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To: Eileen Donoghue *EMD*
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From: William Taylor
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Date: April 11, 2018

Re: Council Response

Councilor Milinazzo - Request the City Manager update the Council regarding working with proper authorities to enforce waterway regulations on the Merrimack River.

- The City of Lowell passed an ordinance that will prohibit the use of personal watercrafts on the Merrimack River between the Rourke Bridge and the Pawtucket falls.
- The police department was able to identify funds to purchase a Lowell Police River Patrol Boat that we will utilize on the river. This will make our department less reliant on other agencies such as the Environmental Police who have many responsibilities across the state.
- A police supervisor and patrolman have attended the Boat Crew Members course offered by the National association of State Boating Law Administrators in September 2017.
- We also have identified and will be sending additional (2) officers to the same training this spring for better coverage during the summer months.
- The Lowell Police will partner with neighboring Chelmsford and Tyngsboro Police Departments to ensure safe waterway usage from the Rourke Bridge north to the state line.
- The Lowell Police has received citation books from the Environmental Police that will allow Lowell Police Officers assigned to river patrol duties to issue citations for violating the new City Ordinance and for violations of watercraft statues.