee Associates (SMMA), an architectural, engineering, and planning firm, to execute the study. This decision was a strategic investment to identify schools with the greatest level of need, devise a long-term vision to effectively prioritize school building upgrades, and to secure future funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

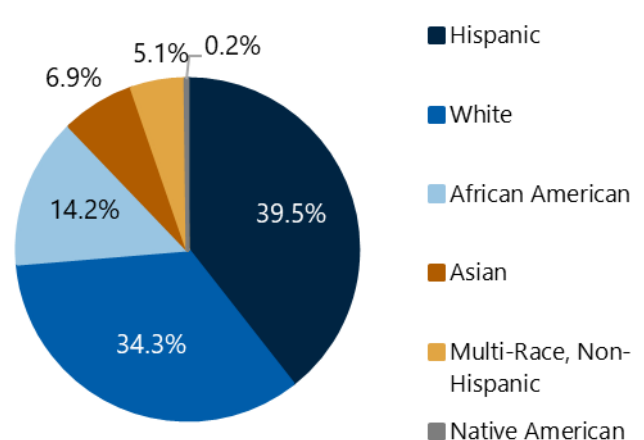
**SMMA conducted a comprehensive component inspection of 28 of the District's 45 schools (62% of school facilities). These schools were chosen because they are the 28 oldest schools in the District, which are also eligible for the MSBA's Core Program. The sample of schools included 24 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 2 high schools.**

In the 2016-2017 academic year, the District enrolled 25,479 students, of which 12,029 attended the 28 schools in the master plan. From the Bureau's own analysis of data compiled from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the FMP includes 62% of the schools, but only 47.2% of the student body.

**Chart 11: District-Wide Race/Ethnicity Data (2016-2017)**



**Chart 12: Master Plan Schools by Race/Ethnicity (2016-2017)**



Sources: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's School Profile Website (2016-2017 Academic Year)



According to charts 11 and 12 on the previous page, this sample of selection of schools over-represents several populations compared to the district-wide percentages. As shown in Chart 11, the FMP has a smaller percentage of students who are Hispanic (-2.3%), Black or African American (-1.2%), and Asian (-0.5%) compared to the District. Meanwhile, the sample over-represents White (+3.2%) and Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic (+1.0%) students. Native American students remained constant. While these changes may appear small, in a district of 25,479, each 1% change is about 255 students.

DESE also collects data on selected populations. These students of interest include **Economically Disadvantaged students, Students with Disabilities, and English Language Learners**. "Economically Disadvantaged" refers to students qualifying for state-administered aid programs like SNAP, TANF, DCF foster care, or MassHealth, indicating financial need. It is important to note that this term was used by the DESE from 2015 to 2021 but has since been replaced with a new measure: the number of students from low-income families. "English Language Learners" denotes the proportion of students whose primary language isn't English and require support in understanding classroom content. "Students with Disabilities" indicates the percentage of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), highlighting those with specific educational requirements due to disabilities and learning challenges. In this report, the variable will be called "Students with IEPs" to more accurately reflect what the variable counts and does not count as a student with a disability, which can have many different meanings. These variables serve to understand the diverse needs of students and inform educational strategies to support

their learning journeys.

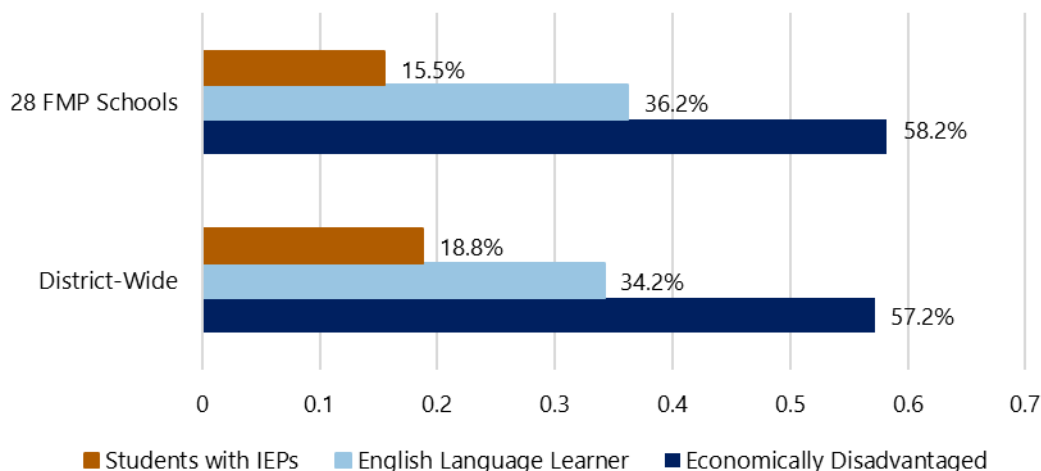
Chart 13 compares the percentage of students belonging to each of these categories compared to the district-wide numbers. This data is from the 2016-2017 academic year.

### SMMA'S APPROACH

The master plan evaluated school facilities across four key areas: Learning Environments, Spaces, Building Evaluation, and Facility Assessment. SMMA's approach assessed buildings for their overall condition, as well as their conduciveness to an optimal student learning environment. The four categories used to assess each building include:

- ◆ **Learning Environments:** A qualitative assessment of factors influencing student performance, considering 17 types of components such as acoustics, daylighting, ventilation, and technological resources. Results are categorized based on the level of support provided for each educational facility component.
- ◆ **Spaces:** A qualitative analysis of educational space sizes compared to MSBA guidelines, aiming to meet Massachusetts' 21st century teaching and learning standards. Results are summarized in the Spaces section of the report.
- ◆ **Building Evaluation:** A qualitative review of major building components and systems, organized into 8 categories such as exterior elements, roof systems, and mechanical systems. This provides a general overview of each school's condition.
- ◆ **Facility Assessment:** A more detailed assessment of each facility's hundreds of infrastructural components, standardized into 13 categories such as

**Chart 13: Selected Population Comparison between District and 28 Schools in Master Plan**



Sources: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's School Profile Website (2016-2017 Academic Year)





architectural, electrical, and environmental components. The components are ranked based on condition, tabulated, and color-coded for clarity.

### **COST EVALUATIONS FOR EVERY SCHOOL:**

The study deployed a three-pronged cost estimation process for each school, provided A.M. Fogarty & Associates Inc., a construction company. The three cost estimations include: Repair Costs, Urgent Repair Costs, and Replacement Costs. **Repair Costs** reflects the total of all the items from each school's facility assessment. This cost estimation uses historic unit rates for materials, labors, equipment, and asbestos abatement. **Urgent Repair Costs are a subset of Repair Costs, focusing only on components that pose health and safety risks to faculty and staff within each school.** The report recommends that these issues be addressed immediately. Lastly, **Replacement Costs reflects the total cost of completely replacing the existing school facility with a new building.** This estimation uses a fixed construction rate per gross square foot as of 2018, and excludes non-essential expenses such as demolition and relocation, and furniture. The repair costs for all schools totaled \$260 million, while the total of urgent repair costs neared \$70 million (27% of repairs).

The tables to the right show cost estimations for the ten costliest schools in SMMA's report to repair, urgently repair, and replace altogether.

### **SMMA'S RECOMMENDATIONS BY AGE OF BUILDING:**

SMMA concluded that all 28 buildings are out of conformance with current building and accessibility codes, and have been "grandfathered" to allow them to remain operational. They provided the following recommendations for each type of building, based on age:

- 1. Late 1960s - 70s Buildings with Open Plans (4 Buildings):** Renovation was advised to ensure their long-term viability, with upgrades such as floor plan reconfigurations and system replacements.
- 2. Steel-Framed Buildings from the 1950s and 1960s (8 Buildings):** Feasibility studies were recommended to assess their suitability for 21st century education.
- 3. Pre-WWII Buildings (16 Buildings):** Replacement or consolidation were recommended due to universal outdatedness in terms of building codes and educational support. The master plan highly recommended that the District phase out these schools due to their age, overall condition, and most importantly, because of their combustible, wooden stairs. Upon revisiting each school's facility assessment, it appears that in fact, **11 schools have combustible, wooden stairs, which violates state**

**Tables 2-4: Top 10 Costliest Schools to Repair and Replace from the 2017 Facilities Master Plan**

| School Name                          | Repair Costs (in 2018 \$) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Burncoat High School                 | \$22,171,957              |
| Worcester East Middle School         | \$21,491,486              |
| Burncoat Middle School               | \$20,568,331              |
| Goddard School of Art and Science    | \$20,129,662              |
| Belmont Street Community School      | \$15,218,173              |
| Vernon Hill School                   | \$15,207,399              |
| Chandler Elementary Community School | \$12,943,275              |
| Elm Park Community School            | \$12,780,353              |
| Union Hill School                    | \$8,321,870               |
| Rice Square School                   | \$8,211,278               |

| School Name                          | Urgent Repair Costs (in 2018 \$) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Worcester East Middle School         | \$7,187,804                      |
| Vernon Hill School                   | \$5,225,321                      |
| Belmont Street Community School      | \$4,796,653                      |
| Burncoat Middle School               | \$4,490,929                      |
| Burncoat High School                 | \$3,392,418                      |
| Worcester Arts Magnet School         | \$3,276,196                      |
| Elm Park Community School            | \$3,246,262                      |
| Goddard School of Art and Science    | \$3,041,324                      |
| May Street School                    | \$2,949,752                      |
| Chandler Elementary Community School | \$2,944,408                      |

| School Name                          | Replacement Costs (in 2018 \$) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Worcester East Middle School         | \$67,595,520                   |
| Burncoat Middle School               | \$64,073,760                   |
| Burncoat High School                 | \$62,073,760                   |
| Goddard School of Art and Science    | \$52,187,820                   |
| Chandler Elementary Community School | \$44,370,000                   |
| Belmont Street Community School      | \$40,449,780                   |
| Vernon Hill School                   | \$36,131,100                   |
| Elm Park Community School            | \$28,993,185                   |
| Worcester Arts Magnet School         | \$24,645,795                   |
| Flagg Street School                  | \$18,973,395                   |

Sources: WPS 2017 Facilities Master Plan and School Study by SMMA



#### fire safety codes.

4. **SMMA recommends that small pre-WWII buildings be considered for consolidation**, as a more cost-effective, long-term investment strategy compared to rebuilding each of them one at a time. Our analysis finds that **replacing all 16 facilities would have cost \$337,172,300 in 2018**. These are conservative estimates, which do not include land acquisition, labor, or school relocation costs.

Refer to Appendix 2 to see the time period in which each school in the master plan was originally constructed.

#### **A SECONDARY ANALYSIS OF THE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

Amid renewed policy discussions for an updated Facilities Master Plan, the Bureau identified an opportunity to generate original findings from the 2017 study. By extracting key building characteristics and repair costs data from the Master Plan, and combining it with student demographic data from each school during the same year of the site visits, our goal is to identify significant correlations between the selected variables and the cost of different types of repairs.

The Bureau created a quantitative dataset compiled from key building characteristics found in the Master Plan, along with accurate demographic data and selected population characteristics from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). While the previous Master Plan noted key demographic and building characteristics, it did not include further analysis on the relationship between these building characteristics or student demographic information and their correlation to greater repair costs. This opportunity allows for a deeper understanding of the demographic characteristics of Worcester's oldest school buildings, as of 2017. While the demographic data and available maintenance data are nearly seven years old, this analysis provides valuable insights to inform the District's strategy to enhance equity going forward, perhaps informing resource allocation and support for student learning initiatives.

#### **VARIABLES OF INTEREST**

This analysis seeks to understand the relationship between several variables of interest and repair costs, to see if there are any relationships of significance. We will call these variables **predictor variables because we are exploring their relationships with the outcome variable**. These predictors are data from the Facilities Master Plan, including gross square footage of each school, the age of each school, and renovation history. Renovation history is a binary evaluation, measuring whether the school facility received a renovation or

addition since it was first built.

We also included school-level data from DESE, such as the student-to-teacher ratio, and the number of student populations belonging to each of the following racial and ethnic categories: Hispanic, White, Black/African American, Asian, Multi-Racial Non-Hispanic, or Native American. Lastly, we included the number of students who belonged to selected populations: Economically Disadvantaged, students with IEPs, and English Language Learners (ELs). A comprehensive list of definitions for student demographic variables can be viewed on our new interactive dashboard, [Understanding Your Neighborhood Schools](#) or DESE's website. **Altogether, there are 13 predictor variables.**

This analysis explores which of the 13 predictor variables are associated with greater repair costs. **Thus, the three types of repair costs in our study are called outcome variables because we intend to understand this "outcome" (higher repair costs in some schools and not others), in greater detail.** The three outcome variables include:

1. **Repair Costs:** The total expenses for repairs, determined using independent cost estimators' "Historic Unit Pricing" and practical experience. The unit cost comprises materials, labor, and equipment. Total repair costs are presented solely in construction costs and exclude furniture, fixtures, or other equipment not permanently connected to the building's structure or utilities.
2. **Urgent Repair Costs:** The expenses associated with categories identified as inoperative in the Facility Condition Assessment. Immediate attention is required for these issues as they relate to the welfare and life safety of the facility's occupants.
3. **Replacement Costs:** The expenses involved in replacing the facility with the same amount of occupied space as the current individual school utilizes. It assumes a 2018 construction cost of \$435.00 per gross square foot and a moderately amount of site work. It excludes demolition or relocation costs and does not encompass furniture, fixtures, or other equipment lacking a permanent connection to the building's structure or utilities.

#### **CORRELATIVE FINDINGS**

Correlation tables present numerical values that indicate the degree of association between each predictor variable and each outcome variable. Essentially, these correlation coefficients gauge the strength of relationships using values ranging from 0 to 1. Interpreting the results is relatively straightforward: **the closer a coefficient is to '0', the weaker the**



**relationship, and the closer it is to '1', the stronger the relationship.** The key below illustrates the typical degrees of strength used to assess the relationship. Lastly, while the numerical value indicates the strength of the relationship, whether the correlation is positive or negative determines the direction. **A positive value suggests that as one variable increases, the other also tends to increase, indicating a positive correlation.**

**Conversely, a negative value implies that as one variable increases, the other tends to decrease, indicating a negative correlation.** Understanding whether a correlation is positive or negative is crucial for interpreting the relationship between variables accurately.

The key below provides a useful guide.

As the correlation table illustrates, **the size of the school building, measured by square footage, stands out as the most important factor correlating with repair costs, overall.** However, other predictor variables such as the age, student-to-teacher ratio, and renovation status of each building, are not correlated with any type of repair cost. This is clear from the values in the table,

| Key for Correlation Coefficients | Strength of Relationship |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.0 to 0.7                       | Strong correlation       |
| 0.7 to 0.4                       | Moderate correlation     |
| 0.4 to 0.2                       | Weak correlation         |
| 0.2 to 0                         | Little to no correlation |

which range from 0 to 0.2.

There are interesting trends regarding the demographic composition of each school. **First, as the number of Hispanic, Black or African American, Economically Disadvantaged, or students on IEPs increases, so does the cost of repairs.** As Table 5 illustrates, all of these variables are highly positively correlated with at least one type of repair cost, and if not, they are moderately correlated.

Next, across the board, there are a few variables that are moderately positively correlated with greater costs. These variables are the number of Asian, Multi-Race Non-Hispanic, and English Language Learners. These variables are positively correlated with costs, but to a smaller degree than the first set of variables.

**Lastly, the number of White and Native American students are very weakly correlated with all three types of costs, but White students are moderate correlated with Repair Costs.** It should be noted, again, that White students constituted 34.3% of the student population of this 28-school sample, while Native Americans made up 0.2%, on average. This yields an interesting finding for further examination and public debate. It is not very surprising that Native American students, as the smallest counted DESE category in the District, are not correlated with greater costs. However, **White students, who are the second largest racial or**

**Table 5: Correlation Coefficients for Predictor Variables and Total Repair Costs**

| Predictor Variable         | Repair Costs | Urgent Repair Costs | Replacement Costs |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Square Footage             | 0.902        | 0.708               | 0.909             |
| Age                        | 0.177        | -0.052              | -0.253            |
| Renovation or Addition     | 0.372        | -0.086              | -0.342            |
| Student-Teacher Ratio      | -0.218       | -0.030              | -0.189            |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 0.804        | 0.677               | 0.766             |
| Students on IEPs           | 0.829        | 0.569               | 0.798             |
| English Language Learners  | 0.625        | 0.502               | 0.594             |
| Hispanic                   | 0.710        | 0.556               | 0.685             |
| White                      | 0.157        | 0.160               | 0.463             |
| African American           | 0.764        | 0.746               | 0.755             |
| Asian                      | 0.457        | 0.420               | 0.463             |
| Multi Racial Non-Hispanic  | 0.538        | 0.616               | 0.560             |
| Native American            | 0.292        | 0.086               | 0.187             |

Sources: Original Analysis by The Research Bureau. Data from WPS 2017 Facilities Master Plan and School Study by SMMA



**ethnic group in the District, are also very weakly correlated with costs on average, while non-White racial groups are strongly correlated.** This poses an interesting question for city leaders to answer: **Why would the number of White students be weakly correlated with greater costs, while the correlation of Hispanic and African American students is highly correlated?** Considering that this sample of 28 schools over-counts White students and undercounts both other groups compared to the District-wide 2017 data, the strength of these relationships warrant further investigation.

**The exploratory findings reveal a notable trend across the 28 sampled schools: as the number of Economically Disadvantaged students, those on IEPs, or individuals identifying as Hispanic or Black increases, so too do overall repair costs.** It is crucial to emphasize that our unit of analysis is each school building rather than the student body. The repair costs delineated in the Facilities Master Plan range from millions to tens of millions of dollars, a sum not reasonably attributable to the student body.

**Furthermore, it is imperative to refrain from implying a causal relationship between specific demographic groups and heightened repair costs.** Such an interpretation risks perpetuating harmful stereotypes, unfairly associating higher repair expenses with historically underserved and vulnerable populations.

These findings prompt further investigation, particularly to ascertain whether schools with significantly higher non-White student populations compared to the District's average are enrolled in schools in greater disrepair. While the 2017 data is now outdated, it underscores the necessity for the City and District to plan school facility projects through data-driven practices that inform equitable resource allocation in the future.

**Future analysis should draw upon up-to-date enrollment data, facilities assessments, and cost projections, as well as various other variables beyond the scope of this report to better understand whether increased levels of facilities need are prevalent in schools serving more non-White students.** Such an approach would empower the City and the District to strategize for equitable resource allocation for school facilities.

## CONCLUSION

While the City and Worcester Public School have made notable strides in improving school buildings over the past decade, it's clear that they require additional support from external funding sources such as the state and

federal government. Urban school districts like Worcester's have tens of thousands more students than suburban ones, which means they have many more schools to invest in. Compounding this issue, Worcester Public Schools have several out-of-code school buildings first built in the 1800s. With a litany of deferred maintenance issues, and constrained budgetary resources to fix them, the City and District cannot face these challenges alone.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has been instrumental in assisting Worcester's initiative to rebuild all high schools and address various urgent repair needs. Worcester has effectively managed its projects, ensuring competitive acquisition and cost maximization compared to peer cities. Despite budget constraints, the City and District have allocated resources for capital improvement projects, school safety, and maintenance through innovative initiatives.

Worcester has shown its commitment to enhancing school facilities on a few fronts. In late 2023, the City allocated \$1 million in local surplus tax revenues for school facilities maintenance. While this investment is extremely small, given the District's needs, it signals that municipal policymakers are actively seeking innovative solutions to improve school facilities with the resources available to them. Additionally, the District added a section dedicated to school facilities to its new five-year Strategic Plan. One specific commitment in the facilities section is the development of a new Facilities Master Plan by the 2027-2028 school year. This study will likely involve identifying the District's most urgent school building needs and specific buildings in need of urgent repairs or reconstruction.

Improving school facilities is a crucial initiative to enhance student learning outcomes. As the City and District continue to collaborate and explore innovative revenue sources, it is crucial to assess historic and on-going investments. By identifying areas for improvement, prioritizing support for the neediest schools, and striving for equitable growth across the District, Worcester can significantly enhance student learning outcomes and foster positive educational progress.

The Bureau's following recommendations aim to guide the City and District toward accomplishing these objectives.

## RECOMMENDATION 1: DEVELOP A DATA-DRIVEN PRIORITY LIST OF THE DISTRICT'S NEEDIEST SCHOOLS

When the District undertakes a new Facilities Master Plan, it is imperative that the study builds upon the previous plan's data-driven evaluation of the District's oldest





school buildings. While the previous report makes recommendations for buildings based on the era during which they were constructed, it is imperative that the District receive more specific, actionable recommendations. The report should include specific school projects in a hierarchical priority list, identifying urgent repair and reconstruction projects, justified using specific evaluation metrics. Subsequently, the District should develop a short and long-term plan to address identified issues, building upon the WPS FY 2024's Budget section on the Capital Improvement Plan, which outlines future facilities projects. These project priorities should be accompanied by detailed justifications and timelines for each project. Both the Facilities Master Plan and the District's project plans should be made publicly available, providing students, parents, education experts, community members, and the general public the opportunity to provide input on the District's facilities maintenance agenda.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2: ENSURE A DATA-DRIVEN, TRANSPARENT, AND EQUITABLE SELECTION PROCESS FOR SCHOOL REPAIR PROJECTS**

The process of selecting schools for urgent repair projects and reconstruction must be transparent. It is essential that selecting schools for construction is a data-driven process, utilizing comprehensive metrics such as detailed building evaluations, cost projections, estimated debt, and population projections. The City and the District should actively seek multi-stakeholder input from all members of the community, with a particular focus on historically underserved populations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 3: EXAMINE CORRELATIVE FINDINGS BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED BACKGROUNDS AND HIGHER REPAIR COSTS**

The Bureau's findings stem from the 28 oldest schools among the District's 45, relying on outdated cost estimations and demographic data. This underscores the need for further analysis. Extracting additional insights would necessitate a larger sample of schools and more variables to comprehensively understand the factors linked to higher repair costs.

This deeper examination is pivotal for recognizing and addressing any potential inequitable outcomes in educational delivery. It is essential to understand the degree to which historically underserved or vulnerable populations are disproportionately situated in worse learning facilities. Such understanding is crucial for devising effective strategies to mitigate disparities and ensure that all students have access to quality educational environments.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 4: CONSOLIDATE PRE-WWII SCHOOLS**

Given the significant costs involved with rebuilding the District's oldest schools, it is imperative to develop a specific plan to consolidate schools effectively. This plan should prioritize schools with the highest need for infrastructural improvement, taking into account for factors such as the proximity of each of these schools, population projections, and lot sizes. Additionally, it should identify optimal lots for land acquisition, as needed. As the District embarks on the final chapter of rebuilding all high schools, it is crucial to lay out a plan for addressing the previous Master Plan's most concrete recommendation: closing schools that no longer meet modern safety or educational needs. This initiative will usher Worcester Public Schools into a new era.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 5: ADVOCATE FOR FURTHER STATE INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Building on successful partnerships with the MSBA, city leaders, state legislators, and community stakeholders should advocate for increased state investment into school facilities. The state should explore innovative solutions to generate funds for core and accelerated projects, mirroring the creativity of municipal policymakers, who leverage tax surpluses and other financial strategies to address these needs amidst budget constraints.

City leaders and community members should also consider policy solutions such as differentiated funding formulas or special programs within the MSBA for urban districts. This would address issues of urban density and the greater need for state support compared to wealthier suburban districts.

Finally, while the Massachusetts Legislature has addressed rising construction costs due to inflation with ad hoc supplemental grants, the Commonwealth should reconsider the MSBA's reimbursement criteria. Including land acquisition or unanticipated ADA costs would significantly help urban school districts, which rely on these funds to improve their public school facilities.

**APPENDIX 1:**

| Worcester's Complete List of MSBA Projects (2011-2023) |           |                      |                    |                      |                         |
|--|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| School   | SOI Year  | Total Project Budget | Project Type       | Project Phase        | Total MSBA Contribution |
| North High School                                      | Inherited | \$72,800,000         | Core Program       | Final Audit Approved | \$45,911,881            |
| Chandler Magnet School                                 | 2012      | \$4,426,598          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,846,485             |
| Dr. James Caradonio New Citizen Center                 |           | \$1,330,553          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$959,755               |
| Jacob Hiatt Magnet School                              |           | \$451,022            | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$308,480               |
| Lake View School                                       |           | \$1,435,094          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$792,262               |
| May Street School                                      |           | \$2,009,861          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,412,032             |
| Nelson Place School                                    |           | \$57,739,737         | Core Program       | Final Audit Approved | \$32,518,288            |
| Columbus Park Preparatory Academy                      |           | \$2,467,367          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,474,893             |
| Tatnuck Magnet School                                  | 2013      | \$2,038,196          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,313,932             |
| Worcester Arts Magnet School                           |           | \$1,801,521          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,130,828             |
| Worcester East Middle School                           |           | \$2,865,498          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,300,776             |
| Clark Street Developmental Learning School             |           | \$2,505,511          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,398,028             |
| Goddard School of Art and Science and Technology       | 2014      | \$5,494,557          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,982,499             |
| South High School                                      |           | \$209,058,295        | Core Program       | Closeout             | \$114,856,067           |
| Union Hill School                                      |           | \$2,520,957          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,503,075             |
| West Tatnuck School                                    |           | \$2,395,045          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,137,231             |
| Flagg Street School                                    |           | \$4,336,844          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,218,449             |
| Francis J. McGrath School                              | 2015      | \$1,812,614          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$969,302               |
| Grafton Street School                                  |           | \$4,569,125          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,830,314             |
| Jacob Hiatt Magnet School                              |           | \$2,334,988          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,291,350             |
| Belmont Street Community School                        |           | \$4,109,178          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$3,094,365             |
| Chandler Elementary School                             | 2016      | \$1,492,592          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,026,791             |
| Doherty High School                                    |           | \$314,351,858        | Core Program       | Construction         | \$127,118,217           |
| The Gerald Creamer Center                              |           | \$3,071,825          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,135,694             |
| Wawecus Road School                                    |           | \$2,271,503          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,622,722             |
| Elm Park Community School                              |           | \$3,179,270          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,086,908             |
| Lincoln Street School                                  | 2017      | \$3,155,906          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$2,008,355             |
| Thorndyke Road School                                  |           | \$3,059,252          | Accelerated Repair | Final Audit Approved | \$1,710,516             |
| Challenge and Reach Academy                            | 2018      | \$6,075,849          | Accelerated Repair | Closeout             | \$2,605,301             |
| Burncoat Street Preparatory School                     | 2019      | \$1,017,713          | Accelerated Repair | Closeout             | \$749,595               |
| Lincoln Street School                                  |           | \$1,346,274          | Accelerated Repair | Closeout             | \$717,006               |
| Tatnuck Magnet School                                  |           | \$2,025,697          | Accelerated Repair | Closeout             | \$966,315               |
| Vernon Hill School                                     |           | \$2,504,165          | Accelerated Repair | Closeout             | \$1,646,695             |
| Worcester East Middle School                           |           | \$2,968,689          | Accelerated Repair | Closeout             | \$1,683,315             |
| Worcester Arts Magnet School                           | 2020      | \$6,993,509          | Accelerated Repair | Construction         | \$2,052,451             |
| Burncoat High School                                   | 2023      | TBD                  | Core Program       | Feasibility Study    | TBD                     |

Source: WPS 2017 Facilities Master Plan and School Study by SMMA

**APPENDIX 2:**

| 28 Schools in the WPS Facilities Master Plan by Age |      |
|---|------|
| School  | Year |
| Chandler Elementary School                          | 1977 |
| Francis J. McGrath School                           | 1977 |
| Belmont Street Community School                     | 1971 |
| Elm Park Community School                           | 1971 |
| Burncoat High School                                | 1964 |
| Wawecus Road School                                 | 1963 |
| West Tatnuck School                                 | 1961 |
| Worcester Arts Magnet School                        | 1961 |
| Chandler Magnet School                              | 1953 |
| Clark Street Developmental Learning School          | 1953 |
| Flagg Street School                                 | 1953 |
| Burncoat Middle School                              | 1952 |
| Heard Street Discovery Academy                      | 1932 |
| Vernon Hill School                                  | 1931 |
| Lincoln Street School                               | 1929 |
| May Street School                                   | 1927 |
| Thorndyke Road School                               | 1927 |
| Worcester East Middle School                        | 1924 |
| Columbus Park Preparatory Academy                   | 1922 |
| Lake View School                                    | 1922 |
| Tatnuck Magnet School                               | 1922 |
| Union Hill School                                   | 1922 |
| Burncoat Street Preparatory                         | 1916 |
| Rice Square School                                  | 1914 |
| Goddard School of Science and Technology            | 1900 |
| Midland Street School                               | 1896 |
| University Park Campus School                       | 1885 |
| Grafton School of Art and Science                   | 1879 |

Source: MSBA Project List for Worcester and Board of Director Meeting, December 13, 2023



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March 12, 2024

Mayor Joseph M. Petty and the  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, 455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilors,

On March 17, 2023, the City Council voted to review the City Clerk's performance at the expiration of the two-year term voted on March 17, 2022 and consider negotiating an employee contract with the City Clerk in the new term starting on March of 2024.

In an effort to highlight some of the successes of the City Clerk department, the enclosed report details the City Clerk's objectives and goals for the City Clerk's Office. The City Clerk's Office aims to provide exceptional levels of service that meet the needs of Worcester's broad and diverse population and its elected officials and does so by maintaining a clear understanding of all new and modified legal mandates at the local, state, and federal levels. The City Clerk's Office also aims to ensure this is done through innovation, expertise, and a cooperative spirit. Furthermore, we work tirelessly to ensure the fair and honest conduct of Municipal, State, and Federal elections through the compliance of all applicable municipal, state, and federal elections laws and regulations and through a secure, modern, and accessible voting infrastructure.

I look forward to discussing the City Clerk department's successes and initiatives and working together to ensure continued service to City of Worcester residents throughout the next term.

Cordially,

Nikolin Vangjeli  
City Clerk



## City Clerk Department Goals and Objectives

### **Mission:**

The mission of the City Clerk's Office is to accept, file, record, and maintain all municipal records. The City Clerk publishes the agenda for all City Council meetings, records all City Council's actions, and compiles the minutes of their meetings. The Department also maintains the City Council document system database and publishes all city ordinances on an annual basis. The Clerk, when requested, attests to the validity of City records. This includes records of birth, marriage, death, residency, ordinances, City Council actions, voter and business registration and many others.

### **Goal 1: Operational Excellence and Efficiency**

#### **City Priority Area:** Sound Fiscal and Operational Government

**Objective 1:** Continue to design more streamlined organizational structure to provide clear direction to staff of roles, and responsibilities.

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Review and revise 100% of the department organizational structure. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Re-evaluate and set clear job function, responsibilities, and duties of present and future staff.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| 100% of current job descriptions to be revised during FY24. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul> |

**Objective 3:** Improve staff retention rate.

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Conduct at least one (1) meeting and team building activity per quarter. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 conducted in FY24</li><li>2 more planned in FY25</li></ul> |

### **Goal 2: Customer Service**



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### **City Priority Area:** Strong Neighborhoods

**Objective 1:** Continue working with the Executive Office of Economic Development to provide multilingual businesses guides when residents register business with the City Clerk's Office.

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Offer residents business guides.                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul> |
| Offer business guides in multiple languages including Spanish. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Continue to work with local Veterinary clinics to update City Clerk's Office records to increase the number of registered dogs in the City of Worcester.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Increase the number of registered dogs to over 8,000 during 2024 Licensing Period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Over 3,400 dogs registered since 2024 licensing period began.</li></ul> |

**Objective 3:** Continue to offer residents the ability to digitally file Claims with the City Clerk's Office.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote residents' ability to file their claims digitally through the city's Online Claim Form.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The portal submission is completed.</li><li>Claims are submitted online and come thru a shared email system with the Law department and the Clerk's office.</li><li>224 Claim's filed online in FY24.</li></ul> |

**Objective 4:** Establish an online, mandatory registration system for lobbyists and any other person being compensated to solicit elected or appointed officials concerning policy matters in the City of Worcester's government.



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| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Work with the Technical Service Department to create an online registration portal with 100% of functions available by the end of FY24. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li><li>• The Online system is available online for submission.</li></ul> |
| Ensure all lobbyists utilize the online filing system.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li></ul>  |

**Goal 3:** Increase accessibility, public awareness, and knowledge of City Council process

**City Priority Area:** Opportunity for All

**Objective 1:** Continue creating public awareness campaigns

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Work with the Cable Service Department to update City Council informational videos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing efforts to promote all previously recorded informational videos.</li><li>• More to be recorded with the council support staff in FY25.</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Continue digitization of City Council and City Clerk records using a preservation grant gifted to the City Clerk's Office.

| Initiative(s)                                       | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Hire and train temporary interns for archival work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li><li>• 3 temporary positions filled</li></ul> |
| Continue archive digitization process.              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing scanning project</li></ul>                            |

**Objective 3:** Continue to replace the City Council Agenda Management System

| Initiative(s)                          | Current Progress  |
|--|---|
| Deploy system functions for daily use. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing system built</li><li>• Historical migration 10%</li></ul> |



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| Initiative(s) | Current Progress  |
|---------------|---|
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff undergoing building/training of updated system.</li></ul> |

**Objective 4:** Continue to provide Limited English Proficiency assistance to residents looking to attend City Council and Standing Committee meetings.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Clerk employees will be able to offer translation services in languages including Albanian, Twi, Vietnamese, Mandarin Spanish and Portuguese. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ongoing - 5 languages offered thru Clerk staff translation and more language services offered by the city translation services.</li></ul> |

**Objective 5:** Increase proficiencies around online petition submissions and functions.

| Initiative(s)                                      | Current Progress  |
|--|---|
| Process and review all online submitted petitions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>165 online petitions received and processed in FY23 (as of March 1, 2023) (Total of 324 petitions sent to City Council in FY24 as of March 1, 2024)</li></ul> |

**Objective 6:** Continue to promote online sign-up form for residents to receive Worcester City Council agendas, subcommittee agendas, and meeting notices.

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress  |
|--|---|
| Update and promote City Clerk contact list for publicizing all City Council agendas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ongoing</li><li>282 current subscribers</li></ul> |

**Objective 7:** Continue to offer virtual public participation through the Zoom Webinar Platform.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Allow residents to participate remotely at all City Council and Standing Committee meeting in FY25. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li><li>Now a permanent feature and part of Worcester City Council meetings.</li></ul> |





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**Objective 8:** Host City Council Standing Committee meetings in the community.

| Initiative(s)                                      | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Host Standing Committee meetings in the community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li><li>• Five (5) Traffic and Parking Speed Limit Hearings were held in each City Council district.</li></ul> |

**Objective 9:** Provide the public immediate, digital access to all Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest forms filed by City Council and staff.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Post all Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest forms received by the office on city website. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li><li>• 6 forms submitted in FY24</li><li>• All historical forms from 1999 to present are posted on the city website.</li></ul> |

**Goal 4:** Continue to work with the City Council to aid in the development of the City Council's Support Staff Division.

**City Priority Area:** Opportunity for All

**Objective 1:** Continue to offer residents the ability to use the Find My City Councilor Application to determine who their Councilor is by advertising the application via social media and the City's website.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Have residents continue to utilize this function in FY25. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2,800 searches on the function in FY24</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Building Blocks

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Familiarize City Council members with the Building Blocks application to streamline constituent inquiries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li><li>• Council members are trained as requested</li><li>• City council support staff fully trained and utilizing the function.</li></ul> |





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| Initiative(s)                  | Current Progress |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| regarding specific properties. |                  |

**Objective 3: Constituent Inquiry Tracking**

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Work with Office of the City Council to ensure Councilors are familiar with the Community Fluency Constituent Tracking program. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li><li>• Program has been established and utilized</li><li>• Council members have program available and are trained as requested</li></ul> |
| Allow residents the ability to reach out to City Councilors via Contact My Councilor Function.                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li><li>• 400 submissions in FY24</li></ul>   |



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## **Election Department - Goals and Objectives**

### **Mission:**

The City Clerk provides operational and administrative support to the Board of Election Commissioners and is the City's primary election and voter registration official. The City Clerk provides appropriate forms for those registering to vote, maintains the official voter registration records for Worcester, and other duties defined in the City Charter and Massachusetts General Laws. The official voter registration records allow the City Clerk to provide an accurate list of voters to each polling place.

**Goal 1:** Maintain an accurate, robust and up-to-date voter registry

**City Priority Area:** Opportunity for All

**Objective 1:** Continue to provide all Worcester residents the opportunity to register to vote.

| Initiative(s)                                    | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Register at least 6,000 new voters during FY25   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase of 18,000 voters in FY24</li><li>• Ongoing for FY25</li></ul>   |
| Offer voter registration drives in the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 voter registration drives completed in FY24</li><li>• Work with colleges and high schools to register students in FY24. All high schools and colleges offered registration sessions.</li><li>• 10 voter educational sessions offered in the neighborhood crime watch meetings and city hall in FY24 regarding the school committee districts and municipal elections.</li><li>• More registration sessions ongoing for FY25.</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Continue to provide information to the public regarding the administration of elections in Worcester.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Work with the Cable service division to create and update election informational videos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video published and being shared on City's website and social media.</li><li>• 3 videos recorded every election in English and Spanish to advertise voter registration,</li></ul> |



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| Initiative(s) | Current Progress   |
|---------------|--|
|               | mail in and early voting and election day information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Videos streamed thru YouTube, city website, and social media.</li></ul> |

**Objective 3:** Continue to offer online voter registration options to all Worcester residents with a Massachusetts driver's license or state ID card.

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress  |
|--|---|
| Register voters through the online registration function in FY25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6,000 registered voters in FY24 through online/RMV</li><li>• Ongoing on daily basis</li></ul> |

**Objective 4:** Continue to offer an online annual census response function along with different methods of census response, including by mail drop-box and online response.

| Initiative(s)                                    | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Receive at least 35,000 responses before 4/15/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10,000 responses online as of 3/1/24</li></ul> |

**Goal 2:** Recruit and train poll workers adequately to fulfill duties and provide multilingual customer service to voters

**City Priority Area:** Opportunity for All

**Objective 1:** Continue to work with the political parties to select names of poll workers for Election Day.

| Initiative(s)                            | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Recruit poll workers before Election Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 400 poll workers recruited for the for FY24 and FY25 elections in September and November</li></ul> |



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| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Staff at least 1 bilingual translator per polling location on Election Day. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li></ul> |

### **Objective 2:** Continue to open all polling places on time on Election Day

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Open 100% of polling locations on time on Election day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li></ul> |

### **Objective 3:** Continue to train poll workers on all Election Day procedures

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Reach 100% training attendance  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li></ul> |
| Offer an online training portal to train at least 50% of poll workers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li></ul> |

### **Objective 4:** Continue to deliver precinct manuals on Election Day procedures to all precinct workers

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Mail all workers training manuals two weeks before election day. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li></ul> |

### **Objective 5:** Continue to offer translation services through the Language Line.

| Initiative(s)                                    | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Train 100% of poll workers to use Language Line. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li></ul> |

### **Goal 3:** Increase accessibility, public awareness, and knowledge of the electoral process

#### **City Priority Area:** Opportunity for All

### **Objective 1:** Continue to Initiate public awareness campaigns

| Initiative(s)                                  |   |
|--|---|
| Work with the Cable service division to create | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li></ul> |



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| Initiative(s)                          |  |
|--|--|
| election informational videos in FY25. |  |

**Objective 2:** Host voter registrations and voter information sessions in partnership with the League of Women voters and nonprofit organizations

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Attend 10 voter registration or information session events in the community throughout the election season. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing</li><li>• 5 sessions offered in FY24</li></ul> |

**Goal 4:** Leverage technology to improve the efficiency on Election Day

**City Priority Area:** Vibrant Thriving City

**Objective 1:** Continue to utilize electronic poll books.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Train 100% of poll workers to use electronic poll books for inactive voter procedure and voter lookup on Election Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Continue to ensure the programming of ballots is designed in a timely manner to permit voters to cast and mail ballots to the Election Office before the voting deadline for each election.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Deliver 100% of ballots to absentee and vote by mail voters 3 weeks before Election Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accomplished</li><li>• 9,000 ballot mailed in September and November 2023 and 13,000 ballots mailed in March 2024.</li></ul> |



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| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress  |
|--|---|
| Program 100% of voting machines two weeks before Election Day for testing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished for all 60 precincts</li></ul> |

**Objective 3:** Continue to send notifications of elections through Alert Worcester.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Communication with all subscribers of Alert Worcester relative to each Election in FY24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul> |

**Goal 5:** Plan and coordinate the growth of Election Operations, given the changes made with redistricting and the School Committee district representation.

**City Priority Area:** Vibrant Thriving City

**Objective 1:** Additional Poll worker recruitment

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Work with the political parties to select an additional 50 poll workers prior to Election Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ongoing</li><li>24 extra poll works on call for last minute callouts for election day</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Continue to offer visible and accessibly voting locations.

| Initiative(s)  | Current Progress   |
|--|--|
| Work with organizations to ensure polling locations are accessible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li><li>All polling locations in Worcester are accessible</li></ul> |

**Objective 3:** Ensure sufficient staffing to have new polling locations set up and operating smoothly on Election Day



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| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Set up all polling locations on time.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li><li>60 precincts are set up in an accessible and visible manner</li></ul> |
| Ensure all polling locations have sufficient police coverage on Election Day. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul>   |

**Goal 6:** Offer Mail in Voting and Early Voting in person for the 2024 Election Season

**City Priority Area:** Opportunity for All

**Objective 1:** Continue to offer both absentee voting and vote-by-mail to all qualified voters of the Worcester who request this service.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Have at least 2,000 voter's vote through absentee ballots during FY25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Over 1,000 voters in FY24</li><li>Ongoing for FY25</li></ul> |

**Objective 2:** Mail all voters a vote by mail application.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Mail a vote by mail application to all registered voters for the 2024 March, September, and November elections. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li><li>114,000 applications mailed in February 2024</li></ul> |

**Objective 3:** Mail vote by mail ballots to all registered voters that request an Early Vote by mail ballot.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Mail 100% of requested ballots to voters at least 3 weeks before each election. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ongoing for FY25</li></ul> |



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| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress  |
|---|---|
| Offer 100% of voters prepaid return mail envelopes  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul>                                    |
| Offer voters the option of utilizing the vote by mail drop boxes at the 10 fire stations and city hall. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accomplished</li></ul>                                    |
| 10,000 Worcester voters utilize the voter by mail voting option during FY24.                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>13,000 early vote applications received in FY24</li></ul> |

**Objective 4:** Offer in person early voting for all elections.

| Initiative(s)   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Offer 7 days of early voting including one weekend for all elections. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5 early voting days offered in September 2023 - 700 ballots cast</li><li>7 early voting days offered in November 2023 – 1,200 ballots cast</li><li>7 Early voting days offers in March 2024, 600 ballots</li><li>September 2024 - 7 days planned</li><li>November 2024 - 14 days planned</li></ul> |





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**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

**342 West Boylston Street – Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere Parking Subarea (CCOD-E) Establishment  
(ZA-2024-001)**

**TO CITY COUNCIL:**

On January 9, 2024, the Planning Board was referred the petition of Mark A. Borenstein, on behalf of 342 West Boylston LLC, to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map by establishing the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere Parking Subarea (CCOD-E) to wholly encompass the property at 342 West Boylston Street. The property is presently located wholly within the BL-1.0 (Business, Limited) zoning district, with no overlay districts.

Having considered the same at its meeting on February 7, 2024, the Planning Board voted 5-0 to **recommend in favor** of the proposed zoning map amendment, finding it appropriate to facilitate the redevelopment of the property.

Respectfully submitted for the Planning Board,

Michelle Smith  
Assistant Chief Development Officer  
Planning & Regulatory Services

*Signed on behalf of the Worcester Planning Board*

**List of Exhibits**

- Exhibit A: Petition of Atty. Mark A. Borenstein, on behalf of 342 West Boylston Street LLC; referred to the Planning Board on January 9, 2024.
- Exhibit B: Memorandum from the City of Worcester Division of Planning & Regulatory Services to the Planning Board; 342 West Boylston Street – Establish CCOD-E – Zoning Map Amendment; dated February 7, 2024.

To the City Council of the City of Worcester:

The undersigned, being the owners of certain property in the City of Worcester, most respectfully petition the City Council as follows:

To amend the Zoning Map of the City of Worcester, as referenced in Article III, Section 2 of the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning designation of the property located at and known as 342 West Boylston Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, shown on the City of Worcester's Assessor's Map as M/B/L 12-007-00009 (the "Property"), from the current zoning designation of Business, Limited (BL-1.0) to Business, Limited (BL-1.0) and Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere (CCOD-E) by establishing the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere (CCOD-E) at the Property, as shown on the plan attached hereto.

For 342 West Boylston LLC's title to the Property, see the Foreclosure Deed from Hometown Bank dated November 3, 2023 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 69909, Page 65.

Respectfully submitted,

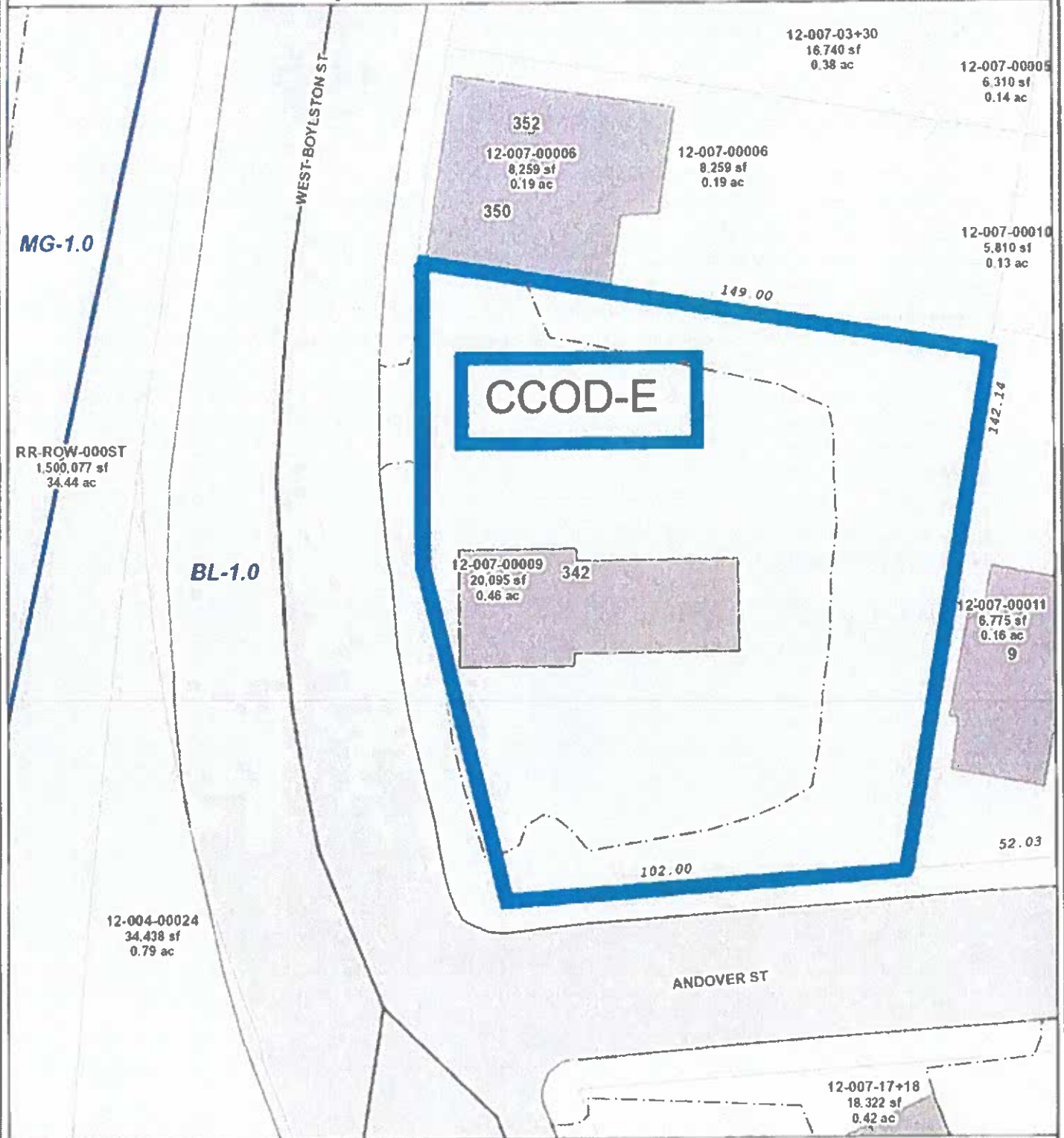
**342 West Boylston LLC**

By: 

Mark A. Borenstein, Esq.  
Their Attorney  
Bowditch & Dewey, LLP  
311 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 688-9136

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# 342 West Boylston Street - Zoning Amendment Petition Plan



**DATA SOURCES**  
Base map data: City of Worcester, MA Geographic Information System  
Original Data: Digitized at 1:800 scale (date not recorded) 1 inch = 43 feet  
Updated Using Spring 2003 Photography at 1 inch = 180 feet  
Further Updates Using City of Worcester Information  
Property Details: City of Worcester, MA Assessing Division

**COORDINATE SYSTEM**  
All map data is in the Massachusetts State Plane Coordinate system,  
North American Datum of 1983, Massachusetts Meridian Zone 14 (51)  
Units are measured in Feet, Vertical Datum NAVD83

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### MASSACHUSETTS FORECLOSURE DEED

**HOMETOWN BANK** a/k/a bankHometown, a banking institution duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business at 31 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts

holder of a mortgage

from **NASHEF, LLC** to **HOMETOWN BANK**, dated April 12, 2016 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 55183, Page 171,

by the power conferred by said mortgage and every other power, for **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND** and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) DOLLARS

paid, grants to **342 WEST BOYLSTON LLC**, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a mailing address of 40 Jackson Street, Suite 1000, Worcester, Massachusetts,

a portion of the premises conveyed by said mortgage.

This foreclosure deed only conveys the property known as 342 West Boylston Street, Worcester, Massachusetts described in the attached Exhibit A as Parcels I-III.

**HOMETOWN BANK** hereby states under oath that M.G.L. c. 244, Sections 35B and 35C are not applicable to this mortgage foreclosure.

WITNESS THE EXECUTION OF THIS FORECLOSURE DEED AS AN INSTRUMENT UNDER SEAL THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

**HOMETOWN BANK** a/k/a bankHometown

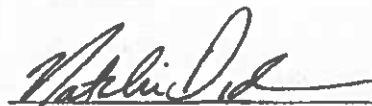
By:   
 Erin Joyce, Vice President

342 West Boylston Street, Worcester, MA

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2023, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared ERIN JOYCE, Vice President of Hometown Bank a/k/a BankHometown, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was, ☐ photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, ☐ oath or affirmation of a credible witness, ☒ personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 22, 2029

NATALIE L. DIDONNA  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires  
June 22, 2029

*seal*

# AFFIDAVIT

I, Erin Joyce, a Vice President of HOMETOWN BANK a/k/a bankHometown, named in the foregoing Foreclosure Deed, make oath and say that the principal and interest obligations mentioned in the mortgage above referred to were not paid or tendered or performed when due or prior to the sale, and that HOMETOWN BANK caused to be published on May 9, 2023, May 16, 2023, and May 23, 2023 in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, a newspaper published or by its title page purporting to be published in Worcester, Massachusetts and having a general circulation therein, a notice of which the following is a true copy:

(see attached Exhibit A – Legal Advertisement)

HOMETOWN BANK complied with Chapter 244, Section 14 of Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, by causing the required notices to be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested.

I further state that all conditions precedent to foreclosure contained in said mortgage have been satisfied and the requirements of (i) the power of sale included in the mortgage, and (ii) the statutes have been complied with in all respects.

Pursuant to said notice at the time and place therein appointed, which sale was postponed by public proclamation to July 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. and further postponed until September 13, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., at which time and place, HOMETOWN BANK sold a portion of the mortgaged premises at public auction by Mark H. Shear of Berman Auctioneer & Appraisers, Inc., licensed auctioneers, to STEVEN ROTHSCHILD for FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$400,000.00) DOLLARS bid by STEVEN ROTHSCHILD, being the highest bid made therefor at said auction, which bid was then assigned to 342 WEST BOYLSTON LLC as evidenced by an Assignment of Rights under Memorandum of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit B.

EXECUTED UNDER SEAL THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

Erin Joyce, VP  
Erin Joyce, Vice President of Hometown Bank  
a/k/a bankHometown

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2023, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared ERIN JOYCE, Vice President of Hometown Bank a/k/a bankHometown, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was ☐ photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, ☐ oath or affirmation of a credible witness, ☒ personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of her knowledge and belief.



NATALIE L. DIDONNA  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires  
June 22, 2029

Natalie Didonna  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 22, 2029

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Exhibit A

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by NASHF, LLC to HOMETOWN BANK a/k/a bankHOMETOWN, dated April 12, 2014 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 55182, Page 171 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, as follows:

10:00 a.m. - the mortgaged premises located on or near 34-528 Park Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts ("Parcel I"); and

12:00 p.m. - the mortgaged premises located on or near 342 West Seviston Street, Worcester, Massachusetts ("Parcel II")

all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

**34-528 Park Avenue,  
Worcester, Massachusetts;  
"Parcel I":**

**BEGINNING** at a stone monument set in the ground of Harrington and Richardson Arms Company formerly owned by one Shoushinsky, three hundred seven and four tenths (307.4) feet northerly from the northerly line of Tufts Street, now Winfield Street;

**THENCE**, running westerly by other land now or formerly of Harrington and Richardson Arms Company one hundred (100) feet to other land now or formerly of Harrington and Richardson Arms Company formerly owned by one Pierce;

**THENCE**, southerly by said land and land of the Copus Engineering Corporation and parallel with the line of said Park Avenue fifty-nine (59) feet;

**THENCE**, easterly by the second parcel being conveyed one hundred (100) feet to said Park Avenue;

**THENCE**, northerly by said Park Avenue sixty-one (61) feet to the point of beginning.

**Parcel II:**

**BEGINNING** at a stone monument set in the ground at the southeasterly corner of Parcel I described herein two hundred forty-six and four tenths (246.4) feet from the northerly line of Tufts Street, now Winfield Street;

**THENCE**, running westerly by the southerly line of Parcel I above described one hundred (100) feet to land now or formerly owned by the Copus Engineering Corporation;

**THENCE**, southerly by land now or formerly of said Copus Engineering Corporation sixty-six (66) feet by a line parallel with Park Avenue and one hundred (100) feet distant therefrom to other land now or

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formerly of Coppus Engineering Corporation;

THENCE, easterly by said land one hundred (100) feet to Park Avenue;

THENCE, northerly by Park Avenue sixty-four (64) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Grantors by deed: (i) of David Glick and Norman Glick as Trustees of the Park Avenue Realty Trust dated December 30, 1984 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18107, Page 134; and, (ii) of David Glick dated October 14, 2008 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 43414, Page 215."

241 West Boylston Street,  
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Parcel I:

The land in Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situated on the easterly side of West Boylston Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of said West Boylston Street at the northwesterly corner of the granted premises and land now or formerly of Israel Gerrol, said point being 143.74 feet northerly, measure by the easterly line of West Boylston Street, from a Worcester Highway marker set at the intersection of the southerly line of Andover Street and the easterly line of West Boylston Street;

Thence South 73° 03' 50" East by said Gerrol land 141.48 feet to a point at land now or formerly of Stanley F. and Rita J. Sargut;

Thence South 18° 29' 35" West by said Sargut land 20.88 feet to a point at land of Harold G. and Virginia E. Johnson;

Thence North 78° 15' 25" West by said Johnson land 133.73 feet to the easterly line of said West Boylston Street, said line being parallel to the southerly line of the building on the granted premises.

Thence northerly by the easterly line of said West Boylston Street, 33.79 feet to the point of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed together with the right to pass and repass over a 10 foot right of way adjoining the above described premises on the South as recited in said deeds from said Backstrom, et ux and Johnson, et ux.

Said premises are shown on a plan of land in Worcester, Massachusetts owned by Lorraine M. LaForte and Harold G. Johnson ad Virginia E. Johnson, dated February 1964, Reney Brothers, Inc. Registered Engineers and Surveyors, Worcester, Massachusetts, recorded at said Deeds in Plan Book 378, Plan 42.

Parcel II:

The land in Worcester, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:



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Beginning at a point in the easterly side of West Boylston Street seventeen and 45/100 feet northerly of stone monument numbered two (2);

Thence Northerly by said West Boylston Street fifty five (55) feet;

Thence deflecting 89° 14' to the right easterly one hundred fifty and 75/100 (150.75) feet;

Thence deflecting to the right southerly fifty four and 97/100 (54.97) feet;

Thence deflecting to the right westerly one hundred fifty and 14/100 (150.14) feet to the place of beginning.

Being lot number 5 on said plan of O. Willis Rugg, and containing eighty two hundred seventy and 66/100 (8270.66) square feet of land, more or less.

Excepting, however, a taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the City of Worcester, dated August 4, 1936, and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2476, Page 1.

**Parcel III:**

The land in Worcester situated on the easterly side of West Boylston Street and the northerly side of Andover Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of West Boylston Street;

Thence northerly by the easterly side of West Boylston Street, 79.53 (sic.) feet to land of Lorraine M. LaForte;

Thence easterly by said LaForte land, one hundred thirty-three and seventy-three hundredths (133.73) feet to land of Stanley and Rita J. Stargut;

Thence southerly by said Stargut land sixty two and twenty hundredths (62.20) feet to the northerly side of Andover Street;

Thence westerly by the northerly side of Andover Street, one hundred five and thirty four hundredths (105.34) feet to the point of beginning.

Being Lot C on plan of land by Roney Bros., Inc. dated February, 1966 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 296, Plan 42.

For title see Bk 55183 Pg 148."

The description of the premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Said premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax liens, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/or otherwise having priority

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over the Mortgage, if there be any.

**TERMS OF SALE: THE PARCELS SHALL BE SOLD INDIVIDUALLY AND NOT IN BULK. A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EACH PARCEL.** Said deposits are to be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser(s) at the times and places of sale. The balances to be paid in certified or bank cashier's check and deeds to be taken by purchaser(s) within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the times and places appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the times and places appointed for the adjourned sales.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser(s) to perform and to purchase either Parcel I or Parcel II in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for either such parcel, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers Parcel I or Parcel II to the second highest bidder and such bidder declines either to purchase the applicable parcel at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase either Parcel I or Parcel II at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

**HOMETOWN BANK a/k/a  
bankHometown  
Present holder of said  
Mortgage**

**Robert S. Adler, Esq.  
SEDER & CHANDLER, LLP  
339 Main Street  
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Attorneys for the Mortgagee**

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## Exhibit B

ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER MEMORANDUM OF SALE

4<sup>th</sup> THIS ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER MEMORANDUM OF SALE is made this day of October, 2023 by Steven Rothschild of Worcester, Massachusetts ("Assignor") to 342 West Boylston LLC ("Assignee"). 40 Jackson Street, Ste. 1000, Worcester, MA

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, Assignor was the successful bidder at a foreclosure auction held on September 13, 2023 of the premises known and numbered as 342 West Boylston Street, Worcester, Massachusetts (the "Property") held under the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Nashef, LLC to Hometown Bank, dated April 12, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 55183, Page 171; and

WHEREAS, Assignor executed a certain Memorandum of Sale dated September 13, 2023, whereunder Assignor agreed to purchase the Property under the terms and conditions outlined therein (the "Memorandum"); and

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to assign to Assignee all of his rights, interest and obligations under the Memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby assigns, conveys and sets over unto Assignee all of his rights, interest and obligations under the Memorandum and Assignee accepts such assignment and hereby assumes and agrees to perform all such obligations.

[Signature Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor and Assignee have executed this Assignment under seal as of the date and year first above written.

**ASSIGNOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Rothschild

**ASSIGNEE:**

324 West Boylston LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Steven Rothschild

Title: ~~Manager~~ Authorized Signatory

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Worcester, ss.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared STEVEN ROTHSCHILD, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was, ☐ photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, ☐ oath or affirmation of a credible witness, ☒ personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Mark A Borenstein  
My Commission Expires: 12/1/2028

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

On this 4th day of October, 2023, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared STEVEN ROTHSCHILD, AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF 342 WEST BOYLSTON LLC, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was, ☐ photographic identification with signature issued by a federal or state governmental agency, ☐ oath or affirmation of a credible witness, ☒ personal knowledge of the undersigned, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose on behalf of 342 West Boylston LLC.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires





# The City of WORCESTER

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## Memorandum

To: Albert LaValley, Chair – Worcester Planning Board

CC: Planning Board Members

From: Victor Panak, *Chief Planner*

Date: February 7, 2024

Re: **342 West Boylston Street – Establish CCOD-E – Zoning Map Amendment**

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## Proposed Zone Change

342 West Boylston LLC seeks to amend the City of Worcester Zoning Map by establishing the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere parking subarea (CCOD-E) overlay zoning district on the property at 342 West Boylston Street. The petitioner does not propose any changes to the underlying zoning district.

The property located at 342 West Boylston Street (MBL 12-007-00009) is presently located entirely in the BL-1.0 (Business, Limited) zoning district, and not located within any overlay zoning districts.

The property is owned by the petitioner and, according to Assessor's records, was most recently used as a fast-food establishment. The property is currently vacant.

## Recommendation

The Planning Board's role in this matter is to make a recommendation to the City Council with respect to the proposed zone change. In doing so, the Board should consider how development is shaped under the current and the proposed zoning district and determine whether the proposed changes would further development in a manner consistent with community objectives and compatible with the neighborhood.

The proposal would establish the CCOD-E overlay district over 342 West Boylston Street in its entirety.



## Location



## Analysis

The proposed map amendment would affect approximately 0.69 acres (or 29,927 SF) of land, on the eastern side of West Boylston Street. The subject property is at the corner of West Boylston Street and Andover Street. Presently, the property is underutilized with a vacant building and associated surface parking lot.

West Boylston Street is a busy commercial thoroughfare, with primarily vehicular-focused commercial uses, including retail, bank, food-service uses in the vicinity of the subject property in a narrow BL-1.0 zone. To the east, is a large RG-5 district developed predominantly with three- and multi-family uses, with single- and two-family uses interspersed. To the west, is the St. Gobain complex, zoned MG-1.0.

The petitioner seeks to establish a new node of the CCOD-E in the area. While most occurrences of the CCOD are located near the City's downtown and commercial corridors that extend from the downtown core, the Purpose of the CCOD is to *"encourage compact, pedestrian friendly development that is physically and functionally integrated through site design, dimensional and parking standards that limit parking, provide flexibility for development initiatives and provide incentives for mixed-use development."*

In general the CCOD does prohibit a few low-density and vehicle-centric uses that would otherwise be permitted in the BL-1.0 district, but would also enable new residential uses for the property via special permit. Establishing a CCOD-E node would also provide a variety of dimensional benefits and subject any new development to a variety of design standards and relax parking requirements.

**Permitted Uses:** The chart below compares uses that would be available to the property owner under the BL-1.0 district without the CCOD-E overlay and uses that would be (un)available to the property owner should the CCOD-E overlay be established at this property.

|  | BL-1.0<br>without<br>CCOD-E       | BL-1.0<br>with<br>CCOD-E  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b><u>Residential</u></b>  |                                   |   |
| Single-family detached dwelling; two-family detached dwelling                | Y                                 | N   |
| Multi-family dwellings, high-rise  | N                                 | SP  |
| Mixed-use development with residential/creative entrepreneur space component | <i>Depends on the mix of uses</i> | <i>SP (if not allowed by right in underlying district)</i>          |
| <b><u>General and Business</u></b>   |                                   |   |
| Automobile refueling station; motor vehicle service, repair, garage, display | SP                                | N<br><i>(SP in cases of buildings originally designed for this)</i> |
| Motor vehicle/trailer/boat sales   | SP                                | N   |
| Drive-through facilities and services  | SP                                | SP <i>(with new limitations)</i>                                    |



### **Dimensional requirements:**

The CCOD-E district relaxes the dimensional requirements of the underlying zoning district in a variety of ways enabling increases in density - including reductions to front yard setback, frontage, lot area and parking requirements and increases in floor area ratio and height limitations. Finally, developments in the CCOD-E are subject to a variety of design requirements related to building orientation and active façade intended to promote visual interest and the pedestrian experience.

**Front Yard Setbacks:** The BL-1.0 zoning district has a minimum front yard setback of 10 feet for all uses. The CCOD-E would reduce that requirement to a minimum setback of 5 feet - for buildings with ground-floor residences or buildings with adjacent sidewalks of less than 8 feet in width - and eliminate a minimum setback for all other buildings. The CCOD-E also imposes a new maximum front setback of 15 feet for buildings with ground-floor residences or buildings with adjacent sidewalks of less than 8 feet in width. All other uses are subject to a maximum front setback of 10 feet. Front yard areas are also required to be landscaped or hardscaped for active uses like dining, recreation, or plazas in the CCOD-E.

**Floor Area Ratio:** The BL-1.0 zoning district has a maximum of FAR of 1 to 1. The CCOD-E increases that maximum FAR to 2 to 1. Furthermore, for mixed-use developments that include both residential and non-residential uses on the ground floor and include an active façade, the maximum FAR is eliminated.

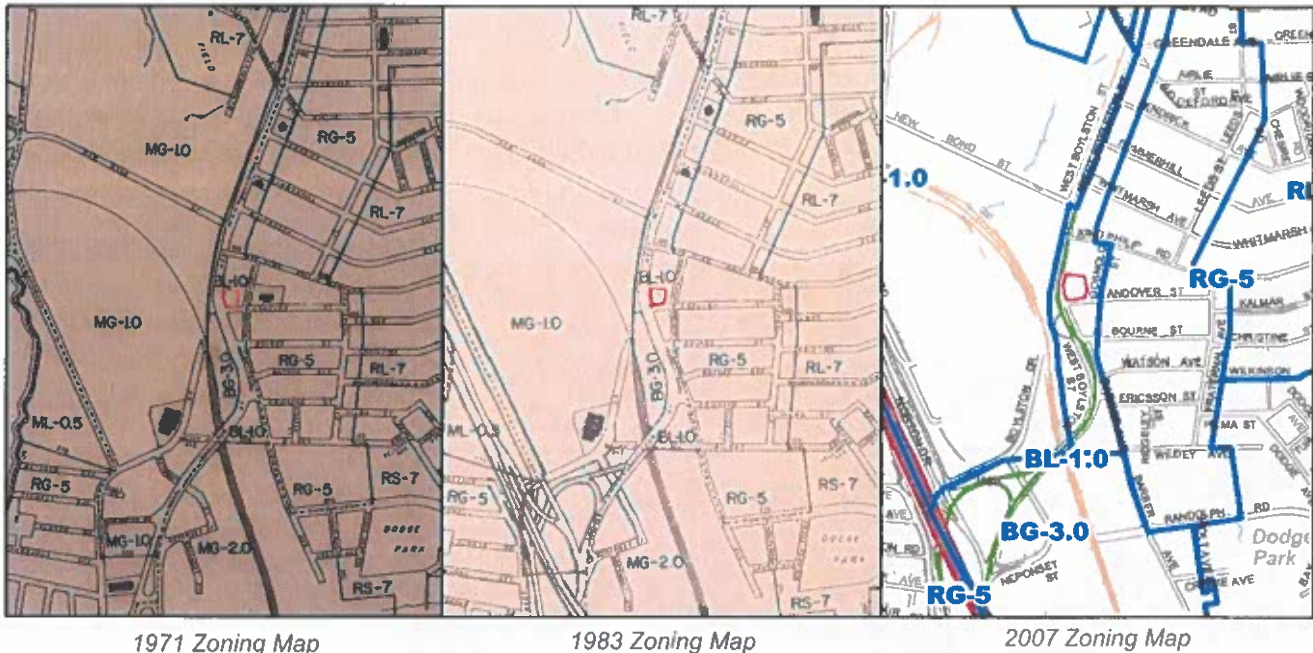
**Height:** The BL-1.0 zoning district limits buildings to a height of 40 feet while the CCOD-E allows 50 feet. Both districts limit height to 3+ stories.

**Frontage and Lot Area Requirements:** In the BL-1.0 zoning district, residential uses are subject to a minimum lot area requirement of 5,000 square feet and a frontage requirement of 40 feet per dwelling unit, up to 200 feet. In the CCOD-E, there is no minimum lot size requirement for multifamily residential uses and the frontage requirement for such uses is reduced to 40 feet.

**Minimum Parking Requirements:** In the CCOD-E, the minimum parking requirement is reduced by 25-50% of what is required elsewhere, new reductions in minimum parking are available via provisions for bicycle parking and compatible mixed-use projects, and new parking maximums are imposed. For example, residential uses in the BL-1.0 require a 2 spaces per unit minimum (with no maximum) while residential uses in the CCOD-E require 1 space per unit and a maximum of 2 spaces per unit. Office/retail uses in the BL-1.0 require 1 space per 300 square feet of gross floor area while the CCOD-E requires 1 space per 500 square feet of gross floor area. Food service/lounge/nightclubs in the BL-1.0 require 1 space per 2 persons for rated occupancy while CCOD-E requires only 1 space per 4 persons rated occupancy.

## Zoning History

The oldest City of Worcester zoning map available (1971) indicates that the subject property was originally zoned BL-1.0 as it is today, and subsequent zoning maps indicate it has remained in the BL1.0 to this day. However, the zoning districts in the vicinity have changed somewhat over the years, with the most notable change being the shift in the area to the south from an MG-2.0 district to a BG-3.0 district, likely to accommodate the former Greendale Mall. The change occurred between 1987 and 1991. The zoning changes can be seen below.



*Approximate boundaries of the subject property are in red.*

### Current Zoning



2024 Zoning Map

*Approximate boundaries of the subject property are in yellow.*



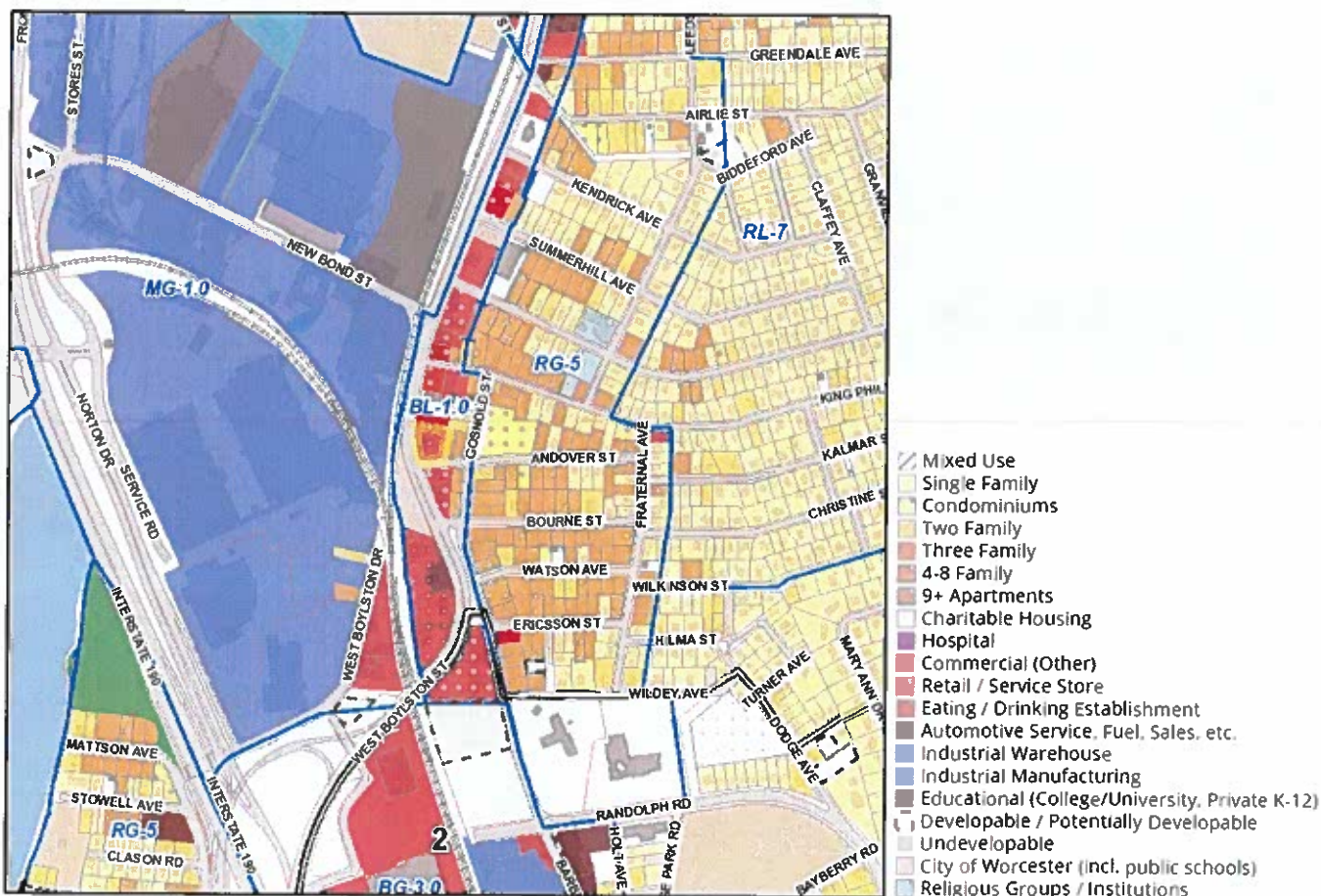
## Neighborhood Land Use

The subject parcel is located on the east side of West Boylston Street, a primarily commercial corridor featuring a variety of commercial uses mostly oriented to vehicular users with generous off-street parking available. The auto-centric and commercial nature of West Boylston Street increases the further north one goes.

To the east of West Boylston Street is a large long-standing dense residential neighborhood with all types of housing (with the exception of high-rise multifamily, despite it being allowed by-right today). The businesses on West Boylston Street are accessible to residents of this neighborhood via existing sidewalks and several of the businesses seem to cater to those residents.

To the west of West Boylston Street, divided by active rail lines, is the St. Gobain (formerly Norton Co.) industrial complex which is, in part, actively being redeveloped by the Worcester Business Development Corporation – the use is not expected to change from the current industrial character.

To the south of the subject property (in the nearby BG-3.0 district) is a large commercial area including medical offices and the former Greendale Mall site, which is anticipated to become a distribution center.



Assessor's Land Use Classifications Map

## Former Land Uses

According to the city's assessing records and records from the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, the subject property has been used as a fast-food sandwich shop since at least 1978.

There are no records of any previous zoning relief granted for this property.

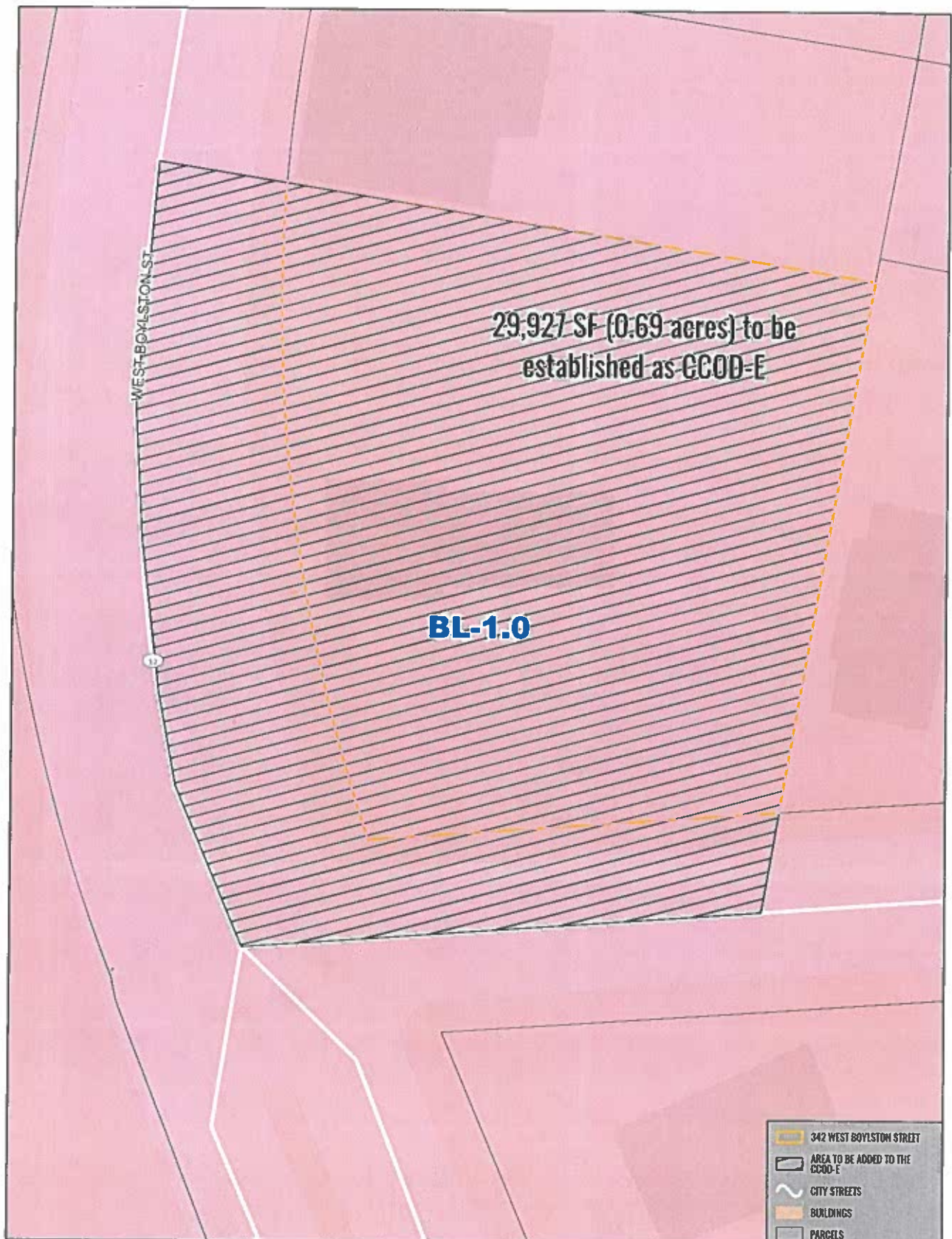
## List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Petition – Mark Borenstein; referred to Planning Board

Exhibit B: Map of Proposed CCOD-E district at 342 West Boylston Street

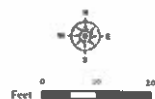
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# **342 WEST BOYLSTON STREET** **Proposed Establishment of Commercial Corridors** **Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E)** **FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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- 342 WEST BOYLSTON STREET
- AREA TO BE ADDED TO THE CCOD-E
- CITY STREETS
- BUILDINGS
- PARCELS
- ZONING DISTRICTS**
- BL-1.0 LIMITED, 1 TO 1 FAR



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**August 15, 2023**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred August 1, 2023 the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Frank Zitomersky request the Zoning Map be amended to change the zoning at 9 Castle St., 5 & 7 Castle St., 4 Castle St., 6 Castle St. and 8 Castle St. from BG-3 to RG-5 and to remove the same properties from the Commercial Corridors Overlay District (CCOD-E); having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

Amendment XXXX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE WORCESTER ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED APRIL 2, 1991, RELATIVE TO EXTENSION OF THE RESIDENCE GENERAL-5.0 (RG-5.0) ZONING DISTRICT AND REDUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS OVERLAY DISTRICT – ELSEWHERE (CCOD-E) IN THE VICINITY OF CASTLE STREET, PIEDMONT COURT, AND VALLEY STREET

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to alter the official Zoning Map by changing the area within the boundaries hereinafter described to be included within the Residence, General-5 (RG-5) and removed from the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere Parking Subarea (CCOD-E):

Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerlines of Castle Street and Piedmont Court;

Thence, Southeasterly 66 feet, more or less, along centerline of the Castle Street right of way, to a point;

Thence, Southwesterly 20 feet, more or less, perpendicular to the centerline of the Castle Street right of way, to the point of intersection of the western boundary of the Castle Street right of way and the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CASTLE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD, and property now or formerly owned by 800 MAIN ST LTD PARTNERSHIP;

Thence, Southwesterly 28 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CASTLE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD and property now or formerly owned by 800 MAIN ST LTD PARTNERSHIP, to a point;

Thence, Southwesterly 22 feet, more or less, thence, Northwesterly 56 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CASTLE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD and property now or formerly owned by SAA REALTY HOLDING, INC, to a point;

Thence, Southwesterly 52 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CASTLE ST NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT and property now or formerly owned by SAA REALTY HOLDING, INC, to a point;

Thence, Northwesterly 49 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection with the southeast boundary of the Valley Street right of way and the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CASTLE ST NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, and property now or formerly owned by LEVITSKY, GARRY;

Thence, Northwesterly 15 feet, more or less, perpendicular to the centerline of the Valley Street right of way, to a point on the centerline of the Valley Street right of way;

Thence, Northeasterly 118 feet, more or less, along the centerline of the Valley Street right of way, to the point of intersection with the centerline of the Castle Street right of way;

Thence, Northwesterly 25 feet, more or less, along the centerline of the Castle Street right of way, to a point;

Thence, Northeasterly 20 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection with the northeast boundary of the Castle Street right of way and the existing boundary line separating properties known as 8 Castle Street (MBL 06-026-00022) and 10 Castle Street (MBL 06-026-00021), both now or formerly owned by CASTLE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD;

Thence, Northeasterly 65 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating properties known as 8 Castle Street (MBL 06-026-00022) and 10 Castle Street (MBL 06-026-00021), both now or formerly owned by CASTLE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD, to a point on the southwest boundary of an unnamed 10 foot wide passageway;

Thence, Southeasterly 70 feet, more or less, along the southwest sideline of said passageway, to the point of intersection with the northwest boundary of the Piedmont Court right of way;

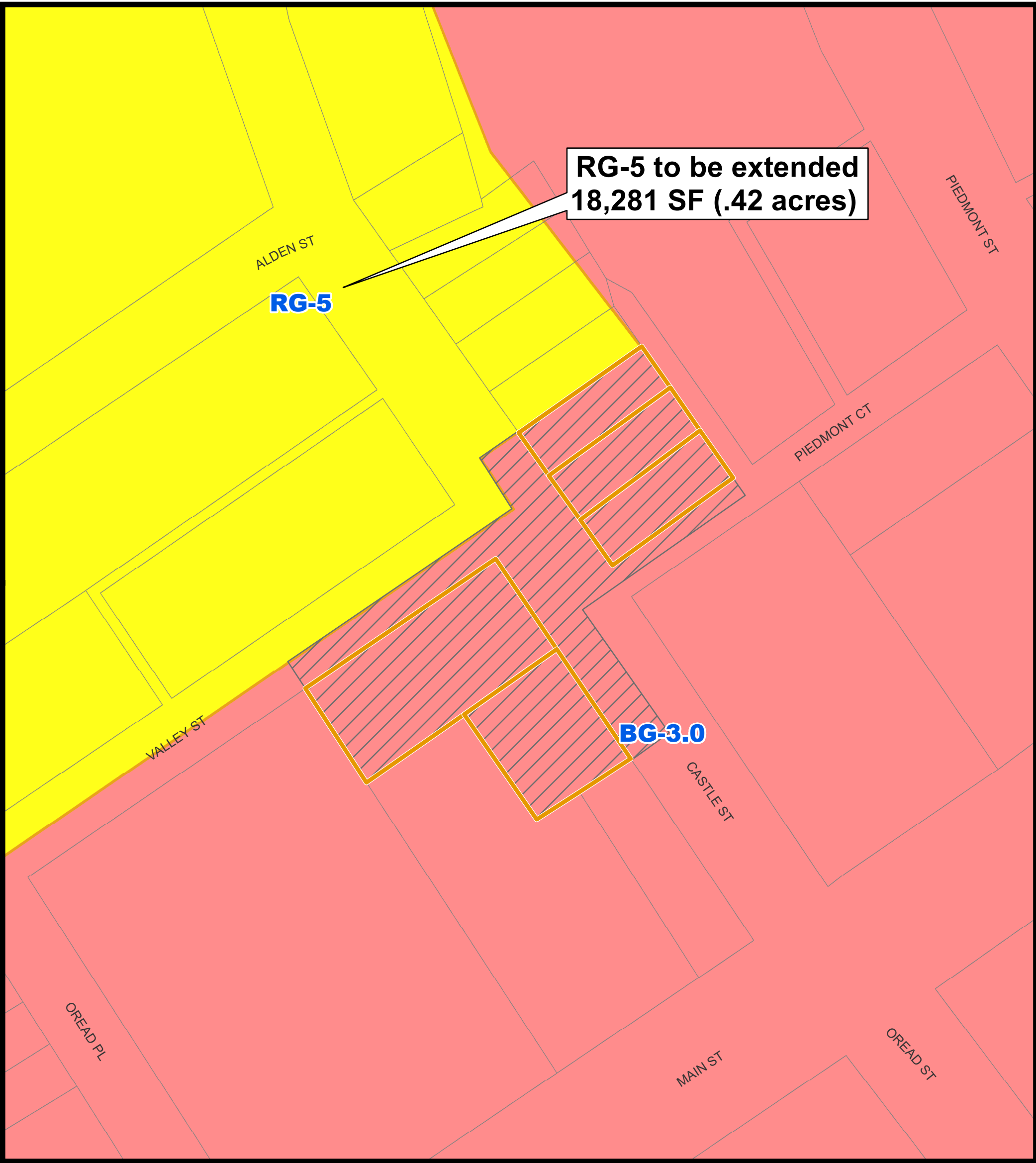
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Thence, Southwesterly 86 feet, more or less, along the centerline of the Piedmont Court right of way, to the point of beginning.



# 4, 5-7, 6, 8, & 9 Castle Street

## Proposal to Rezone from BG-3.0 to RG-5



Parcels

To be rezoned

Zoning Designation (Base)

BG-3.0 General, 3 to 1 FAR

RG-5 General, 5000 SF.Min.Lot Size

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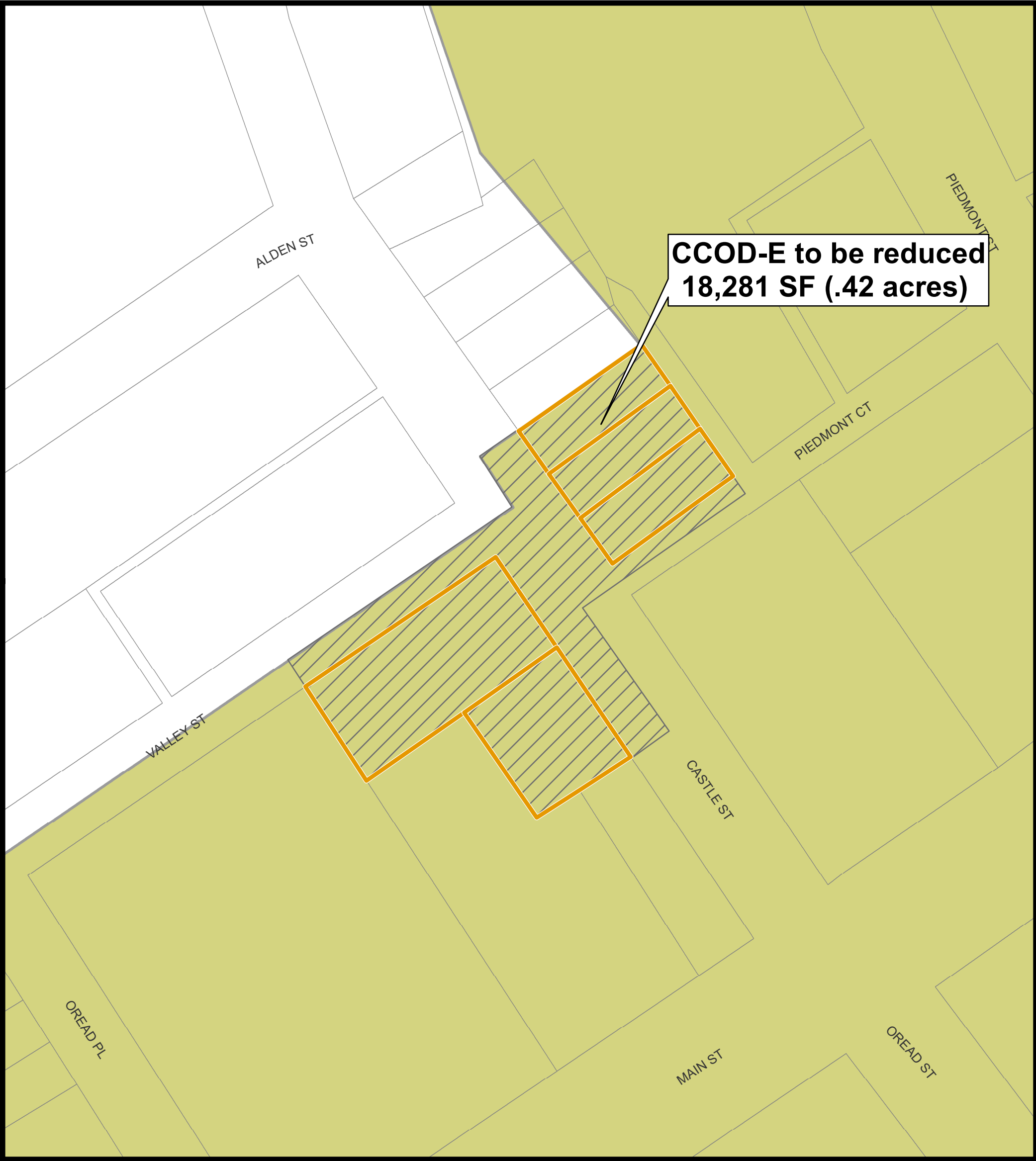
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## Proposal to Reduce CCOD-E



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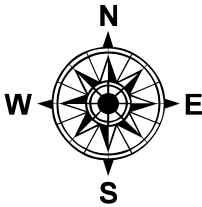
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### Zoning Districts - Overlay

**Commercial Corridors Overlay District:**

CCOD-E: Elsewhere

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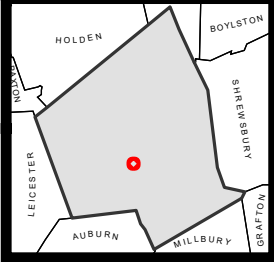


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# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**September 19, 2023**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred June 13, 2023 the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Jonathan Finkelstein, on behalf of Michael O'Rourke, Principal of S&O Realty LLC, request City Council amend Zoning Map by changing the zoning district designation for the property at 12 Jackson St. from MG-2.0 to RG-5.0; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**For the Committee**

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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to alter the official Zoning Map by changing the area within the boundaries hereinafter described to be included within the Residence, General-5 (RG-5) zoning district:

Beginning at a point on the centerline of the Jackson Street right of way at the intersection of the existing zoning district boundary line separating the MG-2.0 and BG-3.0 zoning districts;

Thence, Southwesterly 19 feet, more or less, to a point on the southern side of the Jackson Street right of way at the intersection of the boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by S + O REALTY LLC and property now or formerly owned by JACKSON STREET APARTMENTS LLC;

Thence, Southwesterly 101 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by S + O REALTY LLC and property now or formerly owned by JACKSON STREET APARTMENTS LLC, to a point;

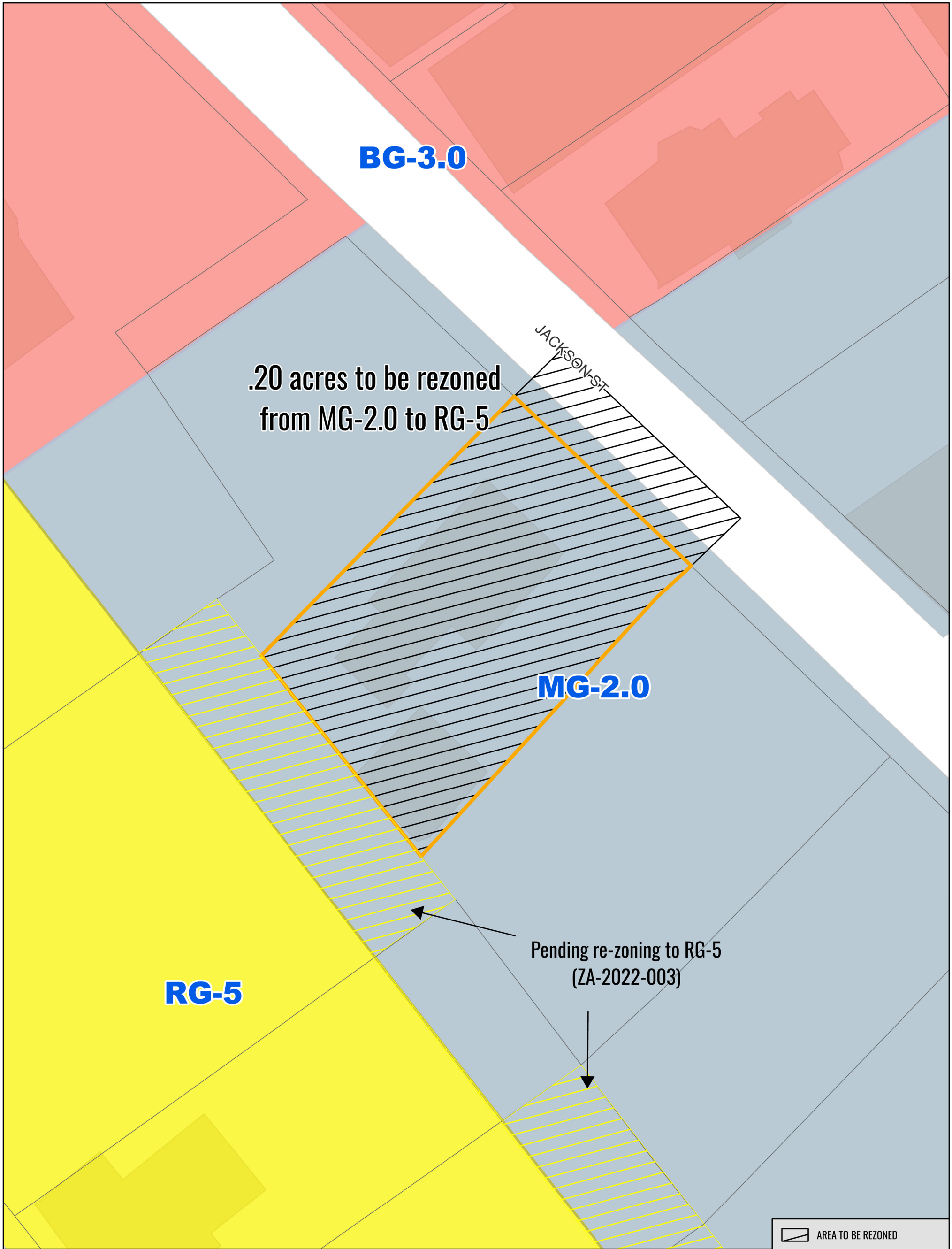
Thence, Southeasterly 71 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by S + O REALTY LLC and property now or formerly owned by F-Z REALTY + HOLDINGS LLC, to a point;

Thence, Northeasterly 110 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by S + O REALTY LLC and property now or formerly owned by ROBERT H CLARK JR + GERALD M CLARK, to a point on the southern sideline of the Jackson Street right of way;

Thence, Northeasterly 19 feet, more or less, perpendicular to Jackson Street, to a point on the centerline of the Jackson Street;

Thence, Northwesterly 65 feet, more or less, along the centerline of the Jackson Street right of way to the point of beginning.

The above described area contains 8,712 square feet, more or less, or 0.20 acres, more or less.

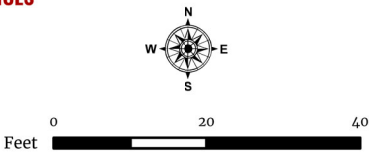


# 12 JACKSON STREET

## Proposed Rezoning

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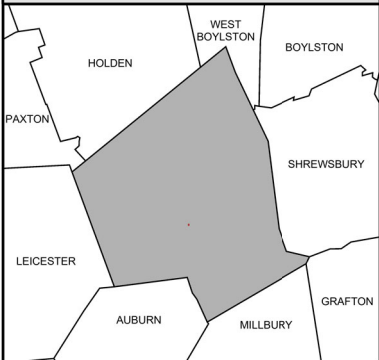


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- AREA TO BE REZONED
- 12 JACKSON STREET PARCEL
- PENDING RE-ZONING



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**October 24, 2023**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred September 12, 2023 the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Amended Petition of Brendan Gove and John D. Barry request to amend the city's zoning map by extending the BG-3.0 zoning district and the CCOD-E to wholly encompass the property at 0 Grafton St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**



Amendment **XXXX**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE WORCESTER ZONING  
ORDINANCE ADOPTED APRIL 2, 1991, RELATIVE TO EXTENSION OF THE  
BUSINESS, GENERAL-3.0 (BG-3.0) ZONING DISTRICT AND THE COMMERCIAL  
CORRIDORS OVERLAY DISTRICT – ELSEWHERE (CCOD-E) IN THE VICINITY  
OF 0 GRAFTON STREET

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to alter the official Zoning Map by changing the area within the boundaries hereinafter described to be included within the Business, General (BG-3.0) Zoning District and the Commercial Corridors Overlay District – Elsewhere parking subarea (CCOD-E):

Beginning at the Southwesterly most point of the boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by BARRY + FOLEY MOTOR TRANSPORTATION INC. and the property now or formerly owned by HFB LLC;

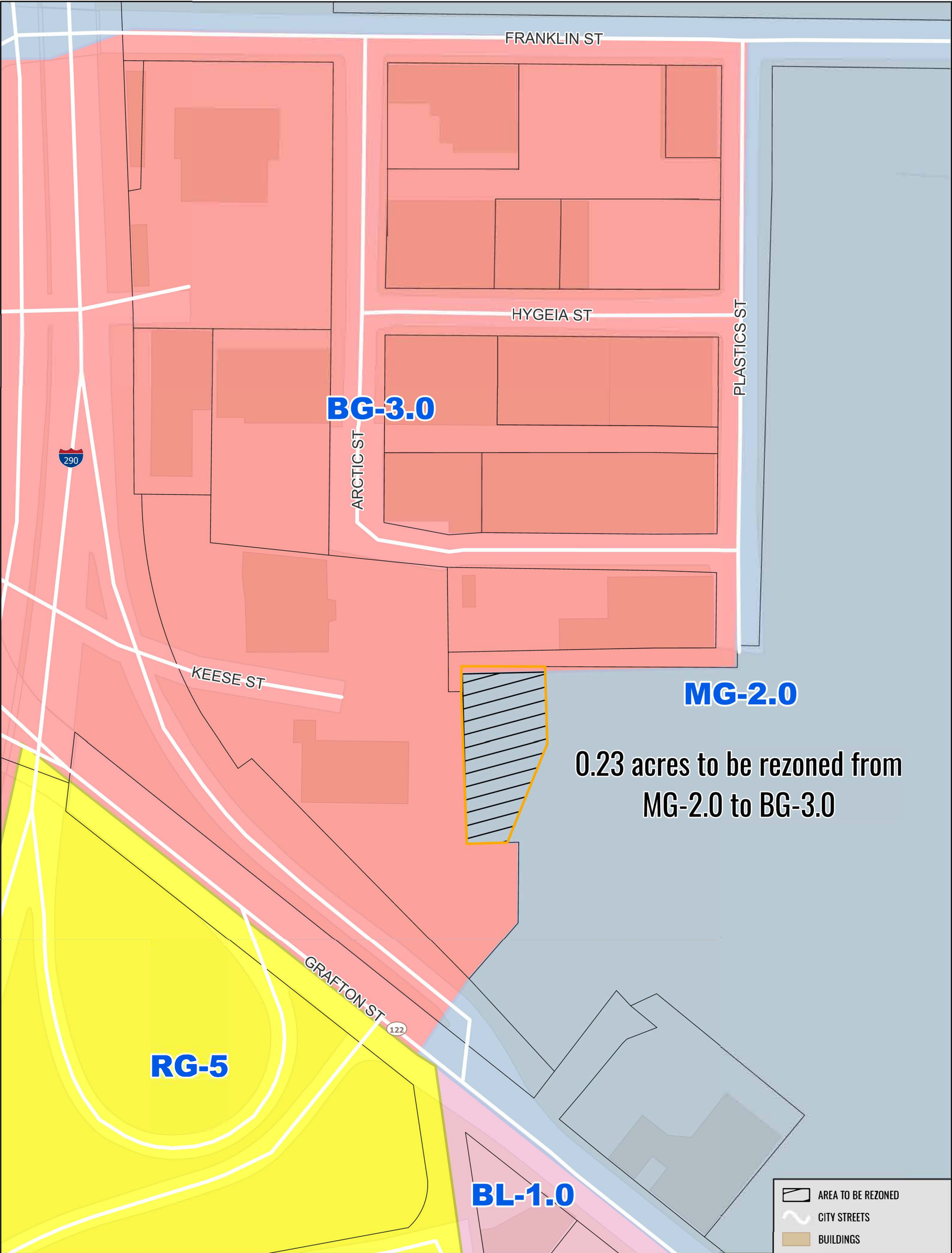
Thence, Easterly 38 feet, more or less, along the boundary line of property now or formerly owned by BARRY + FOLEY MOTOR TRANSPORTATION INC. and property now or formerly owned by HFB LLC, to the point of intersection with the boundary of property now or formerly owned by CSX TRANSPORTATION INC.;

Thence, Northeasterly 100 feet, more or less, thence Northerly 66 feet, more or less, along the boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by BARRY + FOLEY MOTOR TRANSPORTATION INC. and property now or formerly owned by CSX TRANSPORTATION INC., to the point of intersection with the existing boundary line separating the MG-2.0 and BG-3.0 zoning districts;

Thence, Westerly 77 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating the MG-2.0 and BG-3.0 zoning districts, to the point of intersection with the boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by BARRY + FOLEY MOTOR TRANSPORTATION INC. and property now or formerly owned by HFB LLC;

Thence, Southerly 156 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating the MG-2.0 and BG-3.0 zoning districts, to the point of the beginning.

The above described area contains 10,018 square feet or 0.23 acres, more or less.

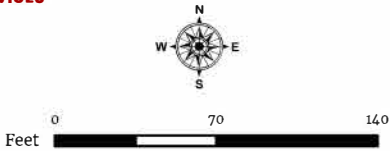


# 0 GRAFTON STREET

Proposed Rezoning

JULY 27, 2023

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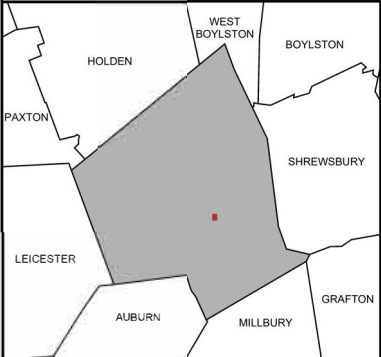


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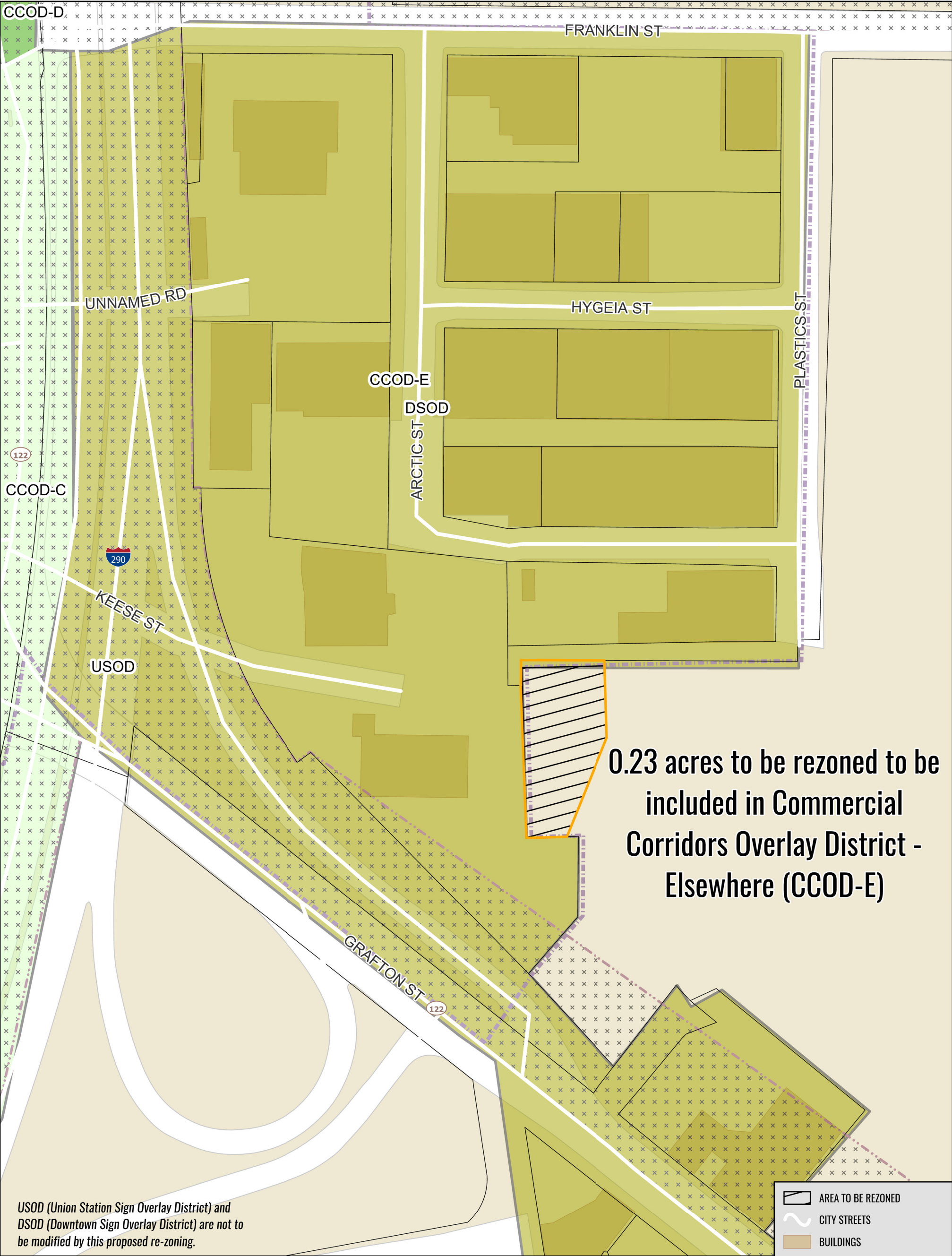
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- AREA TO BE REZONED
- CITY STREETS
- BUILDINGS
- PARCELS
- 0 Grafton Street







0.23 acres to be rezoned to be included in Commercial Corridors Overlay District - Elsewhere (CCOD-E)

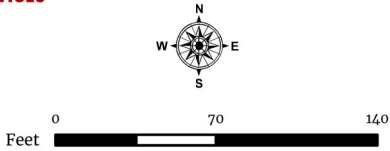
USOD (Union Station Sign Overlay District) and DSOD (Downtown Sign Overlay District) are not to be modified by this proposed re-zoning.

# 0 GRAFTON STREET

Proposed Rezoning

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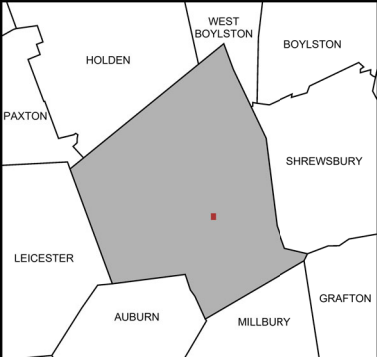


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- AREA TO BE REZONED
- CITY STREETS
- BUILDINGS
- PARCELS
- 0 GRAFTON STREET



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**September 19, 2023**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred August 22, 2023 the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Communication of the City Manager recommending adoption of a proposed zoning map amendment that would extend the Residential, General - 5.0 (RG-5) zoning district to wholly encompass the property located at 104 Armory Street; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

Amendment XXXX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III  
OF THE WORCESTER ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED APRIL  
2, 1991 RELATIVE TO EXTENSION OF THE RESIDENCE GENERAL-5  
(RG-5) ZONING DISTRICT IN THE VICINITY OF 104 ARMORY STREET

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to alter the official Zoning Map by changing the area within the boundaries hereinafter described to Residence General-5 (RG-5) over the same area:

Beginning at a point on the southwesterly terminus of Armory Street;

Thence, Northwesterly 149 feet, more or less, thence, Northeasterly 101 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line between the Business, Limited (BL-1.0) and Residence, General (RG-5) zoning district lines, to a point of intersection with the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by MIN JING and property now or formerly owned by 83 SOUTHGATE STREET LLC;

Thence, Southeasterly 6 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by MIN JING and property now or formerly owned by 83 SOUTHGATE STREET LLC, to a point of intersection with property now or formerly owned by the CITY OF WORCESTER;

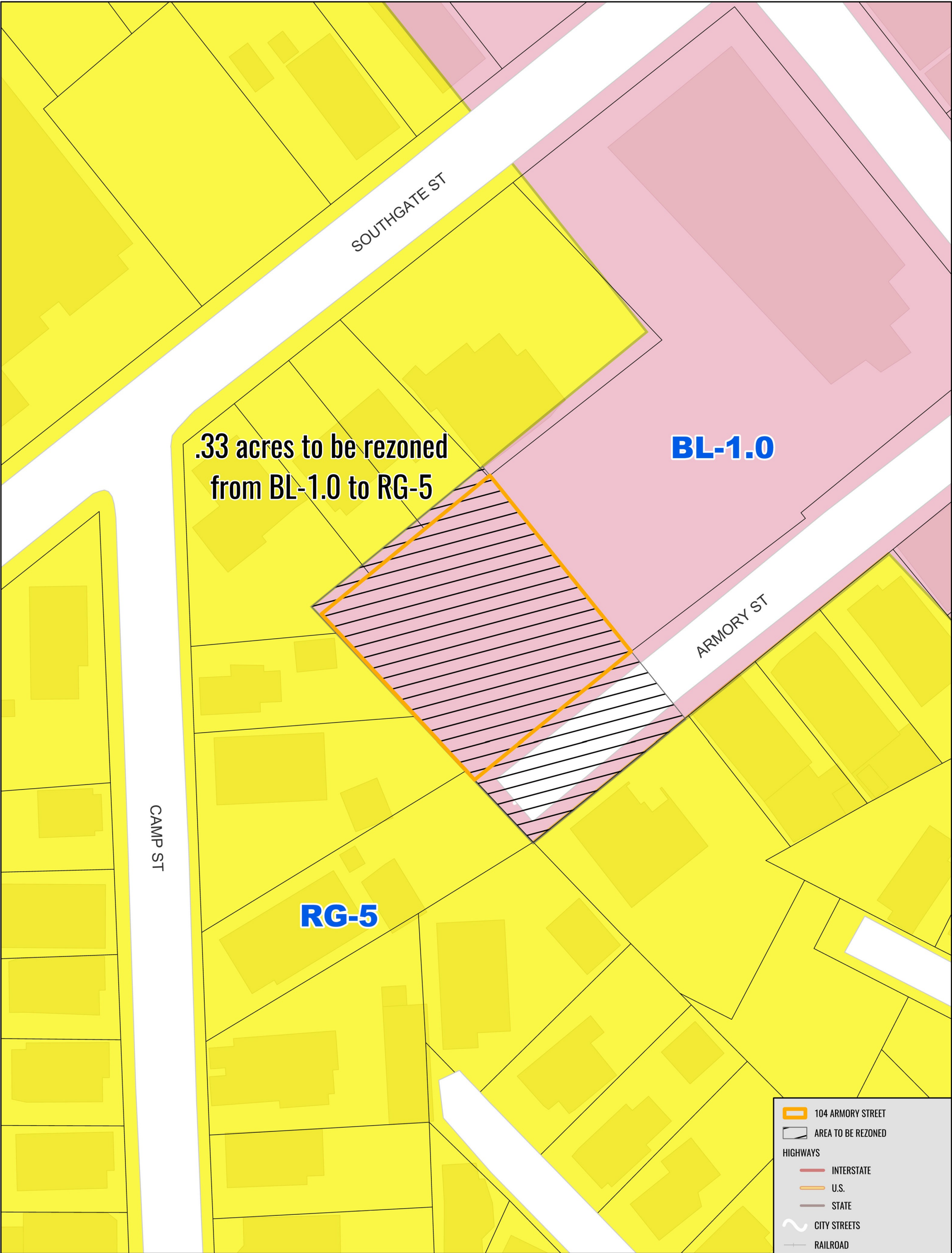
Thence, Southeasterly 104 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CITY BUILDERS, LLC and property now or formerly owned by the CITY OF WORCESTER, to a point of intersection with the northern sideline of Armory Street;

Thence, Southeasterly 40 feet, more or less, along a line perpendicular to Armory Street, to a point on the southern sideline of Armory Street at the intersection of the existing boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by GOLDEN GATES PROPERTIES LLC and property now or formerly owned by ARMORY APARTMENTS LLC;

Thence, Southwesterly 92 feet, along the southern sideline of Armory Street, to the point of beginning.

The above described area contains 13,199 square feet, or 0.33 acres, more or less.



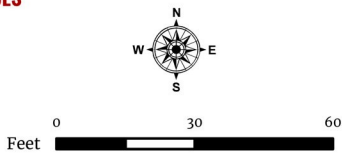


# 104 ARMORY STREET

## Proposed Rezoning

MARCH 10, 2023

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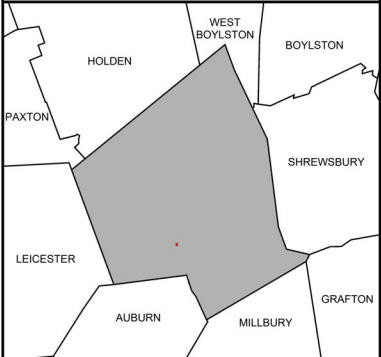


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- 104 ARMORY STREET
- AREA TO BE REZONED
- HIGHWAYS
  - INTERSTATE
  - U.S.
  - STATE
- CITY STREETS
- RAILROAD
- BUILDINGS
- PARCELS



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**October 24, 2023**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred August 22, 2023 the Report of the Planning Board Upon the Petition of Meletios D. Chacharone request Zoning Map be amended by changing the zoning destination of the properties located at 440, 454 & 474 Grove St. from RL-7 and BG-3.0 to BG-3.0; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

Amendment XXXX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE WORCESTER ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED APRIL 2, 1991, RELATIVE TO EXTENSION OF THE BUSINESS, GENERAL-3.0 (BG-3.0) ZONING DISTRICT IN THE VICINITY OF 440, 454, & 474 GROVE STREET

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Article III, Section 2 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to alter the official Zoning Map by changing the area within the boundaries hereinafter described to be included within the Business, General - 3.0 (BG-3.0) Zoning District:

Beginning at a point on the centerline of Grove Street at the intersection of existing boundary line separating the RL-7 and BG-3.0 zoning districts;

Thence Northwesterly 310 feet, more or less, along the centerline of Grove Street, to a point on said centerline;

Thence Northerly 30 feet, more or less, along a line perpendicular to Grove Street, to the point of intersection on the northern sideline of Grove Street with the existing boundary line separating the property now or formerly owned by BRITTAN SQUARE REALTY INC and property now or formerly owned by RICHARD P. MADAIO;

Thence Northerly 358 feet, more or less, along the western boundary line of the property now or formerly owned by BRITTAN SQUARE REALTY INC , to the point of intersection with the boundaries of properties now or formerly owned by GARY G. + DAWN M. ERICKSON, now or formerly owned by JUAN F. FLORES, and now or formerly owned by BARNES APARTMENTS LLC;

Thence Easterly 260 feet, more or less, along the boundary line separating properties now or formerly owned by BRITTAN SQUARE REALTY INC and now or formerly owned by BARNES APARTMENTS LLC, to a point;

Thence Southerly 17 feet, more or less, along the eastern boundary line of property now or formerly owned by BRITTAN SQUARE REALTY INC, to the point of intersection with the boundaries of properties now or formerly owned by PAUL S. PERRY, II and now or formerly owned by BRITTAN SQUARE REALTY LLC;

Thence Easterly 173 feet, more or less, along the northern boundary line of property now or formerly owned by BRITTAN SQUARE REALTY LLC, to a point of intersection with the boundaries of properties now or formerly owned by CP 1 WEST BOYLSTON STREET LLC and now or formerly owned by ADELICIA YEO;

Thence, Easterly 250 feet, more or less, along the northern boundary line of property now or

formerly owned by CP 1 WEST BOYLSTON STREET LLC, to a point of intersection with the boundary lines separating the properties now or formerly owned by WORCESTER COUNTY INSTITUTE FOR SAVINGS, and now or formerly owned by CHERYL DIBENEDETTO + BRIAN J. FONTAINE;

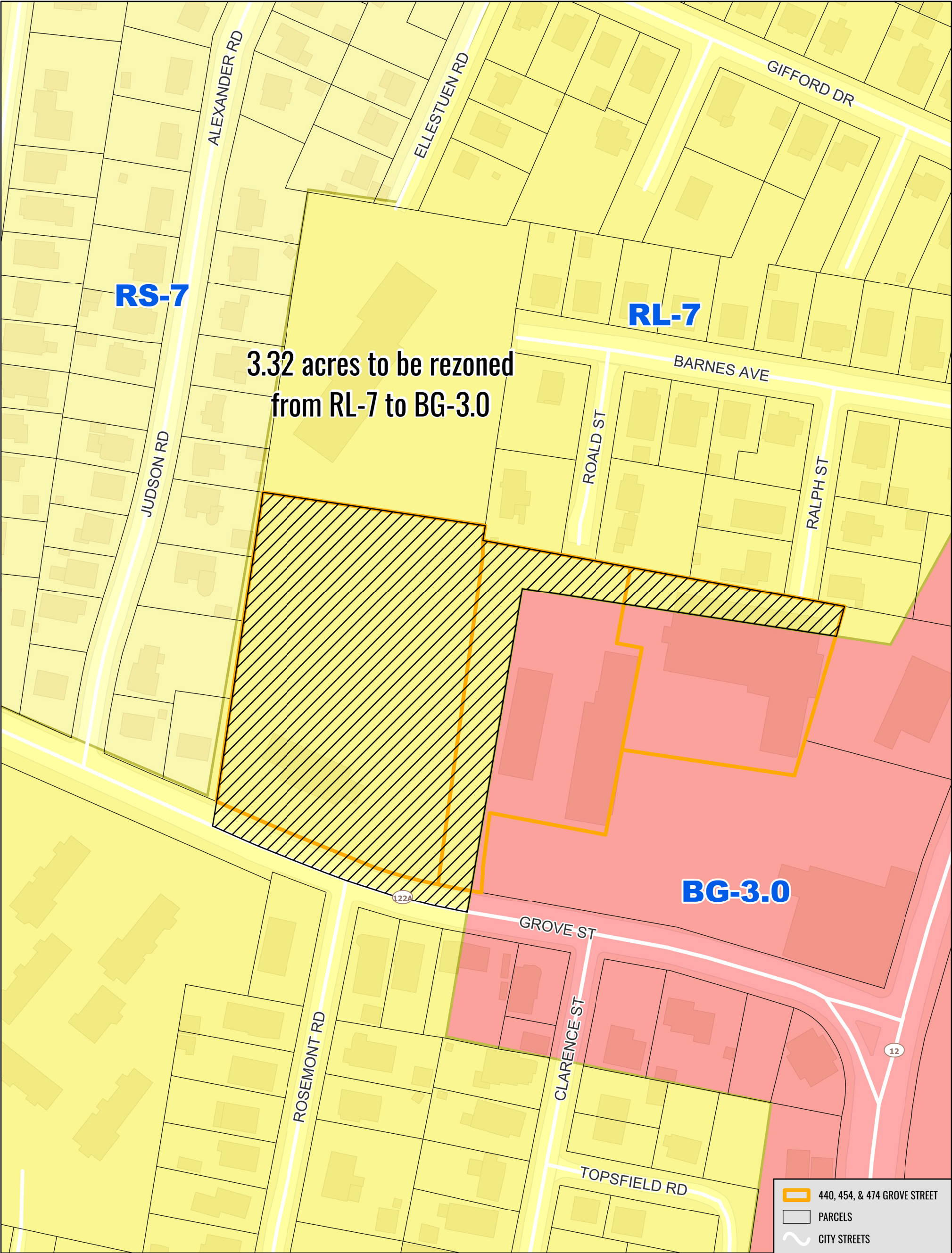
Thence Southerly 36 feet, more or less, along the boundary line separating property now or formerly owned by CP 1 WEST BOYLSTON STREET LLC and property now or formerly owned by WORCESTER COUNTY INSTITUTE FOR SAVINGS, to a point on the existing boundary line separating the RL-7 and BG-3.0 zoning districts;

Thence Westerly 365 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating the RL-7 and BG-3.0 zoning districts, to a point;

Thence Southerly 352 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating the RL-7 and BG-3.0 zoning districts, to the point on the northern sideline of Grove Street;

Thence Southerly 30 feet, more or less, along the existing boundary line separating the RL-7 and BG-3.0 zoning districts, to the point of the beginning.



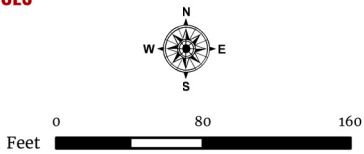


# 440, 454, & 474 GROVE STREET

Proposed Rezoning

JUNE 23, 2023

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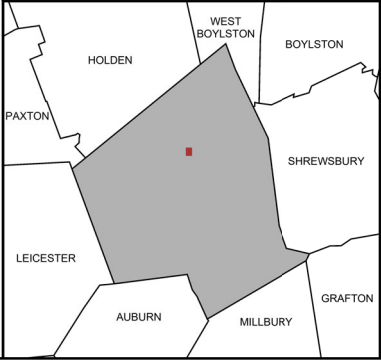


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- 440, 454, & 474 GROVE STREET
- PARCELS
- CITY STREETS
- BUILDINGS
- TO BE REZONED



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 29, 2024**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred December 19, 2023 the Communication of the City Manager recommending designation of an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing (UCH-TIF) Program Zone and Approval of a UCH-TIF Plan for 16 and 52 Great Brook Valley Avenue; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending adoption of the two (2) accompanying Resolutions.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FOR THE URBAN CENTER HOUSING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS:** In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 60, as amended by St. 2010, Chapter 240, Section 77, and further amended by St. 2016, Chapter 219, Sections 24-28, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) established the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Program (UCH-TIF Program) to encourage residential development as a catalyst for commercial center revitalization; and

**WHEREAS:** The UCH-TIF Program authorizes municipalities to provide a real estate tax exemption on all or part of the increased value of improved real property; and

**WHEREAS:** To participate in the UCH-TIF Program, the City of Worcester must submit an application designating a UCH-TIF Zone, as well as a UCH-TIF Plan and UCH-TIF Agreement for the improved real property to receive a real estate tax exemption, to EOHLC for approval; and

**WHEREAS:** The proposed UCH-TIF Zone, to be known as the City of Worcester East Side Tax Increment Financing Zone, consists of approximately 335 acres of commercial, industrial, and residential uses in the Lincoln Street area; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Worcester is applying for approval for a UCH-TIF Zone through the UCH-TIF Program from EOHLC to provide real estate tax exemptions to property owners or developers looking to create new, affordable housing in the City of Worcester East Side Tax Increment Financing Zone; and

**WHEREAS:** The approval from EOHLC to utilize the UCH-TIF Program would allow the City of Worcester to support affordable housing development opportunities, increase residential growth, and promote neighborhood stabilization.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Worcester City Council hereby approves the City of Worcester East Side Tax Increment Financing Zone application and forwards said application for certification to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities;

2. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to file the necessary information and application with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities;
3. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute any actions necessary to carry out the City of Worcester East Side Tax Increment Financing Zone designation.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## APPROVING AN URBAN CENTER HOUSING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN AND AGREEMENT FOR TRINITY CURTIS PHASE ONE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

**WHEREAS:** Trinity Curtis Phase One Limited Partnership (the DEVELOPER) has applied for an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Plan (UCH-TIF Plan) under the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Program (UCH-TIF Program) created by Chapter 40, Section 60 of Massachusetts General Laws; and

**WHEREAS:** The DEVELOPER's project meets the minimum standards of the UCH-TIF Program and the local economic development goals of the City of Worcester; and

**WHEREAS:** The proposed project is located at 16 Great Brook Valley Avenue, Worcester, MA 01605, City Assessor's Map 52, Block INX, Lot 0001B and 52 Great Brook Valley Avenue, Worcester, MA 01605, City Assessor's Map 52, Block INX, Lot 0001F and has a total base value of \$1,477,600; and

**WHEREAS:** The DEVELOPER will be investing approximately \$91,500,000 in the properties, and the project involves the new construction of 129 mixed-income, affordable residential units and ground floor community amenity space, as well as the creation of approximately 156 parking spaces, a new park and playground area, and pedestrian paths; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Worcester has agreed to offer a UCH-TIF Plan to the DEVELOPER (the property owner and taxpayer of record), and the following is a summarization of the amount of residential taxes to be paid to the CITY for the twenty-year term of the UCH-TIF Plan, which will commence on July 1, 2025:

Years 1 – 20: Base assessed value plus 10% of the increase in the new value; and

**WHEREAS:** The UCH-TIF Plan will be valid for a period of twenty years beginning July 1, 2025, and in anticipation of an increase in value to the aforementioned parcels as determined by the City of Worcester Assessor's Office. While billing will continue to occur on a quarterly basis, the exemption for each UCH-TIF Year will be calculated annually and will be reflected in the third quarter actual tax bill issued in December upon the realization of an increase in property value.

Exemption Schedule: Average of 90% Over Twenty Years

The UCH-TIF Plan will end on June 30, 2045.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Worcester City Council hereby approves the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Plan and Agreement for the DEVELOPER and forwards said Plan and Agreement to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for its approval and designation;
2. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to file the necessary information and application with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities;
3. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute any actions necessary to carry out the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Plan designation.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 6, 2024**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred February 29, 2024 the Communication of the City Manager Transmitting Informational Communication Relative to the Housing Development Certified Project Application/Tax Increment Exemption Plan for One Chestnut Place at 22 Elm Street; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending adoption of the accompanying Resolution.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## APPROVING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION OF CHESTNUT PLACE WORCESTER OWNER, LLC

**WHEREAS:** Chestnut Place Worcester Owner, LLC (the COMPANY) has applied for designation as a Housing Development Certified Project under the Massachusetts Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) created by Chapter 40V of Massachusetts General Laws; and

**WHEREAS:** The COMPANY's project meets the minimum standards of the HDIP and the local economic development goals and criteria that comprise the City of Worcester HDIP; and

**WHEREAS:** The proposed Housing Development Certified Project is located within the boundaries of the City's Urban Density Residential District at 22 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01608, City Assessor's Map 03, Block 031, Lot 24-04 and has a total base value of \$9,605,675; and

**WHEREAS:** The COMPANY will be investing approximately \$73,300,000 in the property, and the project involves the construction of 198 market-rate apartment; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Worcester has agreed to offer a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Plan to the COMPANY (the property owner and taxpayer of record), and the following is a summarization of the amount of residential taxes to be paid to the CITY for the fifteen-year term of the TIE Plan, which will commence on July 1, 2025:

Years 1 – 2: Base assessed value plus 20% of the increase in the new value;

Years 3 – 4: Base assessed value plus 25% of the increase in the new value;

Years 5 – 7: Base assessed value plus 50% of the increase in the new value;

Years 8 – 15: Base assessed value plus 75% of the increase in the new value; and

**WHEREAS:** The TIE Plan will be valid for a period of fifteen years beginning July 1, 2025, and in anticipation of an increase in value to the aforementioned parcel as determined by the City of Worcester Assessor's Office. While billing will continue to occur on a quarterly basis, the exemption for each TIE Year will be calculated annually and will be reflected in the third quarter actual tax bill issued in December upon the realization of an increase in property value.

Exemption Schedule: Average of 44% Over Fifteen Years

The TIE Plan will end on June 30, 2040.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Worcester City Council hereby approves the Housing Development Certified Project application of the COMPANY and forwards said application for certification to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for its approval and designation;
2. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to file the necessary information and application with the Massachusetts Executive office of Housing and Livable Communities;
3. That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute any actions necessary to carry out the Housing Development Certified Project designation.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 29, 2024**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred September 12, 2023 the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on Economic Development Initiatives; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 29, 2024**

The Committee on Economic Development to whom was referred September 12, 2023 the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to an update on housing and neighborhood development; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 14, 2024**

The Committee on Public Health And Human Services to whom was referred November 14, 2023 the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a report of all grant funds and associated activities at the Division of Public Health; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 13, 2024**

The Committee on Public Health And Human Services to whom was referred November 14, 2023 the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to the different types of homelessness experienced by individuals in the City of Worcester; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 13, 2024**

The Committee on Public Health And Human Services to whom was referred October 17, 2023 the Communication of the City Manager transmitting informational communication relative to a Fitness Court in Main South; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**December 13, 2023**

The Committee on Traffic and Parking to whom was referred October 17, 2023 the Petition of Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Thomas Card request installation of “No Parking Here to Corner” signage on both side of Amanola Ave. where the road intersects with Plantation St. to allow for increased visibility for motorists to safely turn onto Plantation St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending passage of the accompanying proposed Ordinance.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42 OF CHAPTER 13 OF  
THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 TO PROHIBIT PARKING  
ON BOTH SIDES OF AMANOLA STREET**

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Section 42 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting in Schedule I, thereof, after the provision for:

Alvarado Avenue, West side, from a point 20' south of Lakeview Street to a point 94' south of Lakeview Street, "Two Hour Parking"

the following new provision:

**Amanola Street, Both sides, from Plantation Street to a point 50' southeast of Plantation Street, "No Parking Anytime"**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred February 14, 2023 the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Gregory Wong request installation of flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights on Sunderland Rd. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Street School; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending adoption of the accompanying Order.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights on Sunderland Rd. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Street School, pending funding and installation of ADA compliant sidewalk/ramp components.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred August 22, 2023 the Petition of Daniel Green et al. request installation of crosswalk and flashing crosswalk signs on Suffolk St. south of 24 Suffolk St. between the parking lots associated with the business at 360 Franklin St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending adoption of the accompanying Order.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility to install a crosswalk, ADA compliant ramps and MUTCD compliant signage on Suffolk St. south of 24 Suffolk St. between the parking lots associated with the business at 360 Franklin St., pending funding.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred January 23, 2024 the Petition of Felix Osafo and Corinne Karanja request installation of additional handicap parking signage at existing handicap parking space on Leon St. opposite of 18 Plantation St. to provide further clarification that there are two (2) handicap parking spaces on the street; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred February 6, 2024 the Petition of Ashley Seymour request removal of handicap parking space in front of 45 Waverly St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred December 12, 2023 the Petition of Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Patrick Foley request installation of speed humps on Revere St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred December 12, 2023 the Petition of Amanda Gorman et al. request installation of speed humps in the vicinity of the intersection of Ridgewood Rd. and Ararat St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred August 22, 2023 the Petition of Yixuan Wang request installation of crosswalk on Salisbury St. between Flower Hill Dr. and Old English Rd.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred January 11, 2022 the Petition of Delma Betancourt request installation of No Parking Within 5 Feet of Driveway signage at 35 Shelby St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred February 7, 2023 the Petition of Joanne Troiano et al. request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on Short St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred December 5, 2023 the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Lynnwood Ln.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**



# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred December 5, 2023 the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Barry Rd. and Birchwood Rd.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred December 5, 2023 the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Lynnwood Ln. and Dick Dr.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred December 5, 2023 the Petition of Tina Masiello request repainting of stop lines at the stop signs at Toronita Ave. and Barrett Ave.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred August 22, 2023 the Petition of Hannah Jacobs request installation of traffic signal in front of 360 Franklin St., in the vicinity of the intersection of Norfolk St., Suffolk St. and Franklin St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petition be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**February 28, 2024**

The Committee on Traffic And Parking to whom was referred August 22, 2023 the Petition of John Yanczewski request installation of residential permit parking on Richland St. in the vicinity of the intersection of Richland St. and Ward St.; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29 OF CHAPTER 13 OF  
THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 PROVIDING FOR A STOP  
SIGN ON BAY STATE ROAD AT HILLSBORO ROAD**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the following street is designated as the stop street at the intersection and in the direction indicated.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting in Schedule V, thereof, after the provision for

Bay State Road and Clark Street, faces northbound traffic on Bay State Road

the following new provision:

**Bay State Road and Hillsboro Road, faces southbound traffic on Bay  
State Road**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29 OF CHAPTER 13 OF  
THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 PROVIDING FOR STOP  
SIGNS ON BEACON STREET AT OREAD STREET**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the following street is designated as the stop street at the intersection and in the direction indicated.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting in Schedule V, thereof, after the provision for

Beacon Street and Oread Street, Faces north and southbound traffic on Oread Street

the following new provision:

**Beacon Street and Oread Street, Faces eastbound and westbound traffic on Beacon Street**



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29 OF CHAPTER 13 OF  
THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 PROVIDING FOR A STOP  
SIGN ON MYRNA ROAD AT MISCOE ROAD**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the following street is designated as the stop street at the intersection and in the direction indicated.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting in Schedule V, thereof, after the provision for

Murray Avenue and Wellington Street, faces east and westbound traffic on Murray Avenue

the following new provision:

**Myrna Road and Miscoe Road, faces northbound traffic on Myrna Road**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29 OF CHAPTER 13 OF  
THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 PROVIDING FOR STOP  
SIGNS ON BARRY ROAD, BARRY ROAD EXTENSION AND  
TORONITA AVENUE**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the following street is designated as the stop street at the intersection and in the direction indicated.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting in Schedule V, thereof, after the provision for

Barrett Avenue and West Chester Street, faces northbound and southbound traffic on Barrett Ave.

the following new provision:

**Barry Road, Barry Road Extension and Toronita Avenue, faces eastbound traffic on Barry Road, southbound traffic on Barry Road Extension, and westbound traffic on Toronita Avenue**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29 OF CHAPTER 13 OF  
THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 2008 PROVIDING FOR STOP  
SIGNS ON MORELAND STREET AT BRIGHAM ROAD AND  
CARTER ROAD**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the following street is designated as the stop street at the intersection and in the direction indicated.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

Section 29 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of 2008 be and is hereby amended by inserting in Schedule V, thereof, before the provision for

Brigham Road and Moreland Street, faces eastbound traffic on Brigham Road

the following new provision:

**Brigham Road, Carter Road and Moreland Street, faces northbound and westbound traffic on Moreland Street**



7-18-22

**City Of Worcester  
Petition for Charter Communications  
For Utility pole installation**

Subject:

To the City Council of Worcester Massachusetts:

**Respectfully Charter Communications / Spectrum Cable of Worcester, Massachusetts  
Desires to install a utility pole at GPS coordinate 42.283665-71.804379 this location is just  
In front of property#16-18 Milton St.Charter is looking to bring in supporting cables from a  
rear yard easment**

**Wherefore that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, charter to be granted  
permission to excavate the public roadway and to run and maintain our underground conduit.  
The conduit to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herein marked.**

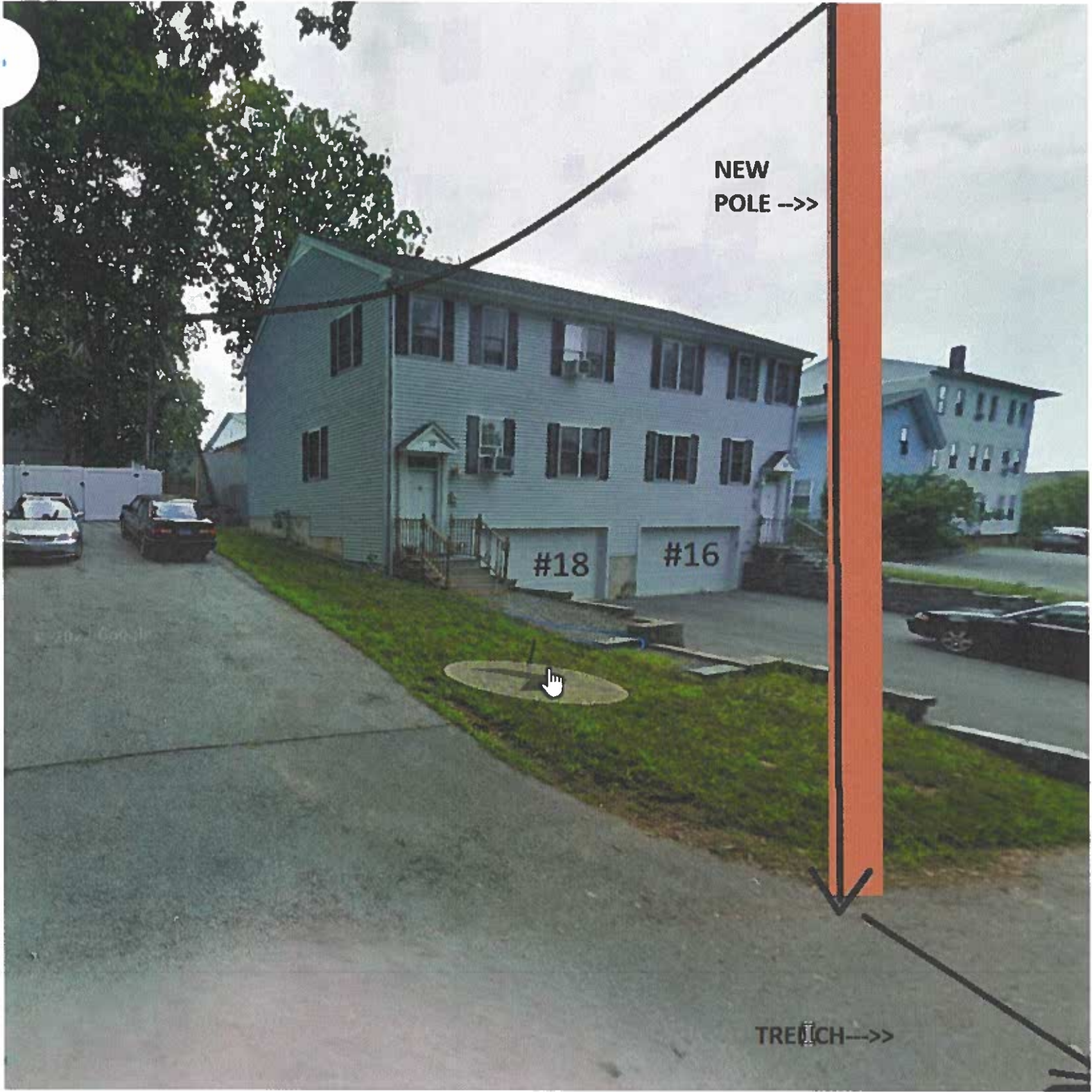
Sincerely,

***Richard S. Molnar 777***

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NEW  
POLE -->>

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TRENCH -->>



The City of  
**WORCESTER**

**City Clerk Department**

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Please print out this form, provide your full contact information, including your name, residential address and phone number, sign the form and return to:

Worcester City Clerk  
City Hall Room 206  
455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

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The undersigned hereby petition the City Council as follows, request

I request a strip of pavement be  
put down between 277 and 281  
Moreland St. There are 41 pot holes  
and filling them does not hold.

Submitted 2/5/24

| Signature | Name          | Address, Zip Code     | Phone Number | Email                             |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
|           | Kathryn Hagan | 277 Moreland St 01609 | 508-756-6164 | (Kathryn) Kathryn.hagan@yahoo.com |
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# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED:** That

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request Commissioner of Public Works and Parks conduct a review of pothole damage on Moreland St., in order to determine areas for immediate repair.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to request City Solicitor provide City Council with a legal opinion regarding the process of instituting a residential rent control program and the resulting impact of implementing such a program.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **RESOLVED:**

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby support Representative Rebecca Rauch, Representative Liz Miranda and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz's SD 699 HD 1283, An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 Vaccination Bill.

# HOUSE . . . . . No.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Liz Miranda and Mindy Domb***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:              | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:  | DATE ADDED:     |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Liz Miranda</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/4/2021</i> |

# HOUSE . . . . . No.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to effectuate equity in COVID-19 vaccination, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. The governor shall immediately appoint or designate a director of COVID-  
2   19 vaccination equity and outreach who shall be a new member of leadership within the  
3   executive office of health and human services in its functionality as the COVID-19 command  
4   center, who shall report directly to the secretary of the executive office of health and human  
5   services, and whose sole and full-time responsibility shall be to plan and implement actions to  
6   overcome disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates rooted in historic and current racism; biases  
7   based on ethnicity, income, primary language, immigration status, or disability; geography; or  
8   transportation access, language access, or internet access. The director's responsibilities shall  
9   include without limitation implementing the provisions of this act. The director shall have  
10   significant expertise in public health and experience with a successful mass vaccination  
11   campaign, a statewide campaign in the commonwealth, or extensive existing connections with

multiple socially and economically disadvantaged communities across the commonwealth. The director shall be made known to the full membership of the general court and the public no later than the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 12, 2021.

SECTION 2. (a) The director shall immediately establish partnerships, contracts, or memoranda of understanding, as applicable, with trusted community-based organizations, local public health departments or boards of health, community-rooted faith-based organizations, and locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, to directly deliver medically and scientifically accurate, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the safety and efficacy of vaccination, including particularly the COVID-19 vaccine, and the pathways to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine to residents of demographic communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Directly delivered information shall also include transmission prevention measures, including but not limited to ventilation, mask-wearing, and physical distancing. Direct delivery may include phone calls, text messages, physically distanced door-to-door and street canvassing, and digital event-based communication involving live and interactive messengers. Television, radio, newspaper, and other mass media campaigns shall not constitute direct delivery of information for purposes of this section. The provisions of this paragraph shall not in any way interfere with, alleviate, strike, subordinate, supersede, or remove the vaccination education and outreach requirements established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020.

(b) The director shall undertake similar direct delivery methods and community partnerships to: (i) assist residents of communities described in paragraph (a) in completing self-attestation forms and otherwise preparing for vaccination appointments; and (ii) support transportation-limited residents of communities described in paragraph (a) in getting to vaccination appointments or arranging for vaccinators to otherwise reach said residents.

(c) The director shall expand upon the vaccination education and outreach campaign required by line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 in order to: (i) sustain and, as necessary, increase the penetration of mass media buys in target populations in demographic communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19; (ii) communicate the safety, efficacy, science, and benefits of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as pathways to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, in a manner that is culturally competent and utilizes diverse messengers trusted in target communities. This expansion may utilize, but shall not be limited to, the funds appropriated under said line item 4512-2021.

(d) The vaccination education and outreach requirements set forth in this section and established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be maintained until parity is achieved and sustained between vaccination rates in communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the statewide average vaccination rate, or the termination of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public health shall immediately deploy, in partnership with local or regional public health officials and experts whenever practicable, no fewer than 30 vans, buses, or other vehicles as vaccination vehicles to municipalities designated in this section for a minimum of 40 hours

per week per vehicle, including some early morning, late evening, and weekend hours, for the sole and express purpose of vaccinating residents of those municipalities. The department shall make reasonable efforts to utilize zero-emissions vehicles to satisfy the requirements of this section. The vaccination vehicles shall be deployed as follows: (i) 1 to the communities in the Cape and Islands region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (ii) 1 to the communities in the MetroWest/495 region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iii) 2 to the communities in southeastern Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 2 to the communities in the Merrimack Valley with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (v) 2 to the communities in western Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (vi) 2 to the communities in central Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 3 to the neighborhoods in the city of Boston experiencing the highest percent positivity rates in the prior 2 weeks; and (viii) the remainder to other high-test, highest-contagion communities throughout the commonwealth, provided, however, that the director may deviate from the high-test, high-contagion requirement set forth in this element (viii) only if a strong health equity rationale exists for so deviating and only upon publication of said rationale. For purposes of this Act, the term “high-test, highest-contagion municipality” shall mean a municipality with one of the highest percent positivity rates among the 30 municipalities with the highest test counts in the commonwealth in the prior two weeks.

(b) Residents of the areas designated to be served by the vaccination vehicle program described in paragraph



(a) of this section shall be eligible for vaccination via said program consistent with approvals by the federal drug administration and regardless of phase designations in the commonwealth's vaccine distribution plan.

Residency may be established by self-attestation.

(c) Each vaccination vehicle shall be staffed with at least the following individuals: a medical provider who, acting within the scope of their license, may administer vaccines and deliver basic life support, a medical assistant, a patient services coordinator, and two community health workers, at least one of whom shall have direct experience in the municipality to which the vehicle is deployed. A vaccination vehicle operating in a community that is home to limited English proficiency residents shall also include a language interpreter. All vaccination vehicles shall have telephonic access to language interpretation services. In the event multiple vehicles are deployed in an area designated in paragraph (a), the staff specified in this paragraph (c) may be assigned to any such vehicles, as appropriate.

(d) The department shall partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, and locally-based health care providers to disseminate to target populations accurate, user-friendly, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the vaccination vehicle program, including without limitation how residents can receive a vaccine via a vehicle in their community.

(e) The vaccination vehicle program shall be maintained and operational until a sufficient percentage of the residents of the commonwealth are vaccinated in order to protect the population from the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 4. The department of public health shall immediately partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, and local independent pharmacies to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

SECTION 5. For all COVID vaccinations requiring a second dose, all vaccination locations shall assist patients in scheduling a second vaccination appointment at the time of the first appointment. This assistance may be provided during the observation period following vaccination administration.

SECTION 6. No later than February 12, 2021, the governor shall appoint an expert on vaccine disinformation to the Vaccine Advisory Group.

SECTION 7. (a) The department of public health shall immediately comply with all data collection and reporting provisions set forth in Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, including, but not limited to, finalizing regulations on health care providers collecting COVID-19 data.

(b) Further to the interim draft vaccination plan published by the department on its website in October of 2020 and submitted to and approved by the federal government, the department shall immediately publish on its website any updates to said plan and a detailed set of implementation protocols to overcome the vaccination disparities described in section 1 and ensure that 20 percent of the commonwealth's vaccine supply will be administered to residents of demographic communities with high social vulnerability and disproportionately and

negatively impacted by COVID-19. The vaccination plan and implementation protocols shall be publicly updated within 24 hours of any subsequent modification or change thereto.

(c) To further effectuate transparency and equity regarding COVID vaccination, the department shall: (i) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the number of unused vaccine doses in the commonwealth, an explanation for why the doses remain unused, and its plan to redistribute the doses; (ii) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the vaccine doses allocated throughout the commonwealth, delineated by vaccination location; and (iii) effective immediately, collect COVID vaccination data by key socioeconomic and demographic indicators, including race, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity, primary language, occupation, household income, residence in elder care facilities and other congregate care settings, housing status, and zip code, and publish said data on its website not less than weekly except where publication would result in disclosure of personal information as defined in chapter 93H of the general laws.

SECTION 8. (a) No later than February 26, 2021, the director shall submit to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on public health, and the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a budget for effectuating the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive. Said budget shall specify the source or sources of funding, whether state, federal, or both, is planned

for each implementation element and whether any additional state appropriations are necessary to achieve compliance with said sections.

(b) No later than March 26, 2021, and at least on every subsequent final Friday of the month for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services or her designee shall report to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on public health, the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight, and the auditor the following financial information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination in the commonwealth, including without limitation vaccination education and information dissemination and vaccination distribution: (i) funds expended on vaccinating residents of the commonwealth, delineated by spending item and region of the commonwealth; provided, however, that compliance with section 104 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be considered compliance with the requirements of this section; (ii) any amounts beyond existing state and federal appropriations and reimbursements that may be needed to effectuate the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan generally, and the purposes of section 1 specifically; (iii) any updates to the budget submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; (iv) a detailed accounting of all funds, including state and federal funds, distributed to local boards of health, including any body that acts as a board of health, public health commission, regional health district or health department of a municipality, since the last report, indicating whether the funds came from state or federal sources, and a budget plan detailing planned or anticipated distribution of funds to these local health agencies in the coming 3 months, indicating

the source of the funds; and (v) any additional financial information pertinent to the implementation of the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan and other provisions of this act.

SECTION 9. The department of public health shall implement all reasonable efforts to maximize federal reimbursement for COVID vaccination implementation efforts and efforts pursuant to section 1. Such reasonable efforts shall include consideration of mobilizing the Massachusetts National Guard to staff phone banking efforts undertaken pursuant to section 2.

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SECTION 11. This act shall remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency.

# SENATE . . . . . No.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                        |                 |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>   | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>    |                 |
| <i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>    | <i>Second Suffolk</i>                    |                 |
| <i>Liz Miranda</i>         | <i>5th Suffolk</i>                       |                 |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i>          | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>                     |                 |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> |                 |
| <i>Adam Gomez</i>          | <i>Hampden</i>                           | <i>2/4/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven C. Owens</i>     | <i>29th Middlesex</i>                    | <i>2/4/2021</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i>       | <i>26th Middlesex</i>                    | <i>2/4/2021</i> |
| <i>Kip A. Diggs</i>        | <i>2nd Barnstable</i>                    | <i>2/4/2021</i> |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i>    | <i>16th Essex</i>                        | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>  | <i>Second Middlesex</i>                  | <i>2/5/2021</i> |

# SENATE . . . . . No.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to effectuate equity in COVID-19 vaccination, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. The governor shall immediately appoint or designate a director of COVID-  
2   19 vaccination equity and outreach who shall be a new member of leadership within the  
3   executive office of health and human services in its functionality as the COVID-19 command  
4   center, who shall report directly to the secretary of the executive office of health and human  
5   services, and whose sole and full-time responsibility shall be to plan and implement actions to  
6   overcome disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates rooted in historic and current racism; biases  
7   based on ethnicity, income, primary language, immigration status, or disability; geography; or  
8   transportation access, language access, or internet access. The director's responsibilities shall  
9   include without limitation implementing the provisions of this act. The director shall have  
10   significant expertise in public health and experience with a successful mass vaccination  
11   campaign, a statewide campaign in the commonwealth, or extensive existing connections with

multiple socially and economically disadvantaged communities across the commonwealth. The director shall be made known to the full membership of the general court and the public no later than the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 12, 2021.

SECTION 2. (a) The director shall immediately establish partnerships, contracts, or memoranda of understanding, as applicable, with trusted community-based organizations, local public health departments or boards of health, community-rooted faith-based organizations, and locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, to directly deliver medically and scientifically accurate, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the safety and efficacy of vaccination, including particularly the COVID-19 vaccine, and the pathways to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine to residents of demographic communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Directly delivered information shall also include transmission prevention measures, including but not limited to ventilation, mask-wearing, and physical distancing. Direct delivery may include phone calls, text messages, physically distanced door-to-door and street canvassing, and digital event-based communication involving live and interactive messengers. Television, radio, newspaper, and other mass media campaigns shall not constitute direct delivery of information for purposes of this section. The provisions of this paragraph shall not in any way interfere with, alleviate, strike, subordinate, supersede, or remove the vaccination education and outreach requirements established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020.

(b) The director shall undertake similar direct delivery methods and community partnerships to: (i) assist residents of communities described in paragraph (a) in completing self-attestation forms and otherwise preparing for vaccination appointments; and (ii) support



transportation-limited residents of communities described in paragraph (a) in getting to vaccination appointments or arranging for vaccinators to otherwise reach said residents.

(c) The director shall expand upon the vaccination education and outreach campaign required by line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 in order to: (i) sustain and, as necessary, increase the penetration of mass media buys in target populations in demographic communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19; (ii) communicate the safety, efficacy, science, and benefits of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as pathways to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, in a manner that is culturally competent and utilizes diverse messengers trusted in target communities. This expansion may utilize, but shall not be limited to, the funds appropriated under said line item 4512-2021.

(d) The vaccination education and outreach requirements set forth in this section and established in line item 4512-2021 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be maintained until parity is achieved and sustained between vaccination rates in communities disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the statewide average vaccination rate, or the termination of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public health shall immediately deploy, in partnership with local or regional public health officials and experts whenever practicable, no fewer than 30 vans, buses, or other vehicles as vaccination vehicles to municipalities designated in this section for a minimum of 40 hours per week per vehicle, including some early morning, late evening, and weekend hours, for the sole and express purpose of vaccinating residents of those municipalities. The department shall make reasonable efforts to utilize zero-emissions vehicles to satisfy the requirements of this

section. The vaccination vehicles shall be deployed as follows: (i) 1 to the communities in the Cape and Islands region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (ii) 1 to the communities in the MetroWest/495 region with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iii) 2 to the communities in southeastern Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 2 to the communities in the Merrimack Valley with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (v) 2 to the communities in western Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (vi) 2 to the communities in central Massachusetts with the highest percent positivity rate in the region in the prior two weeks; (iv) 3 to the neighborhoods in the city of Boston experiencing the highest percent positivity rates in the prior 2 weeks; and (viii) the remainder to other high-test, highest-contagion communities throughout the commonwealth, provided, however, that the director may deviate from the high-test, high-contagion requirement set forth in this element (viii) only if a strong health equity rationale exists for so deviating and only upon publication of said rationale. For purposes of this Act, the term “high-test, highest-contagion municipality” shall mean a municipality with one of the highest percent positivity rates among the 30 municipalities with the highest test counts in the commonwealth in the prior two weeks.

(b) Residents of the areas designated to be served by the vaccination vehicle program described in paragraph (a) of this section shall be eligible for vaccination via said program consistent with approvals by the federal drug administration and regardless of phase designations in the commonwealth’s vaccine distribution plan. Residency may be established by self-attestation.

(c) Each vaccination vehicle shall be staffed with at least the following individuals: a medical provider who, acting within the scope of their license, may administer vaccines and deliver basic life support, a medical assistant, a patient services coordinator, and two community health workers, at least one of whom shall have direct experience in the municipality to which the vehicle is deployed. A vaccination vehicle operating in a community that is home to limited English proficiency residents shall also include a language interpreter. All vaccination vehicles shall have telephonic access to language interpretation services. In the event multiple vehicles are deployed in an area designated in paragraph (a), the staff specified in this paragraph (c) may be assigned to any such vehicles, as appropriate.

(d) The department shall partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, and locally-based health care providers to disseminate to target populations accurate, user-friendly, culturally competent, and linguistically diverse information about the vaccination vehicle program, including without limitation how residents can receive a vaccine via a vehicle in their community.

(e) The vaccination vehicle program shall be maintained and operational until a sufficient percentage of the residents of the commonwealth are vaccinated in order to protect the population from the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 4. The department of public health shall immediately partner with local public health departments, local boards of health, locally-based health care providers, including without limitation community health centers and primary care physicians, and local independent pharmacies to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

SECTION 5. For all COVID vaccinations requiring a second dose, all vaccination locations shall assist patients in scheduling a second vaccination appointment at the time of the first appointment. This assistance may be provided during the observation period following vaccination administration.

SECTION 6. No later than February 12, 2021, the governor shall appoint an expert on vaccine disinformation to the Vaccine Advisory Group.

SECTION 7. (a) The department of public health shall immediately comply with all data collection and reporting provisions set forth in Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, including, but not limited to, finalizing regulations on health care providers collecting COVID-19 data.

(b) Further to the interim draft vaccination plan published by the department on its website in October of 2020 and submitted to and approved by the federal government, the department shall immediately publish on its website any updates to said plan and a detailed set of implementation protocols to overcome the vaccination disparities described in section 1 and ensure that 20 percent of the commonwealth's vaccine supply will be administered to residents of demographic communities with high social vulnerability and disproportionately and negatively impacted by COVID-19. The vaccination plan and implementation protocols shall be publicly updated within 24 hours of any subsequent modification or change thereto.

(c) To further effectuate transparency and equity regarding COVID vaccination, the department shall: (i) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the number of unused vaccine doses in the commonwealth, an explanation for why the doses remain unused, and its plan to redistribute the doses; (ii) no less than weekly on Wednesdays beginning on February 10, 2021, publish on its website the vaccine doses

allocated throughout the commonwealth, delineated by vaccination location; and (iii) effective immediately, collect COVID vaccination data by key socioeconomic and demographic indicators, including race, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity, primary language, occupation, household income, residence in elder care facilities and other congregate care settings, housing status, and zip code, and publish said data on its website not less than weekly except where publication would result in disclosure of personal information as defined in chapter 93H of the general laws.

SECTION 8. (a) No later than February 26, 2021, the director shall submit to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on public health, and the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight a budget for effectuating the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive. Said budget shall specify the source or sources of funding, whether state, federal, or both, is planned for each implementation element and whether any additional state appropriations are necessary to achieve compliance with said sections.

(b) No later than March 26, 2021, and at least on every subsequent final Friday of the month for the duration of the COVID-19 public health state of emergency, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services or her designee shall report to the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint standing committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, the chairs of the joint committee on public health, the chairs of the joint committee on state administration and regulatory oversight, and the auditor the following financial information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination in the commonwealth, including without limitation vaccination education and information

dissemination and vaccination distribution: (i) funds expended on vaccinating residents of the commonwealth, delineated by spending item and region of the commonwealth; provided, however, that compliance with section 104 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 shall be considered compliance with the requirements of this section; (ii) any amounts beyond existing state and federal appropriations and reimbursements that may be needed to effectuate the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan generally, and the purposes of section 1 specifically; (iii) any updates to the budget submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section; (iv) a detailed accounting of all funds, including state and federal funds, distributed to local boards of health, including any body that acts as a board of health, public health commission, regional health district or health department of a municipality, since the last report, indicating whether the funds came from state or federal sources, and a budget plan detailing planned or anticipated distribution of funds to these local health agencies in the coming 3 months, indicating the source of the funds; and (v) any additional financial information pertinent to the implementation of the commonwealth's vaccination distribution plan and other provisions of this act.

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168           SECTION 11. This act shall remain in effect until the termination of the COVID-19  
169   public health state of emergency.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to consider prioritizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for REC Worcester's capital project involving the development of the new REC Worcester headquarters and Center for Food Justice and Urban Agriculture (for Worcester and Central Massachusetts), in an effort to support community food security, as well as youth development and employment.



# CITY OF WORCESTER

Pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Education, be it

**ORDERED: That**

The City Council be and is hereby requested to work to ensure City Council and School Committee districts are parallel, so as to ensure public clarity.

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**January 5, 2023**

The Committee on Public Service And Transportation to whom was referred December 20, 2022 the Order of Councilor Morris A. Bergman and Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation Committee hold a public discussion with the WRTA Administrator relative to the removal of a bus route that passes the EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Communication be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

**In Committee**

**January 5, 2023**

The Committee on Public Service And Transportation to whom was referred December 20, 2022 the Order of Councilor Sarai Rivera and Councilor Khrystian E. King - Request Standing Committee on Public Service and Transportation meet with the WRTA Administrator to provide City Council with a report concerning the WRTA's winter weather plan, especially including information as to how snow will be removed at each of the bus stops; having considered the same, most respectfully reports recommending Order be placed on file.

**For the Committee**

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**Clerk**

# CITY OF WORCESTER

## **ORDERED: That**

The City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with appropriate departments and stakeholders to establish an Office of Housing Stability in an effort to prevent the involuntary displacement of city residents who are in the process of being evicted or at the risk of losing their housing, as well as to enact policies to combat displacement, homelessness and enhance tenants' rights.

Questions contact – Robert Proude 781-423-3082

**PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS**

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council  
Of Worcester, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Apricot St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Apricot St beginning at a point approximately 30 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Wildwood Ave and Apricot St. Install new Pole # 2-25.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Apricot St - Worcester - Massachusetts.

No. 30767780 June 29, 2023

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a

NATIONAL GRID *Pat Shea*

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY *Albert C. Bessette* \_\_\_\_\_

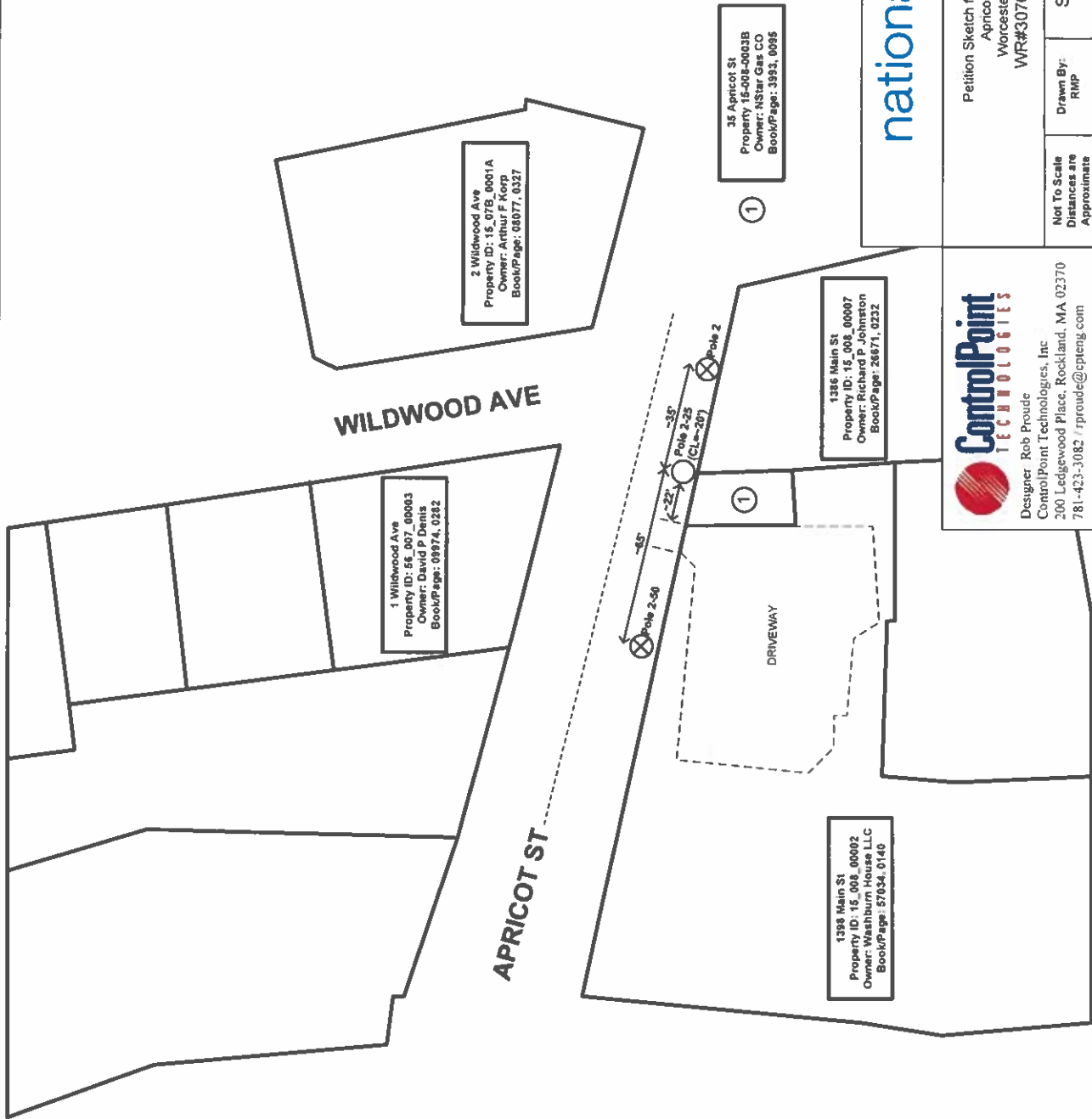
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PETITION SKETCH  
TOWN OF WORCESTER  
WORCESTER COUNTY

Legend

-  Proposed JO Pole
-  Existing JO Pole
-  Center Line
-  Property Line
-  Driveway



**nationalgrid**

Petition Sketch for Pole 1-50  
Apricot St  
Worcester, MA  
WR#30767780

SHEET  
1 of 1

DATE  
6/22/2023

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Not To Scale  
Distances are  
Approximate



Designer: Rob Proude  
ControlPoint Technologies, Inc  
200 Ledgewood Place, Rockland, MA 02370  
781-423-3082 / rproude@cpteng.com

The exact location of said  
facilities to be established  
by and upon the installation  
and erection of the facilities  
thereof



The City of  
**WORCESTER**

**City Clerk Department**

Nikolin Vangjeli, City Clerk

Stephen A.J. Pottle, Deputy City Clerk I

Clare M. Robbins, Deputy City Clerk II

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following documents were submitted at the **City Council Meeting** on **October 24, 2023** to the Clerk and appended hereto in accordance with provisions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

In regard to: **Hearing: NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for a jointly-owned pole location on: APRICOT ST.**

Item No.: **14a**

Nikolin Vangjeli  
City Clerk























