



City of Springfield

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Monday, July 15, 2013

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 15, 2013 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bud L. Williams	Vice President At-Large Councilor	Present	
E. Henry Twiggs	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Timothy J. Rooke	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Zaida Luna	Ward 1 Councilor	Absent	
Kenneth E. Shea	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
John A. Lysak	Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Thomas M. Ashe	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Clodo Concepcion	Ward 5 Councilor	Present	
James J. Ferrera III	President At-Large Councilor	Present	

II. Committee Reports

1. Order (ID # 2271)

Public Health & Safety - Report of Committee - Pawnbrokers & Junk Dealers

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

From the City Council Public Health & Safety Committee re: Pawnbrokers & Junk Dealers Ordinance #2123 - The City Council Public Health & Safety Committee met on June 25, 2013 (Councilors Ashe & Allen) and Councilor Ashe gave a verbal and written report stating that the Committee had met with pawnshop business owners, Police Dept. and citizens to discuss the current Ordinance 10 day holding period. The majority of pawnshop owners said that any period over 10 day would cost them money and the police and citizens wanted a longer period. Councilor Ashe asked Capt. Thomas Trites of the Springfield Police Department to explain the changes and Capt. Trites said that the Police Department was recommending an increase in the fee for \$100 to \$500 or \$1000; CORI checks for shop owners; keeping of an accurate description of all items pawned, including but not limited to markings, engraving, model names, model number and serial numbers and all items be kept intact for the holding period. That all items be photographed and the individual and stored in digital format and every pawnshop shall allow the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) to install on their computer at no cost to the Shop owner and the records of items pawned the previous day shall be transmitted over the NESPIN network by 10 am the following day. Councilors Walsh and Twiggs expressed some

concerns because they had just received the amendments and Councilor Twiggs made a Motion to refer back to Committee and was seconded by Councilor Williams and said Motion by the a majority voice vote with Councilor Fenton voting no and Councilor Luna absent. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor Luna absent.

RESULT: RECEIVE REPORT

2. Motion To: Motion to refer to Public Health & Safety Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Passed by majority voice vote with Councilor Fenton voting no and Councilor Luna absent.

RESULT: ADOPTED VOICE

3. Order (ID # 2275)

Maintenance & Development Report of Committee - Springfield Cultural District

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

From the City Council Maintenance & Development Committee re: Springfield Cultural District #2262 - The City Council Maintenance & Development Committee met on July 10, 2013 (Councilors Walsh, Edwards and Rooke) and Councilor Walsh gave a verbal and written report stating that the Committee had met with representatives from Springfield Library and Springfield Museums, STCC, WGBY and members of the art and historic community and all were in favor of establishing a cultural district in the City of Springfield and the application is to be submitted by August 15, 2013. WGBY, Board Chair Geoffrey Post gave a brief overview of the District and how it would work. Councilor Edwards said that he asked the Group to include the Dr. Suess memorial on Mulberry Street. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor Luna absent.

RESULT: RECEIVE REPORT

4. Order (ID # 2280)

Planning & Economic Development - Report of Committee - 622 Cottage Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

From the City Council Planning & Economic Development Committee re: 622 Cottage Street #2106 - The City Council Planning & Economic Development Committee met on July 15, 2013 (Councilors Williams & Allen) and Councilor Williams gave a verbal report stating that the Committee had met with the Fara Bahrehmand of behalf of the Petition Lily Enterprises, Inc., to discuss a special permit for 622 Cottage Street and petitioner said that facility was not going to be a junk yard but a motor vehicle storage facility where the petitioner would repairing his taxis and storing some taxis when they are taken off the road for a short period of time. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 622 COTTAGE (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVE REPORT
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5. Order (ID # 2269)

Special Committee on Residency - Report of Committee - Residency

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

From the City Council Special Committee on Residency re: Residency Ordinance #2124 - The City Council Special Committee on Residency met on June 21 and July 10, 2013 (Councilors Fenton, Luna and Allen) and Councilor Fenton gave a verbal and written report stating that the Committee had met after Councilor Luna had invoked Rule 20 that the current Ordinance change only deals with waivers by requiring re-posting of the vacancy if a city resident is not selected and notification to the Council and that no current employees would be penalized but the new Ordinance would be strictly enforced going forward and department head and deputies would not be eligible for future waivers. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilor Luna absent.

RESULT:	RECEIVE REPORT
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III. Orders

1. Order (ID # 2267)

Order to Declare Two Parcels of Land on Allen Street Available for Disposition and Authorizing the Conveyance of Said Parcels to L.A. Realty Trust

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

L.A. Realty Trust will pay the City a total of \$8000.00 for the two parcels: \$7500 for Parcel 2 and \$500 for Parcel 3.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Patrick Sullivan, Director of Parks, Building and Recreation Management and Skip Rousseau of Rousseau Brothers Construction stating that the Order is to transfer 2 parcels of land on Allen Street to his Trust L.A. Realty Trust to expand his construction business for the amount of \$7,500.00 for Parcel 2 and \$500 for Parcel 3.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibits A, B and C for Order Authorizing Transfer of Allen Street Parcels (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	John A. Lysak, Ward 8 Councilor
AYES:	Williams, Twiggs, Rooke, Shea, Fenton, Lysak, Walsh, Allen, Edwards, Ashe, Concepcion, Ferrera III
ABSENT:	Zaida Luna

2. Order (ID # 2270)

Appropriation of \$104,130 for Eminent Domain Takings for Boston Road Project

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Order appropriates \$104,130 for damages for the eminent domain taking of easements for the Boston Road Traffic Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Chris Cignoli, City Engineer stating that the Order is for the “taking” of permanent and temporary easements along Boston Road for the Boston Road Improvement Project to compensation the owners of the easements in the amount of \$104,130 thousand dollars but he found that DPW had notified the wrong owner of an easement and was asking that the matter to committee. Councilor Williams expressed concerns if all the land owners had been notified and Mr. Cignoli said that all land owners had been contacted and he had met with land owners and also showed them what pieces of their land would be taken. Councilor Lysak said the Boston Road Project has been a priority for the businesses near the Eastfield Mall and are 1st and 3rd worse intersection in City. Councilor Walsh made a Motion to refer to the Maintenance & Development Committee and was seconded by Councilor Rooke and said Motion passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Zaida Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Boston Road Order of Appropriation - Exhibit A (PDF)

RESULT:**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE****Next: 8/19/2013 7:00 PM****3. Motion To:** Motion to refer to Maintenance & Development Committee**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilor Walsh made a Motion to refer to the Maintenance & Development Committee and was seconded by Councilor Rooke and said Motion passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Zaida Luna absent.

RESULT:**ADOPTED VOICE****4. Order (ID # 2268)**

Order of Taking of Easements for Boston Road Traffic Project

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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5. Motion To: Motion to refer to Maintenance & Development Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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RESULT:	ADOPTED VOICE
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6. Order (ID # 2264)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Transfer of Title to WS Danaher Circle, Lot 100 (03615-0015) to Springfield Conservation Commission

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Kevin Chaffee, Natural Resources Manager for Conservation Commission that the Order is to transfer a vacant parcel of land on the WS Danaher Circle taken in tax title to the Conservation Commission for \$1 dollar to be used for conservation purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Deed WS Danaher Cir. (Par.15) (DOC)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Twiggs, Rooke, Shea, Fenton, Lysak, Walsh, Allen, Edwards, Ashe, Concepcion, Ferrera III
ABSENT:	Bud L. Williams, Zaida Luna

7. Order (ID # 2274)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of NS Central St. (02560-0060), NS Central St. (02560-0061), NS Central St. (02560-0063), and NS Central St. (02560-0064) to Viva Development LLC

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Gerry McCafferty, Director of the Office of Housing that the City is seeking to transfer 4 vacant tax title properties owned by the SRA on the NS Central Street to Viva Development, LLC to be used for single family houses as a single family owner-occupied home and for the consideration of \$30,000 dollars. Councilor Williams said he had received a concern about a "conflict of interest" regarding the owner of Viva being a City employee and Associate City Solicitor Ryan Berry said the Law Department had looking into the

issue and found no "conflict" if the owner filed a disclosure statement with the Mayor, City Clerk and the Council. Councilor Williams made a Motion that the matter be sent to Planning and Economic Development Committee and was seconded by Councilor Walsh and said motion passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Ziada Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Central Street -NS (four lots)-dispo summary (DOC)

RESULT:**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE****Next: 8/19/2013 7:00 PM****8. Motion To:** Motion to refer to Planning and Economic Development**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilor Williams made a Motion that the matter be sent to the Planning and Economic Development Committee and was seconded by Councilor Walsh and said motion passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Zaida Luna absent.

RESULT:**ADOPTED VOICE****IV. Ordinances****(1.) ORD-2013-3 Residency Requirements - Chapter 73****Residency Requirements**

ORD. NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE (A LOCAL LAW) TO AMEND the Code of the City of Springfield, Article II of Chapter 73 thereof, entitled Residency Requirements, by deleting and repealing section 70.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Section 1. Section 13 of Article II of Chapter 73, Residency Requirements, of the Code of the City of Springfield, is hereby amended to read as follows:

WAIVER. The provisions of this chapter may be waived only in the manner described herein. All requests for waiver shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Labor Relations. The Director of Labor Relations shall forward the request to the Mayor and City Council. With the request, the Director of Labor Relations shall provide details about the job posting including, but not limited to: the date the job was posted, the date the posting was closed, the number of applicants who applied, and the number of Springfield residents who applied. After the request is forwarded to the Mayor and the City Council, the job posting will be opened for a second time for a period not less than seven days. The posting will be publicly posted on the City's website.

If a candidate, who meets the minimum qualifications for the posted position and who resided within the City of Springfield, does not apply for the position, then the Mayor, in his sole discretion, may grant the waiver. Any such waiver granted by the Mayor must be forwarded directly to the City Council for purposes of

notification. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to invalidate waivers granted by the Mayor or the Control Board prior to January 1, 2014 nor shall this Section restrict the Mayor to make reappointments to existing city employees.

A department head or deputy department head shall not be eligible for a waiver of the residency requirement.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 3]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
AYES:	Twiggs, Rooke, Shea, Fenton, Lysak, Walsh, Allen, Edwards, Ashe
NAYS:	Bud L. Williams, Clodo Concepcion, James J. Ferrera III
ABSENT:	Zaida Luna

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Ferrera left the Chair and Councilor Williams moved to the Chair and Councilor Ferrera objected saying that the Ordinance did not go far enough and allow current waivers to stay in effect for non-bargaining employees such as department heads and deputy directors, which he believes is unfair and he has received letters from State Representative Ben Swan and the Rev. Talbot Swan that they support removing the waiver section. Councilor Williams left the Chair and Councilor Rooke moved to the Chair and Councilor Williams said that under the strong "Plan A" Charter the Mayor could let go any department head with or without cause and serve at the "will and pleasure" of the Mayor. Councilor Shea said that the law in USA is that you cannot write a law that impairs the obligation of a contract written or oral and the purpose of the change is to notify the Council and citizens of Springfield that the Mayor is waiving a department head position and he thinks it would be unlawful. Councilor Twiggs said he wants to hear more from the Special Committee on Residency who has been working on this issue for 2 years. Councilor Allen said that the committee has been working on these changes for 2 years and that Councilor Ferrera had not done anything for 6 years he has been on the Council. Councilor Ferrera made a Motion to strike the last sentence of paragraph 2 and said Motion failed on the following roll call vote: Yes, Five (5) Councilors Bud L. Williams, John A. Lysak, Melvin A. Edwards, Clodo Concepcion, James J. Ferrera, III; No, Seven (7) Councilors E. Henry Twiggs, Kenneth E. Shea, Esq., Michael A. Fenton, Timothy J. Rooke, Kateri B. Walsh, Timothy C. Allen, Thomas M. Ashe; Absent, One (1) Councilor Zaida Luna.

- 2. Motion To:** Motion to Amend the Ordinance by deleting last sentence in the 2nd paragraph as follows:

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to invalidate waivers granted by the Mayor or the Control Board prior to January 1, 2014 nor shall this Section restrict the Mayor to make reappointments to existing city employees.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [5 TO 7]
MOVER:	James J. Ferrera III, President At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Bud L. Williams, Vice President At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Williams, Lysak, Edwards, Concepcion, Ferrera III
NAYS:	Twiggs, Rooke, Shea, Fenton, Walsh, Allen, Ashe
ABSENT:	Zaida Luna

3. Mayor's Veto Message of the Residency Ordinance

See attached Veto message.

(4.) (ID # 2123) Pawnbrokers and Junk Dealers

Pawnbrokers and Junk Dealers - Chapter 270

ORD. NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the City of Springfield, Chapter 270 thereof, entitled Pawnbrokers and Junk Dealers, by deleting and repealing section 270-7.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Section 1. Section 270-7 of Chapter 270, Pawnbrokers and Junk Dealers, of the Code of the City of Springfield , is hereby amended to read as follows:

No article purchased or received by the keeper of a secondhand or junk shop shall be sold until at least twenty-three (23) days from the date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed. The article shall be kept in an unaltered condition for the required time period. For the purposes of this section, "unaltered condition" means that item or article shall be kept in the same condition it was in the time it was brought into the shop by the seller.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
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Next: 9/9/2013 7:00 PM

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5. Motion To: Motion to Refer back to Public Health and Safety Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Twiggs made a Motion to refer back to Committee and was seconded by Councilor Williams and said Motion by the a majority voice vote with Councilor Fenton voting no and Councilor Luna absent.

RESULT: ADOPTED VOICE

(6.) (ID # 2272) Chapter 302 – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

ORD. NO. ____302

AN ORDINANCE (A LOCAL LAW) TO AMEND the Code of the City of Springfield, to add Chapter 302, entitled “Stormwater Management”.

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Section 1:

Chapter 302: Stormwater Management

1. The purpose of this chapter is to protect, maintain, and enhance the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Springfield by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control adverse impacts associated with stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.
2. The objectives of this chapter are:
 - A. Establish regulations for land development activities that preserve the health of water resources by reducing the adverse impacts to water quality from stormwater discharge to rivers, lakes, reservoirs and streams in order to attain federal water quality standards;
 - B. Require that new development, redevelopment and all land conversion activities maintain the natural hydrologic characteristics of the land in order to reduce flooding, stream bank erosion, siltation, nonpoint source pollution, property damage and to protect the integrity of aquatic habitats and stream channels;
 - C. Prevent the discharge of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals, into stormwater runoff;
 - D. Minimize the volume and rate of stormwater which is discharged to rivers, streams, reservoirs, lakes and combined sewers that flow from any site during construction and following development;

- E. Prevent erosion and sedimentation from land development, and reduce stream channel erosion caused by increased runoff;
 - F. Require post-development runoff volume and quality to be equivalent to or an improvement on pre-development runoff conditions by reducing runoff volumes, increasing infiltration, and improving runoff water quality;
 - G. Provide for the recharge of groundwater aquifers and maintain the base flow of streams;
 - H. Encourage the use of Low Impact Development (LID) practices such as reducing impervious cover, treating and infiltrating stormwater at the source, utilizing environmentally sensitive site design and, the preservation of open space and natural areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
 - I. Provide stormwater facilities that are functional, attractive, maintain the natural integrity of the environment, and are designed to protect public safety;
 - J. Minimize damage to public and private property from flooding;
 - K. Require maintenance provisions to ensure the stormwater treatment devices and facilities will continue to function as designed;
 - L. Establish procedures for the City's review of stormwater management plans, and for the City's inspection of approved stormwater controls; and
 - M. Comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges.
3. **Compatibility with other permit and ordinance requirements**
This chapter is not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinance, rule or regulation, statute or other provision of law. The requirements of this chapter should be considered minimum requirements, and where any provision of this chapter imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule or regulation, or other provision of law, whichever provisions are more restrictive or impose higher protective standards for human health or the environment shall be considered to take precedence.

4. **Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this chapter. Additional definitions may be adopted by separate regulation:

- A. **CLEAN WATER ACT:** the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) as hereinafter amended.
- B. **CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY:** disturbance of a site by removal or moving of vegetative surface cover or topsoil, grading, excavation, clearing or filling.
- C. **IMPERVIOUS SURFACES:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surfaces include, without limitation, roads, paved parking lots, sidewalk, and rooftops.
- D. **LAND DEVELOPMENT:** any construction activity or land disturbance of a site that is currently in a natural vegetated state or does not contain alteration by man-made activities.
- E. **LAND DISTURBANCE:** any land clearing, grading, bulldozing, digging or similar activities.
- F. **LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID):** a set of approaches that seeks to mimic a site's pre-development hydrology by using design techniques that infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate and detain runoff close to its source. Instead of conveying, managing and/or treating stormwater in large, end-of-pipe facilities, LID utilizes small-scale, decentralized practices that infiltrate, treat, evaporate, and transpire rain water and snow melt including bioretention areas, grassed swales, reducing impervious areas, preservation of open space, development density, lot size and configuration, street design, parking design, and other structural stormwater treatment methods.
- G. **MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY:** the Policy issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act [M.G.L. c. 131 § 40] and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act [M.G.L. c. 21 § 23-56]. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

- H. OWNER: every person who alone, jointly or severally with others: (a) has legal title to any building, structure or parcel of land; or (b) has care, charge or control of any building, structure, or parcel of land in any capacity including but not limited to, an agent, executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or (c) a lessee under a written lease agreement; or, (d) a mortgagee in possession; or, (e) an agent, trustee or other person appointed by the courts.
- I. PERSON: any individual, association, partnership, corporation, company, business, organization, trust, estate, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof, the federal government, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns, to the extent permitted by law.
- J. POST-DEVELOPMENT: the conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the land development activity on a specific site or tract of land. Post-development refers to the phase of a new development or redevelopment project after completion, and does not refer to the construction phase of a project.
- K. PRE-DEVELOPMENT: the conditions that exist at the time that plans for the land development of a site are submitted to the Stormwater Authority. Where phased development or plan approval occurs (preliminary grading, roads and utilities, etc.), the existing conditions at the time prior to the first plan submission shall establish pre-development conditions.
- L. REDEVELOPMENT: any construction, alteration, or improvement exceeding land disturbance of [5,000] square feet, where the existing land use is commercial, industrial, institutional, or multi-family residential.
- M. SITE: the parcel of land being developed, or a designated planning area in which the land development or redevelopment project is located.
- N. STORMWATER AUTHORITY: the Stormwater Authority shall be the Department of Public Works of the City of Springfield. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined in this chapter. Other boards and/or departments participate in the review process as defined in the Stormwater Regulations adopted in accordance with this chapter.

- O. **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:** the use of structural or non-structural practices that are designed to reduce stormwater runoff pollutant loads, discharge volumes, and/or peak flow discharge rates. Stormwater management includes the use of LID management practices.
 - P. **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT (SMP):** a permit issued by the Stormwater Authority after review of an application, plans, calculations, and other supporting documents, which is designed to protect the environment of the City from the deleterious affects of uncontrolled and untreated stormwater runoff.
5. Administration
- A. **Stormwater Authority.** The Department of Public Works of the City of Springfield is hereby designated as the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce this chapter. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Stormwater Authority may be delegated in writing by the Stormwater Authority to its employees and agents.
 - B. **Stormwater Regulations.** The Stormwater Authority may adopt, and periodically amend, rules and regulations relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees (including application, inspection, and/or consultant fees), procedures and administration of this chapter after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any proposed regulations or revisions. Such hearing dates shall be advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing date. After public notice and public hearing, the Stormwater Authority may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. Failure by the Stormwater Authority to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this chapter.
 - C. **Stormwater Management Manual:** The Stormwater Authority will utilize the policy, criteria and information including specifications and standards of the latest edition of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Handbook, for execution of the provisions of this chapter. This Policy includes a list of acceptable stormwater treatment practices, including the specific design criteria for each stormwater practice. The Policy may be updated and expanded periodically, based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring, and local maintenance experience. Unless specifically altered in the Stormwater Regulations, stormwater management practices that are designed,

constructed, and maintained in accordance with these design and sizing criteria will be presumed to be protective of Massachusetts water quality standards.

- D. Actions by the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority may take any of the following actions as a result of an application for a Stormwater Management Permit as more specifically defined as part of the Stormwater Regulations promulgated as a result of this chapter: Approval, Approval with Conditions, Disapproval, or Disapproval without Prejudice.

- E. Appeals of Action by the Stormwater Authority. A decision of the Stormwater Authority shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the Stormwater Authority made under this chapter shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

6. **Applicability**

A. Permit or Waiver Required

Prior to the commencement of construction for any proposed development listed below, a Stormwater Management Permit, or a waiver of the requirement for a Stormwater Management Permit, must be issued by the Stormwater Authority. No person shall, on or after the effective date of this chapter, initiate any land clearing and grubbing, land grading, earth moving or development activities without first complying with this chapter.

- i. Multi-family residential developments involving *[four]* or more units;
- ii. Any new commercial, industrial, institutional structures under the same ownership, with at least *[5,000]* square feet of gross floor area, *[10,000]* square feet of impervious surface, or that require *[ten]* or more parking spaces;
- iii. Redevelopment or additions to existing commercial, industrial, and institutional uses which result in an additional impervious surface area or gross floor area of greater than *[5,000]* square feet, or which results in an increase of *[ten]* or more parking spaces;
- iv. Construction activities and subdivisions disturbing greater than or equal to *[one acre]*;
- v. Development or redevelopment involving multiple separate activities in discontinuous locations or on different schedules if the activities are part of a larger common plan of development or redevelopment that together disturbs *[one or more acres]*.

B. Exemptions

The following uses and activities are exempt from the requirements for Stormwater Management Permit:

- i. Any agricultural activity which is consistent with an approved soil conservation plan prepared or approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service;
- ii. Any logging which is consistent with a timber management plan approved under the Forest Cutting Practices Act by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management;
- iii. Developments that do not disturb more than *[one acre]* of land, provided that they are not part of a larger common development plan;
- iv. Repairs to any stormwater or sewage treatment or collection systems and/or drinking water transmission or distribution systems deemed necessary by the Springfield Department of Public Works or the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission;
- v. Any emergency activity that is immediately necessary for the protection of life, property or the environment, as determined by the Springfield Department of Public Works; and
- vi. Any other uses and activities not specified in Section A.

7. Permit Procedures and Performance Standards

- A. Procedures, requirements and fee schedules for Stormwater Management Permits, and stormwater and LID performance standards shall be defined and included as part of any rules and regulations promulgated as permitted under this chapter.
- B. Issuance of a Stormwater Management Permit shall not be construed as a guarantee by the City of Springfield, the Stormwater Authority or its employees or agents, of the design or efficiency of the approved stormwater management system.

8. Enforcement

The Stormwater Authority, or an authorized agent of the Stormwater Authority shall enforce this chapter, regulations adopted hereunder, orders, and violation notices and enforcement orders issued hereunder, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations. Enforcement shall be further defined and included as part of any rules and regulations promulgated as permitted under this chapter.

9. Severability

The invalidity of any section, provision, paragraph, sentence or clause of this chapter shall not invalidate any section, provision, paragraph, sentence or clause thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination that previously has been issued.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 9/9/2013 7:00 PM
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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read for 1st time and referred to the Committee on Ordinances

(7.) (ID # 2273) Chapter 301 – STORM DRAINS

ORD. NO. ____301

AN ORDINANCE (A LOCAL LAW) TO AMEND the Code of the City of Springfield, to add Chapter 301, entitled “Storm Drains”.

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Section 1:

Chapter 301: Storm Drains

1. Purpose

A. Regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drain system is required by federal and state law, and is necessary for the protection of the city’s water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment.

B. The objectives of this chapter are:

- i. to prevent pollutants from entering the city's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4);
- ii. to prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4;
- iii. to require the removal of all such illicit connections;
- iv. to comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
- v. to establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

2. Definitions

A. For the purposes of this chapter, the following shall mean:

- i. **AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY:** The Department of Public Works of the City of Springfield (hereinafter the “Department”), its employees or agents designated to enforce this chapter.
- ii. **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP):** An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff.
- iii. **CLEAN WATER ACT:** The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) as hereafter amended.
- iv. **DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS:** The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or the Commonwealth from any source.
- v. **GROUNDWATER:** Water beneath the surface of the ground.
- vi. **ILLICIT CONNECTION:** A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an unlawful discharge into the municipal storm drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this chapter.
- vii. **ILLICIT DISCHARGE:** A direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 11.16.070. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 11.16.070 of this chapter.
- viii. **IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:** Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.
- ix. **MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM:** The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the city.
- x. **NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT:** A permit issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency, or jointly with the Commonwealth, that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

- xi. NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE: A discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of stormwater.
- xii. PERSON: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.
- xiii. POLLUTANT: Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or nonpoint source, that is or may be introduced into the municipal storm drain system or any waters of the Commonwealth. Pollutants shall include without limitation:
 - 1. paints, varnishes, and solvents;
 - 2. oil and other automotive fluids;
 - 3. non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;
 - 4. refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, articles, accumulations and floatables;
 - 5. pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
 - 6. hazardous materials and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
 - 7. dissolved and particulate metals;
 - 8. animal wastes;
 - 9. rock, sand, salt, soils;
 - 10. construction wastes and residues; and
 - 11. noxious or offensive matter of any kind.
- B. PROCESS WASTEWATER: Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.
- C. RECHARGE: The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil.
- D. STORMWATER: Any surface flow, runoff, or drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation.
- E. SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT. A permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00 that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

- F. **TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL or WASTE:** Any material, which because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under M.G.L. Ch.21C and Ch.21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.
- G. **WATERCOURSE:** A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including, without limitation, a river, brook or underground stream.
- H. **WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, costal waters, and groundwater.
- I. **WASTEWATER:** Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct or waste product.

3. Applicability

This chapter shall apply to flows entering the municipally owned storm drainage system.

4. Responsibility for Administration

The Department shall administer, implement and enforce this chapter. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Department may be delegated in writing by the Director of the Department to employees or agents of the Department.

5. Regulations

The Department may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. Failure by the Department to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this chapter.

6. Prohibited Activities

- A. **Illicit Discharges.** No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-stormwater discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.
- B. **Illicit Connections.** No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.

- C. Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drain System. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the Department.

7. Exemptions

- A. Discharge or flow resulting from fire fighting activities.
- B. The following non-stormwater discharges or flows are exempt from the prohibition of non-stormwaters provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:
 - i. Waterline flushing;
 - ii. Flow from potable water sources;
 - iii. Springs;
 - iv. Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
 - v. Diverted stream flow;
 - vi. Rising groundwater;
 - vii. Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
 - viii. Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;
 - ix. Discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
 - x. Water from individual residential car washing, or temporary fund-raising car wash events;
 - xi. Discharge from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining or tested for chlorine levels with a pool test kit prior to draining, and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
 - xii. Discharge from street sweeping;
 - xiii. Dye testing, provided verbal notification is given to the Department prior to the time of the test;
 - xiv. Non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full

compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations; and

- xv. Discharge for which advanced written approval is received from the Department.

8. Suspension of Storm Drainage System Access

- A. The Department may suspend municipal storm drain system access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge of pollutants that presents imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment.
- B. Any person discharging to a municipal storm drain system in violation of this chapter may have their municipal storm drain system access terminated if such termination would abate or reduce an illicit discharge. The department will notify a violator of the proposed termination of municipal storm drain system access. The violator may petition the Department for reconsideration and hearing. A person commits an offense if the person reinstates municipal storm drain system access to premises terminated pursuant to this section, without prior approval from the Department.

9. Notification of Spills

Notwithstanding other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as a person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of or suspects a release of materials at that facility or operation resulting in or which may result in discharge of pollutants to the municipal storm drainage system or waters of the Commonwealth, the person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and cleanup of the release. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify the municipal fire and police departments, Department of Public Works, and the Board of Health. In the event of a release of non-hazardous material, the reporting person shall notify the Authorized Enforcement Agency no later than the next business day. The reporting person shall provide to the Authorized Enforcement Agency written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in-person notifications within three (3) business days thereafter. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three (3) years.

10. Enforcement

- A. The Department or an authorized agent of the Department shall enforce this chapter, and any regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders issued thereunder, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.
- B. Civil Relief. If a person violates the provisions of this chapter, or any regulation, permit, notice, or order issued thereunder, the Department may seek injunctive relief in a court of

competent jurisdiction to restrain the person from activities that would create further violations or to compel the person to abate or remediate the violation.

- C. Orders. The Department or an authorized agent of the Department may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this chapter or the regulations thereunder, which may include:
- i. elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the MS4;
 - ii. termination of access to the MS4;
 - iii. performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
 - iv. that unlawful discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist; and
 - v. remediation of contamination in connection therewith.
- D. If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of contamination is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the city may, at its option, undertake such work, and expenses thereof shall be charged to the violator or property owner.
- E. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified of the costs incurred by the city, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Department within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Department affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in G.L. Ch. 59, 57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.
- F. Criminal Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$ [____]. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- G. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the city may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40, 21D. The Director of the Department, or the Director's designee shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be \$[____]. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be \$[____]. The penalty for the 3rd and subsequent violations shall be \$[____]. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

- H. Entry to Perform Duties Under this Chapter. To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Department, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this chapter and regulations and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Department deems reasonably necessary.
- I. Appeals. The decisions or orders of the Department shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.
- J. Remedies Not Exclusive The remedies listed in this chapter are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

11. Severability

The provisions of this chapter are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this chapter or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this chapter.

12. Transitional Provisions

Residential property owners shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of this chapter to comply with its provisions provided good cause is shown for the failure to comply with the chapter during that period.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 9/9/2013 7:00 PM
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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read for 1st time and referred to the Committee on Ordinances

V. Petitions

1. Informational (ID # 2253)

Order of Location for the Installation and Maintenance of Underground Utilities

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilor Zaida Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WMECO REPORT - park drive #6166 (DOC)
- WMECO PLAN - park drive #6166 (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVED THE REPORT - UNANIMOUS
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2. Informational (ID # 2254)

Petroleum Petition - 603 Hendee Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hearing held at which Victor Leite appeared on behalf of Titeflex stating that Titeflex would be removing an underground tank and installing a new 10,000 gallon aboveground double wall sealed tank for the storage of petroleum products and no one appeared in opposition and the hearing was closed. Councilor Ferrera said the Council had received a letter from the Hendee, LLC, copy attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

- titeflex 2 (PDF)

RESULT: RECEIVED THE REPORT - UNANIMOUS

3. Petition (ID # 2265)

For a Special Permit to Install a Digital, Non-Accessory Sign, at the Property Known as 6 Liberty Street (07770-0001), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article XVIII-A, Section 1803-A.

Request:
Owner: 6 Liberty Street, L.L.C.
By: Hansraj Gada, Manager
Petitioner: Lamar Central Outdoor, L.L.C.
By: Stephen E. Hebert, Vice President

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The petitioner Lamar submitted a written request for "leave to withdraw without prejudice" and on a majority voice vote with Councilor Luna absent the leave to withdraw was granted.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Liberty_St_6_Formal_Tax_2_25_2013 (PDF)
- Liberty_St_6_2_25_2013 (PDF)
- 6 LIBERTY SP PERMIT (PDF)

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

4. Petition (ID # 2266)

For a Special Permit to Install a Digital Non-Accessory Sign at the Property Known as 603 East Columbus Avenue (04303-0595), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article XVIII-A, Section 1803-A.

Request: See Above
Owner: Balise Automotive Realty/Lemar
By: James E. Balise/Stephen E. Hebert
Petitioner: Lemar Central Outdoor, LLC.
By: Stephen E. Hebert, Vice President

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The petitioner Lamar submitted a written request for "leave to withdraw without prejudice" and on a majority voice vote with Councilor Luna absent the leave to withdraw was granted.

ATTACHMENTS:

- E_Coumbus_Ave_603_Formal_Tax_2_25_2013 (PDF)
- E_Columbus_Ave_603_2_25_2013 (PDF)
- 603 EAST COLUMBUS SP PERMIT (PDF)

RESULT: WITHDRAWN**5. Petition (ID # 2106)**

For a Special Permit for Motor Vehicle Storage (Junk Yard) at the Property Known as 622 Cottage Street (03310-0110) as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article XIV, Section 1401.P.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Lily Enterprises, Inc.
By:	Fara Bahrehmand
Petitioner:	Lily Enterprises, Inc.
By:	Fara Bahrehmand

HISTORY:

04/22/13	City Council	REFER TO COMMITTEE
Next: 07/15/13		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

See Committee report item #2280

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cottage_St_622_Formal_Tax_2013 (PDF)
- Cottage_St_622_2013 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bud L. Williams, Vice President At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
AYES:	Williams, Twiggs, Rooke, Shea, Fenton, Lysak, Walsh, Allen, Edwards, Ashe, Concepcion, Ferrera III
ABSENT:	Zaida Luna

VI. Resolutions**1. Resolution (ID # 2262)**

Springfield Cultural District

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Councilor Kateri B. Walsh that the order is to authorize the file of an application to create a Springfield Cultural District pursuant to M.G. L. c. 10, §58A to attract artists and cultural enterprises, to encourage business and job development; establish tourist destinations, preserve and re-use historic building; enhance property values and foster local cultural development.

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE