



MAYOR JOSHUA A. GARCIA

CITY OF HOLYOKE

April 11, 2022

Honorable City Councilors

Re: Ordered, The City amend its zoning ordinances to allow for front yard pools by special permit of the City Council and to make any other necessary changes to the Swimming Pool ordinance.

Dear Councilors,

Please refer to the February 8, 2022, and March 29, 2022, communication provided to the council by the Planning Board regarding the zone change in subject.

I appreciate the hard work you have put in to help meet the desires of our community. Before I sign off and approve any such language change to our zoning bylaw regarding the installation of pools, I encourage the City Council to work collaboratively with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board to reach an acceptable and agreed upon zone change that appropriately addresses concerns raised and effectively meets the needs of citizens. Until then, I have chosen to veto the order.

Lastly, I strongly believe it's time we take a hard look at all our zoning bylaws and make changes in areas that make sense so that we can eliminate barriers that are limiting growth to our city. I look forward for the day we can undergo such an initiative with our stakeholders in the effort to move our city forward.

Sincerely,

Joshua A. Garcia
Mayor

City of Holyoke

IN CITY COUNCIL



Introduced by Councilor **David K. Bartley**

Ordered, The City amend its zoning ordinances to allow for front yard pools by special permit of the City Council and to make any other necessary changes to the Swimming Pool ordinance. Refer to Ordinance Committee and copy to Building commissioner said special permit would be reviewed as part of a public hearing process. The current zoning for Swimming Pools (sec 4.5.2) as currently written, states:

The wall of a swimming pool shall not be located less than eight (8) feet to any dwelling or accessory structure, six (6) feet from any rear or side lot line, and ten (10) feet from the street line. A pool shall not encroach into any front or side yard of a parcel. In the case of corner lots, pools shall not be constructed within the front yards of the lot.

In City Council, October 5, 2021. **Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.**
In City Council, on April 5, 2022, the report of Committee received and the Ordinance passed its first reading.

The Ordinance passed its second reading.

The Ordinance was passed to be enrolled.

The Committee has considered the same and find that it is truly and properly enrolled.

Report of Enrollment received.

The Ordinance was passed to be Ordained and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 9--Nays 4 (Givner, Maldonado-Velez, Murphy-Romboletti, I. Rivera)--Absent 0.

Buenna M. McFee
Clerk

Presented to the Mayor	Mayor's Office
For Approval <i>April 6</i> , 20 <i>22</i>	Holyoke, Mass. <i>April 12</i> , 20 <i>22</i>
<i>Buenna M. McFee</i> City Clerk	Approved <i>Veto</i> <i>[Signature]</i> Mayor

See Attached.