



**Malden, Massachusetts**

**Date: March 26, 2025**

**His Honor the Mayor has approved Paper #122 Series of 2025**

**Below is a true attest copy of same:**

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 9.04.010 NUISANCES AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH is hereby amended by:

9.04.010.A Strike 'Department of Permits, Inspections, and Planning' and replace with 'Inspectional Services or Health and Human Services departments,'.

9.04.010.A Add 'Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, a residential landowner may use one or more rain barrels to collect rainwater runoff from a roof or gutter provided the collection meets all of the following criteria:

1. A rain barrel shall be defined as a vessel for capturing water that includes an inflow and outflow spout, a mesh screen cover, and having the sole purpose of collecting and storing rainwater.
2. The rain barrel must be mosquito and tamper proof, either with a tight head drum design, or with inlet screening that includes a 1/16" mesh cover on all openings. Barrels with contoured/concave tops, open tops, large mesh screens, or any other feature that allows surface water pooling may not be used.
3. Each rain barrel must be securely elevated to allow drainage with no outflow spigots facing any structure's foundation or draining into abutting property.
4. The water is used only for non-potable purposes such as gardening and not for direct human consumption such as drinking or washing dishes unless an approved filtration system is installed.
5. For any barrel that does not empty from the bottom, owners must once a year empty all water from the barrel and clean out silt and dirt.
6. Homemade rain barrels may be used, provided they are no larger than 10' W x 10' L x 4' H in size and meet all the above requirements.

9.04.010.B After 'Board of Health' add 'Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Inspectional Services or their designated'.

9.04.010.C After 'Board of Health' add 'Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Inspectional Services or their designated agents'.

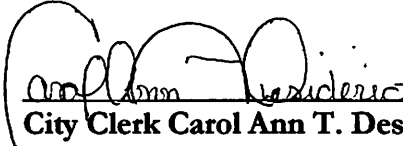
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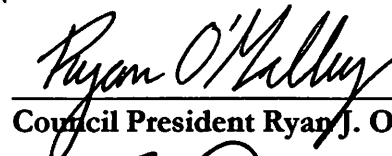
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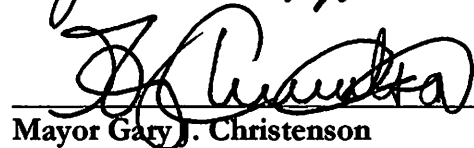
Ordained, by the City Council, by nine (9) yea and zero (0) nay votes, the City Council consisting of eleven members at their March 25, 2025 meeting.

Approved, March 26, 2025 by His Honor, Mayor Gary J. Christenson

Attest:

  
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City Clerk Carol Ann T. Desiderio

  
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Council President Ryan J. O'Malley

  
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Mayor Gary J. Christenson