

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”.

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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:

**§20-18.4 Division of Facilities**

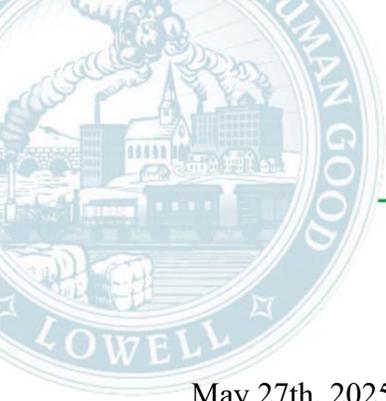
All matters having to do with the management, maintenance, and repair of all public buildings, including schools, in the City of Lowell shall be under the jurisdiction of the Division of Facilities. The division's primary goal is to maintain the City’s facilities in the best possible condition while providing the safest and most environmentally friendly conditions possible for the students, employees, and residents of Lowell.

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inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.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:

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Corey Williams  
City Solicitor



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.  
*City Manager*

May 27th, 2025

Mayor Daniel Rourke  
And  
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Rourke and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I am hereby requesting the council vote to amend Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances in order to create a new division within DPW. One of the Council's priorities has been trying to increase the city's ability to maintain our public buildings. By creating this new facilities department, the city can have one specific department devoted to improving and enhancing these assets. The proposed ordinance allows for the a new division within DPW. To accompany this proposed change you will also see a vote on the agenda to create a new "Director of Plant Services" position to oversee this division.

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  
Neil Osborne, HR Director