

STAFF REPORT

August 12, 2019

Topic: Request to schedule a Public Hearing on the possible placement of a ballot question on the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election Ballot pertaining to the permitted operation of New Hampshire Lottery sports betting within the City of Laconia.

Discussion: Per House Bill 480 (copy attached), legalized sports betting in New Hampshire was recently signed into law. Beginning in early 2020, the New Hampshire Lottery Commission anticipates allowing sports betting in the state through various channels, including at up to ten sports book retail locations, in municipalities that have voted to allow it.

If the Council votes to schedule this public hearing, a subsequent public hearing will be scheduled at a future meeting to comply with the provisions of HB 480 which require a public hearing to be held 15 to 30 days before the municipal election.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends scheduling the public hearing for August 26, 2019 during the regular City Council meeting.

This report submitted by: Scott Myers

Proposed motion: *"I move to schedule a Public Hearing during the August 26, 2019 regular City Council meeting on the possible placement of a ballot question on the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election Ballot pertaining to the permitted operation of New Hampshire Lottery sports betting within the City of Laconia."*