



# Watertown Town Council

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## ORDINANCE #15

2019 – 0 – 19

### AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING SELF-SERVICE GASOLINE/DIESEL FUEL PUMPS

**Whereas**, in years past, gasoline/diesel pumps were relatively rudimentary, and not equipped to stop the flow, or prevent unintended spills or releases without human intervention, and

**Whereas**, because of this, Watertown and several other Massachusetts communities enacted prohibitions on self-service dispensing of gasoline or diesel fuel, requiring instead attendant-only gasoline/diesel dispensing stations, and

**Whereas**, technology has advanced such that gasoline and diesel fuel pumps now include sensors and other devices that will stop the flow of gasoline or diesel fuel automatically.

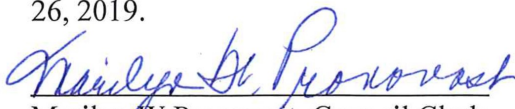
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Honorable Town Council of the City Known as the Town of Watertown that Title IX of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, *General Regulations*, Chapter 92, *Fire Prevention* is hereby amended to strike Section 92.04: Gasoline Pumps, in its entirety as shown below:

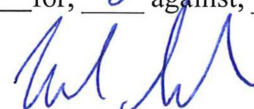
**92.04: Gasoline Pumps**

~~No gasoline pump or any equipment connected therewith situated in any retail gasoline station located in the town shall be operated or handled by any person except the owner of such station or the duly authorized agent or employee when gasoline is being dispensed into the tank of a motor vehicle or other approved container provided however, that this section shall not apply to any person or persons engaged in the business of installing or repairing such gasoline station equipment.~~

  
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Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Public Hearing of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote of 9 for, 0 against, 0 present on March 26, 2019.

  
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Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

  
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Mark S. Sideris, Council President