

**North Adams City Council – Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2022**

Members Present: Councilor Harpin
Councilor Obasohan
Councilor Sapienza, Chair

Others Present: Mayor Macksey
City Clerk Marcus Lyons
Members of the Public

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM

Meeting recorded using the OWL and uploaded to the cloud.

Motion to approve minutes of the 3/16/22 Public Safety Meeting, motion by Councilor Harpin, second by Councilor Obasohan. Minutes approved 3/0.

City Clerk Marcus Lyons was present at the meeting upon his request to review the dog licensing fees. One area of concern was the \$8.00 fee for licensing an altered dog. He felt that the fee should be raised a small amount to make it an even amount for office and administrative purposes. A motion was made by Councilor Harpin and seconded by Councilor Obasohan, unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Obasohan to eliminate the Tag Fee on dogs, as it was redundant to the lost tag fee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Harpin, unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Harpin to raise the late fee on dog licenses to \$10 as per recommendation made by Chief Wood (NAPD). Seconded by Councilor Obasohan, unanimously approved.

A motion was made to remove the fee on a transfer of a dog license on the recommendation of City Clerk Lyons, by Councilor Harpin, seconded by Councilor Obasohan, unanimously approved.

A motion was made to alter the fee structure for Dog Kennel licenses to make them consistent with City Ordinance Section 27-5, by Obasohan, seconded by Councilor Harpin, unanimously approved.

A discussion ensued to differentiate the difference between a violation of restraint, and additional dog offenses. It was interpreted that additional dog offenses included items such as an animal becoming a public nuisance (excessive barking).

An overall review of the fees for other dog violations were reviewed and it was decided to vote on all the changes at once, instead of each item individually. The review continued of the remaining fee structure.

Under a review of the parking fees, a discussion of adding an additional parking violation for parking of non-electric vehicles in parking spaces designated for charging of electric vehicles. Chairman Sapienza added that under MGL Part I, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 22A, allows municipalities to fine

owners of non-electric cars for parking in spaces designated for the charging of electric vehicles. Councilor Sapienza suggested an initial fine of \$50 be imposed on such violations.

A review of False alarm fees were evaluated, a suggestion of setting a maximum fee of \$100 for four and subsequent false alarms.

A motion to approve the Police Department fee schedule was made by Councilor Obasohan, seconded by Councilor Harpin. Unanimously approved. The approved fee schedule has been attached.

A motion to send the fee schedule to the Finance Committee was made by Councilor Harpin, seconded by Councilor Obasohan. Unanimously approved.

A copy of fee schedules attached for the North Adams Police and Fire Departments will be sent to the Finance Committee for further review.

The committee is still waiting on information regarding the Curfew Ordinance from the City Solicitor.

Public Concerns: Mr. Robert Smith was concerned with vehicles speeding on North Street. His concern was for children at a nearby day care that are frequently using the sidewalk near his residence. Mayor Macksey said that she would ask NAPD to patrol the area for speeding vehicles. Councilor Harpin suggested to bring the issue before the Traffic Commission.

A motion was made to adjourn by Councilor Harpin, seconded by Councilor Obasohan, unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19PM

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Bryan Sapienza

Attachments:

Police Department Fee Schedule
Fire Department Fee Schedule

Attachment – A: North Adams Police Department Fees

Catagory – Police Department Dog Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
License, Female, Intact	\$20.00	\$20.00
License, Spayed Female	\$8.00	\$10.00
License, Kennel, 4 Dogs	\$30.00	\$30.00
License, Kennel, 5-10 Dogs	\$60.00	\$60.00
License, Kennel, 11 or more Dogs	\$90.00	\$90.00
License, Dog – Late Fee (After May 1)	\$5.00	\$10.00
License, Male, Intact	\$20.00	\$20.00
License, Male Neutered	\$8.00	\$10.00
Replacement of Lost Dog Tag	\$5.00	\$5.00
Violation of Licensing of Dog First Offense	\$5.00	\$20.00
Violation of Licensing of Dog Second Offense	\$10.00	\$30.00
Violation of Licensing of Dog Third Offense		\$50.00
Violation of Licensing of Dog Fourth and Subsequent Offense		\$100.00
Violation of Restraint of Dog First Offense	\$25.00	\$30.00
Violation of Restraint of Dog Second Offense	\$50.00	\$50.00
Violation of Restraint of Dog Third Offense		\$100.00
Violation of Restraint of Dog Fourth and Subsequent Offense		\$125.00
Additional Dog Violations First Offense	\$0.00	\$30.00
Additional Dog Violations Second Offense	\$30.00	\$50.00
Additional Dog Violations Third Offense		\$100.00
Additional Dog Violations Fourth and Subsequent Offense		\$125.00
Violation of Kennel Regulations	\$100.00	\$100.00
Violation of Restraint of Dog in Heat First Offense	\$10.00	\$25.00
Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs First Offense	\$100.00	\$100.00
Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs Second Offense		\$200.00
Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs Third Offense		\$300.00
Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs Fourth and Subsequent Offense		\$400.00
Violation of Removal of Dog Litter First Offense	\$0.00	\$25.00
Violation of Removal of Dog Litter Second Offense	\$25.00	\$35.00
Violation of Removal of Dog Litter Third Offense		\$50.00
Violation of Removal of Dog Litter Fourth and Subsequent Offense		\$60.00
Pound Fee Dog Per Day		\$50.00
Pound Fee Per Dog, Rabies Quarantine, Per Day		\$50.00
Pound Fee Per Other Animal Per Day		\$50.00
Pound Fee Per Other Animal, Rabies Quarantine, Per Day		\$50.00
Animal In Car During Extreme Heat or Cold First Offense		\$100.00
Animal In Car During Extreme Heat or Cold Second Offense		\$150.00
Animal In Car During Extreme Heat or Cold Third Offense		\$200.00

Attachment – A: NAPD Fees Continued

Catagory – Parking	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Impeding snow and ice removal	\$30.00	\$30.00
Within intersection	\$15.00	\$30.00
On sidewalk	\$20.00	\$30.00
On crosswalk	\$20.00	\$30.00
Wrong direction	\$15.00	\$30.00
Over 12 inches from curb	\$15.00	\$30.00
Double parking	\$15.00	\$30.00
Within 5 or 10 feet of a hydrant	\$15.00	\$30.00
In front of private road or driveway	\$20.00	\$30.00
Obstructing Traffic		\$30.00
Within 20 feet of an intersecting way	\$20.00	\$30.00
Not leaving 10/12 feet of unobstructed lane		\$30.00
At a bus stop	\$15.00	\$30.00
Loading or tow away zone	\$30.00	\$30.00
Along side or opposite street excavation or obstruction	\$15.00	\$30.00
Prohibited street or park	\$25.00	\$50.00
Upon a roadway in a rural of sparsely settled district		\$30.00
At a taxi stand	\$15.00	\$30.00
Within 25 feet of bridge or overpass	\$15.00	\$30.00
Within 15 feet of a fire station wall or directly across the street	\$20.00	\$30.00
Leaving the motor running	\$15.00	\$30.00
Leaving keys in car	\$15.00	\$30.00
Overtime, no meter involved	\$10.00	\$30.00
Overtime, meter signal displayed	\$10.00	\$30.00
Overtime, meter signal displayed (second offense, same day)		\$30.00
Night parking	\$20.00	\$30.00
Handicapped Parking	\$300.00	\$300.00
Wheelchair Ramp		\$50.00
Zero Emission Vehicle Parking MGL Part I, Title VII, Chapter 40, Section 22A	new	\$50.00
Fire lane	\$30.00	\$30.00
Tree Line		\$30.00
Outside designated space		\$30.00
Winter Parking Ban		\$30.00
Other	\$15.00	\$30.00
Center Street Daytime Permit Monthly	\$30.00	\$30.00
Center Street 24/7 Permit Monthly	\$35.00	\$35.00
St. Anthony Lot Daytime November through March Monthly	\$15.00	\$15.00
St. Anthony Lot Daytime April through October Monthly	\$20.00	\$20.00
St. Anthony Lot Nighttime Monthly	\$20.00	\$20.00
Replacement Permits Monthly	\$5.00	\$10.00
Catagory – False Alarms	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
First Alarm		\$25.00
Second Alarm		\$50.00
Third Alarm		\$75.00
Fourth and Subsequent Alarms		\$100.00

Attachment B – North Adams Fire Department Fees

North Adams Fire Department Fee Schedule – Proposed Fees		
Approved by Public Safety April, 2022		
Fire Department Permit Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Aboveground Tank Inspection		\$40.00
AST Tank Removal	\$10.00	\$40.00
Additional Units		\$40.00
Air Testing		\$40.00
Alarm System Inspection		\$40.00
Ammunition Permit		\$40.00
Annual Inspection		\$40.00
Annual Night Club/Bar Inspection		\$40.00
Ansul System/Commercial		\$40.00
Blasting Permits	\$10.00	\$40.00
Bon Fire		\$40.00
Burning	\$0.00	\$0.00
Business/Family Inspection		\$40.00
Cannon and Mortar		\$40.00
Carnivals		\$40.00
Code Compliance Inspection		\$40.00
Combustible Fibers		\$40.00
Cutting Welding Permit		\$40.00
Demolition Permit		\$40.00
Dumpster Permit		\$40.00
Fire Alarm Permit (Commercial)		\$40.00
Fire Alarm Permit (Residential)		\$40.00
Fire Alarm/ Suppression System Work Permit		\$40.00
Fire Drills		\$40.00
Firefighter per hour		Per contract
Fire Hydrants (Private)		\$40.00
Fire Reports		\$10.00
Fire Suppression		\$40.00
Fire Works Permit / Site Review		\$40.00 +detail
Flame Test Materials		\$40.00
Flammable Fluid, Gas, Solid Storage - Anything over 1001 Gallons		\$100.00
Flammable Fluid, Gas, Solid Storage - Class A - up to 165 Gallons		\$40.00
Flammable Fluid, Gas, Solid Storage - Class B - up to 500 Gallons		\$40.00
Flammable Fluid, Gas, Solid Storage - Class C - up to 1000 Gallons		\$40.00
Form FP 290 Permits		\$40.00
Gunpowder / Black Powder Permit		\$40.00
Hydrants (Private) - Testing and Inspection		\$40.00
Install / Remove Above Groud Tank		\$40.00
Install / Remove Underground Tank		\$40.00 +detail

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Letter of Exemption		\$40.00
Life Safety Inspection/DPH Inspection		\$40.00
Liquor License (304)		\$40.00
LP Gas Permits	\$10.00	\$40.00
Misc. Permits	\$10.00	\$40.00
Miscellaneous MGL 148 Permits		\$40.00
Miscellaneous-Spill/Piping – See Haz Mat Response		
New Construction/Major Remodeling Inspection:		\$40.00/unit
Residential Under 5 Units		+\$10.00 ea addtl unit
New Construction/Major Remodeling Inspection:		75.00/5 Units
Residential 5-11 Units		+\$10.00 ea addtl unit
New Construction/Major Remodeling Inspection:		
Residential Over 11 Units/Over 5000 sq ft		\$125.00
New Construction/Major Remodeling Inspection:		
Commercial/Industrial/Other under 4999 sq ft		\$100.00
New Construction/Major Remodeling Inspection:		
Commercial/Industrial/Other over 5000 sq ft		\$150.00
Oil Burner (Change of Ownership)		\$40.00
Oil Burner Inspection		\$40.00
Oil Burners/Tank Related	\$5.00	\$40.00
Oil Line Upgrade		\$40.00
Oxygen Acetylene (cutting and welding)		\$40.00
Paint Spray Booths		\$40.00
Plan Review		\$40.00
Plan Review (Commercial)		\$40.00
Propane Exchange / Filling Facilities		\$40.00
Propane Fork Truck		\$40.00
Propane Temp Use		\$40.00
Propane Tanks		\$40.00
Quarterly Inspections	\$10.00	\$40.00
Quarterly Inspections: Health Care: No Beds		\$50.00
Quarterly Inspections: Health Care: Under 70 Beds		\$50.00
Quarterly Inspections: Health Care: Over 70 Beds		\$50.00
Quarterly Inspections: Schools		\$50.00
Real Estate Transaction		\$40.00
Re-Inspection		\$40.00
Reports		\$10.00
Research Fees		\$40.00
Research of Tanks		\$40.00
Rockets		\$40.00
Salamanders / Construction Heaters		\$40.00
Short Term Event Inspection (Cooking)		\$40.00
Short Term Event Inspection (Cooking [Non-Profit])		\$40.00

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Short Term Event Inspection (Cooking)		\$40.00
Short Term Event Inspection (Cooking [Non-Profit])		\$40.00
Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors		\$40.00
Smoke Detectors	\$10.00	\$40.00
Smoke Detectors: Single Family		\$40.00
Smoke Detectors: Multi Family/Multi Unit		\$40.00
Smoke Detectors: MU/MF Each Additional Unit		+\$10.00/unit
Smoke Detectors: Re-Inspection (per unit)		\$50.00
Smoke Detectors: Re-Inspection (each additional unit)		+\$10.00/unit
Special Effects		\$40.00
Special Function		\$40.00
Special Occupancy		\$40.00
Sprinkler Systems Repair / Alterations or New Installation		\$40.00
Sprinkler System Plan Review		\$40.00
Storage Facility Inspections		\$40.00
Storage of Flammables/Combustables	\$10.00	\$40.00
Tanker Truck Inspections	\$10.00	\$40.00
Tanker Truck Permit		\$40.00
Tar Kettles		\$40.00
Tent Inspection		\$40.00
Terminate Tank by Slurry		\$40.00
Theatre Inspections (under 400)		\$40.00
Theatre Inspections (over 400)		\$40.00
Transportation of Tank		\$40.00
Underground Storage Facility Renewal		\$40.00
Underground Tank Installation		\$40.00
AST/UST Installation (0 to 5,000 gal.)		\$40.00
AST/UST Installation (5,001 to 10,000 gal.)		\$40.00
AST/UST Installation (10,001 to 20,000 gal.)		\$40.00
AST/UST Installation (over 20,000 gal.)		\$40.00
Underground Tank Removal (Residential)	\$10.00	\$40.00
		+detail
Underground Tank Removal (Commercial - under 9999 Gallons)		\$50.00
		+detail
Underground Tank Removal (Commercial - over 9999 Gallons)		\$75.00
		+detail
Unvented Propane / Natural Gas Fixed Space Heaters		\$40.00
UST Storage Permits		\$40.00
Vapor Recovery		\$40.00

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Public Safety	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Sump pump/Fire hose rental	5.00/hr	\$50.00
City Personnel and equipment for basement pumping, flag pole adjustments, premises lock out, animal rescue	20.00/hr	Detail Rate
Alarm System Terminal Supervision	\$100.00	remove
Smoke Detector - Certificate of Compliance	\$10.00	addressed above
Master Box annual fee	\$300.00	\$300.00
False Alarms due to defective or improperly maintained equipment	\$100.00	\$100.00
Monitoring of the following systems: Boiler monitoring; tamper valve; heat; automatic dial systems	\$400.00	\$300.00
Disconnect and reconnect of electrical service or fire alarm system (normal) *Done in dispatch, over the phone.	\$25.00	remove*
Disconnect and reconnect of electrical service or fire alarm system (non-normal)	\$40.00	remove
Haz Mat Response	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
First hour response: Includes all apparatus and personnel		\$400.00
Arial Device	\$200.00	\$200.00
Engine Company	\$100.00	\$200.00
Ambulance	\$250.00	\$100.00
Heavy Rescue	\$250.00	\$200.00
Light Rescue		\$200.00
Brush Truck		\$100.00
Tanker	\$100.00	\$200.00
Command Vehicle	\$75.00	\$100.00
Pickup Truck 4-Wheel Drive	\$150.00	\$75.00
Forestry Unit	\$250.00	\$75.00
Ladder Truck	\$150.00	\$200.00
Water Tender	\$150.00	\$200.00
Specialized Trailer/Watercraft	\$250.00	\$100.00
Haz Mat Vehicle	\$100.00	\$100.00
ATV/Snowmobile	\$100.00	\$50.00
Sandtruck/DPW Vehicles	\$43.00	\$100.00
Current Personnel Detail Rate		\$46.00/hr