

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 3208
WHICH ESTABLISHES
“ONE TOUCH MAKE READY APPLICATIONS”
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

(Sponsored by Agawam City Council)

WHEREAS, competition is vital to the fair and equitable pricing and provision of internet and communication services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, in order for there to be fair competition in the provision of internet and communication services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the process for new companies to make attachments to existing utility poles and equipment needs to be updated and streamlined; and

WHEREAS, most states have adopted the “One Touch Make Ready Application” process for the determination of what work is required to make existing utility poles and equipment ready for new providers to attach their facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the “One Touch Make Ready Application” process provides a streamlined and predictable process for new providers to gain access to existing utility poles and equipment which will increase competition in the provision of internet and communication services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, H. 3208, entitled “An Act to Establish Standards for the Pole Attachment Process to Facilitate the Construction of Broadband Networks”, has been filed with the Massachusetts State Legislature and calls for the utilization of the “One Touch Make Ready Application” process in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Agawam to urge the adoption of H. 3208 which calls for the utilization of the “One Touch Make Ready Application” process in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

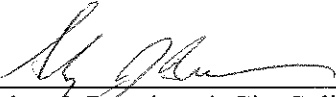
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agawam City Council hereby supports H. 3208 which calls for the utilization of the “One Touch Make Ready Application” process in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and it further resolves to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, our State Senator and our State Representatives.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President, Agawam City Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor