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**Community Development Department**

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM:** David Cedarholm, PE, City Engineer

**DATE:** June 20, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Request from the State of New Hampshire to license the construction, operation and maintenance of steam utility lines and infrastructure within the City right-of-way along School Street, Green Street, Capitol Street, Park Street, and North State Street to provide a source of heat for the State House, State House Annex, and State Library.

**Recommendation**

Accept this report recommending that the City Council license steam piping, manholes, and other associated infrastructure (steam facilities) located on City maintained public highways known as School Street, Green Street, Capitol Street, Park Street, and North State Street, as generally depicted on the attached plan.

**Background**

Concord Steam historically provided steam heat to the State House (107 North Main Street), State House Annex (25 Capitol Street), and the State Library (20 Park Street). In 2017 Concord Steam was dissolved and the State of NH installed temporary boiler trailers on the Department of Justice site across from City Hall. After assessing the condition of the exiting steam piping, the State has evaluated options for providing a permanent heat source to these three buildings and determined that it is necessary to build a new steam plant at 33 Green Street in lieu of retrofitting the buildings' heating systems to an alternate heat source. Because the new boiler building will be located on a separate site from where the buildings being heated are located, the State needs to run new steam piping within the City right-of-way to convey the steam to the buildings. The State's design plans have been presented to the Planning Board and reviewed by the Planning Division and Engineering Services Division.

## **Discussion**

The license will grant the State the right to enter upon and to lay, construct, reconstruct, operate, and to reenter as necessity may require, to repair, replace, or maintain its steam piping, manholes, and other associated infrastructure located on City maintained public highways known as School Street, Green Street, Capitol Street, Park Street, and North State Street, as shown on the plan entitled “State of New Hampshire, Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works, Steam Conversion Project: State House, State House Annex, & State Library, Project Number 80929, Contract R, Division of Public Works Design & Construction, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, Department of Administrative Services,” as prepared by Dubois & King, Inc., (“Plans”). The license requires that the City’s infrastructure is adequately protected.

## **Attachment**

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