

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
City Clerk's Office  
May 9, 2013

I hereby notify you that at twelve o'clock noon today the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening May 14, 2013 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Marilyn Gomeau  
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
May 14, 2013

Roll Call

Moment of silent prayer

The Pledge

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- 11,309 Mayor's communication #19 submitting the draft budget for FY'14.
- 11,309 Draft Budget appropriating the sum of \$36,612,003 for FY'14.
- 11,310 Communication submitted by the Traffic Commission regarding to parking meters.
- 11,310 An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article VI entitled Parking Meters, Section 13-58 Parking Meter zones.
- 11,310-1 An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article VI entitled Parking Meters, Section 13-61 Fees for different parking zones.

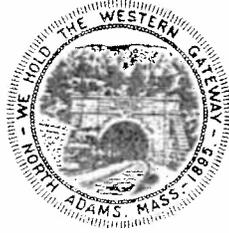
**CORRESPONDENCE**

**LICENSES**

An application submitted by Alicia Moore, 211 Protection Avenue to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi.

An application submitted by Matthew R. Sacco, 270 Walker Street to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi.

**COUNCILLOR'S & MAYOR'S CONCERNS  
OPEN FORUM**



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
Richard J. Alcombright

May 14, 2013  
#19

To: North Adams City Council  
Re: FY2014 Draft Budget

Dear Honorable Members:

I respectfully submit the FY2014 "Draft" Budget for the City of North Adams in the amount of \$36,612,003.

Over the past several weeks, our internal Finance Team completed a thorough review of the prior three fiscal year budgets in our quest to bring forward this document. We do this through review of the trending revenues and expenses to most accurately determine line items. We have met with all major departments to include Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works and Technology and Information Systems.

There are no substantive changes to the format of the budget. The major financial differences in this year's budget are the decrease in Health Insurance due to new changes to City insurance plans, an increase in pensions, Veterans Benefits, Hoosac Water Quality District and Public Safety. The budget is reflective of 6 reductions of positions both full and part time.

This budget is out of balance with anticipated revenues by approximately \$ 453,123 and is truly reflective of necessary costs to maintain municipal and school services at expected levels.

The approach this year is once again as close to zero-based budgeting as it can be whereby we first established anticipated revenues (which are included with the draft document) and then challenged departments to come in with budgets that accurately reflect their expenditures. We have spent hours trying to project local receipts as well as working to consolidate and streamline departments and processes, much of which I will discuss at future Council FINCOM meetings.

I respectfully request that this draft be referred to FINCOM and that three meetings be scheduled to review. At these meetings, all major department heads as well as the Administrative Officer and the Auditor will be available to answer any questions. Please know that these meetings are for discussion purposes only and to give the Council and the public significant access to the document and our processes well before acting under Order.

After this review, I will bring the finalized document with the "Classification and Compensation Plans" to Council under Order, at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, with hopes for adoption on the meeting of June 28<sup>th</sup>. This will give FINCOM two more weeks to schedule further review. There will be the need for at least one meeting during that time to meet with both Superintendents Montepare and Brosnan.

I would respectfully request that this be referred to FINCOM for review and discussion. Meeting dates have been set for May 20, May 22, and May 28 all at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Alcombright", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Richard J. Alcombright  
Mayor

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## Traffic Commission

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS  
10 Main Street – City Hall  
North Adams, MA 01247

April 15, 2013

Mr. Michael Bloom  
Council President  
City of North Adams  
10 Main Street  
North Adams, MA 01247

Dear President Bloom;

The North Adams Traffic Commission met on April 12, 2013, and voted to make the following changes in the downtown pertaining to the diagonal parking and the installation of electronic parking meters. The meters that the city presently has are becoming obsolete and it is becoming more and more difficult to purchase parts to repair them.

During the trial period, for diagonal parking, the commission has kept an eye for any accidents or mishaps in the Main Street area. The commission would like to report that to date there have not been any reported and the feedback received has been positive. The commission feels that because of this we would recommend that the diagonal parking remain.

In other discussions, the commission is recommending that the hourly rate for parking meters be changed to \$0.50 per hour for all short term meters; the present rate is \$0.10 per hour. The last time the rate on parking meters has been changed was in 1982. The rates in surrounding towns are slightly higher.

The commission is also recommending changing the hours of operation to the same time on all meters, presently long term meters run 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and short term meters run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We would recommend all meters to run 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. We are trying to make parking in the downtown less confusing.

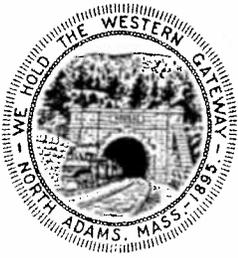
The last recommendation by the commission was to change the maximum time allowed to park on Main St. from one hour to two hours and vehicles must move five spaces when the

maximum time allowed is up. We felt in doing this it would keep customers in the downtown longer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann King  
Chairperson



# City of North Adams

In City Council

May 14, 2013

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

That Chapter 13, Article VI entitled PARKING METERS, Section 13-58 Parking meter zones of the Revised ordinances of the City of North Adams be and are hereby amended by

Deleting the first paragraph

**And Insert in Its Place**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 13-56, parking meter zones are hereby established (to be in effect from 8:00am until 5:00pm. Monday thru Saturday, unless otherwise noted) in the following streets or parts thereof.

Delete **One hour zone in part (a)**

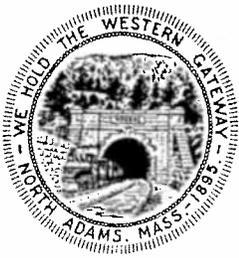
**And Insert in its Place**

Reserved.

Delete **Main Street** in part (b)

**And Insert in its Place**

Main Street, both sides in its entirety



# City of North Adams

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May 14, 2013

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of North Adams as follows:

That Chapter 13, Article VI entitled PARKING METERS, Section 13-61 Fees for different parking zones of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams be and are hereby amended by

Deleting the following:

Sub section (a) and (b)

**And Insert in its Place**

- (a) The fee for parking time in two-hour zones shall be \$0.50 for each hour.
- (b) Reserved