

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts, with respect to Chapter 20, Article III, entitled "Department of Public Works".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

"The Code of Ordinance City of Lowell, Massachusetts," hereinafter called the "Code," adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to Chapter 20, Article III thereof, entitled "Department of Public Works" as follows:

§20-19 Division of Sustainability

All matters having to do with sustainability required for any public purpose, and all matters and duties as presently performed and carried out by the City Engineer, together with the keeping of such records as will show the engineering principals and data pertaining to any function carried on by the Division of Engineering, Department of Public Works, shall be under the jurisdiction of such division.

It will be the function of the division of sustainability to manage, administer, and promote sustainability and resilience programs furthering the City of Lowell's vision of becoming sustainable, resilient, green, livable, prosperous, and equitable. The division's primary goal is making sustainability and resilience values understood, integrated and practiced by the city government and throughout the Lowell community.

§20-20 Organization

In order to allow for the necessary flexibility to permit the Department of Public Works to reflect ongoing current organizational responsibilities and to have staff titles reflect ongoing current staff functions, the City Manager shall have the authority to change staff titles and the Table of Organization in said Department. It is further understood that any future changes of staff titles and/or the Table of Organization, as authorized, shall not result in any added or deleted positions without prior approval by ordinance by the City Council. The Table of Organization appears as "Attachment A" and incorporated into this Ordinance.¹ (The Table of Organization does not contain all of the currently existing positions in the Department of Public Works. Such positions will remain unfunded.)

[1] Editor's Note: Said Table of Organization is on file in the City offices

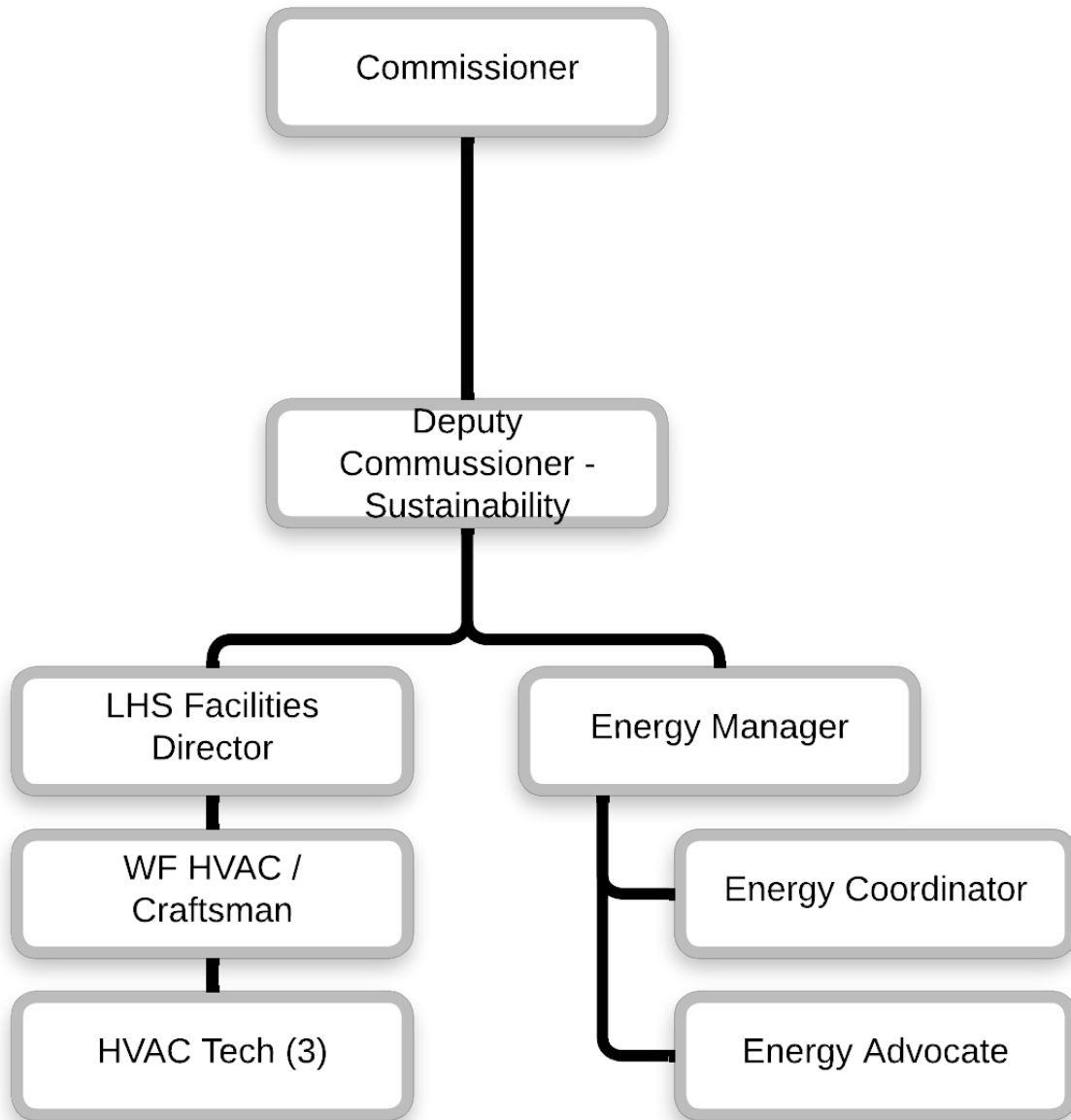
All provisions of the Code of the City of Lowell, as amended, which are not inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.

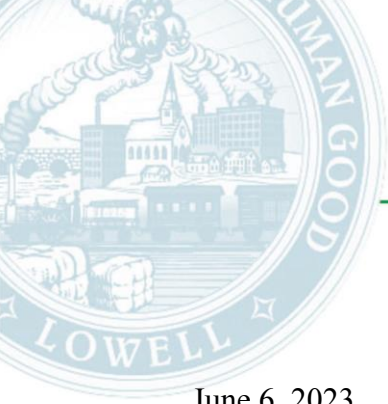
This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 and 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Corey Williams
City Solicitor

Attachment "A"





Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

June 6, 2023

Mayor Sokhary Chau
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I am hereby requesting the council vote to amend Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances. This proposed amendment will create a new department in Public Works. One of the goals and objectives I have heard throughout my first year as City Manager was to create a Sustainability Department. With this new amendment to the ordinance, it will allow for the creation of this division in DPW.

The City Council has been at the forefront of energy efficiency and with the great work our current energy team is doing, this ordinance change will allow them to expand on it. Our plan is to move the current energy team from DPD into DPW and create a new division in DPW called the Sustainability Department. This new team will consist of a Sustainability Director, the current energy team positions as well as our HVAC technicians.

The Law Department has prepared a Vote to authorize passage of this proposed ordinance Amendment. Please let me know if they're any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

CC: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Paul St. Cyr, Commissioner of Public Works