

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

April 14, 2026

Upon recommendation of the Ordinance Review Committee, Councilor Jeremy Dubs and Councilor Garrick Perry

26.052 An Ordinance Rescinding §312-87 Thumbing

ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by removing Section 312-87, providing that thumbing is prohibited.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

Remove: Section 312-87

§ 312-87 Thumbing.

~~It shall be unlawful for any person while upon any street or the right of way of any street, to endeavor by words, gestures or otherwise, to beg, invite or secure transportation in any motor vehicle not engaged in passenger carrying for hire, unless said person knows the driver thereof or any passengers therein, provided that nothing in this section shall prohibit the solicitation of aid in the event of accidents, or by persons who are sick or seeking assistance for the sick and provided, furthermore, that the exception for sickness shall apply only in case of bona fide sickness in which an emergency exists.~~

In City Council, May 21, 2026
Adopted in Final Reading on Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Attest:

Laina Krutts

, Clerk of Council

Passed final reading, ordained and enrolled.
I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Northampton City Council on May 21, 2026

Approved: Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor

Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor, approved the Ordinance on June 1, 2026

Attest:

Laina Krutts

, Clerk of Council