

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In City Council, February 7, 2019

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

18.234 An Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(a) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term
Rentals

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018, the Legislature amended c. 64G of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding § 3D (a), which allows communities that have adopted a local room occupancy excise to adopt a community impact fee not to exceed three (3%) percent of the total amount of rent for each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed short-term rental unit that is located within the City; and

WHEREAS, The City adopted a local room occupancy excise by City Council vote on April 21, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to impose community impact fees upon the transfer of short-term rental units in professionally managed units located in the City, and to dedicate the fees to affordable housing projects within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the authorization contained in § 3D (a) is a local option, requiring the city council to accept the provisions thereof by majority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the City of Northampton accepts the provisions of Section 3D (a) of M.G.L. Chapter 64G, and hereby imposes a 3 per cent community impact fee on the total amount of rent for each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed short-term rental unit that is located within the City. All community impact fees received pursuant to this Order shall be paid to the City monthly by the operator. All community impact fees received pursuant to this Order shall be dedicated to affordable housing projects within the City.