BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended by adding to Chapter 2, Administration, following Section 2-118 a new Section 2-118 as follows:

Sec. 2-118. Divestment of Funds from Fossil Fuel Companies.

Purpose: The City of Newton strives to support sources of sustainable energy and to combat climate change caused in part by the use of fossil fuels. By this Ordinance, the City intends to take steps to diminish, and then eliminate, its contributions to the financial support of companies that engage in the production, sale and exploration of non-renewable fuel. This Ordinance provides a method for the conscientious investment of City funds under the direct, immediate control of the Treasurer for the purpose of promoting clean energy policy goals for the benefit of the residents, while still fostering fiscal health and welfare.

1) Definitions:

Divest: to sell, redeem, transfer or otherwise dispose of investments.

Investment: the purchase, ownership, or control of publicly issued stock, corporate bonds or other debt instruments issued by a company.

Fossil fuel company: a publicly traded company that holds oil, gas or coal reserves in such quantities so as to be listed with a fossil fuel divestment index, relied upon by the current manager of the Fund.

2) Within one year of the enactment of this Ordinance, the Treasurer will divest 50% of the Newton North High School Fund, the Workers Compensation Fund and the Newton Commonwealth Fund from fossil fuel company investments. Within two years of the enactment of this Ordinance, the Treasurer will divest 100% of the Newton North High School Fund, the Workers Compensation Fund, and the Newton Commonwealth Fund from fossil fuel company investments.
3) The Treasurer will refrain from making additional or new investments in fossil fuel companies for the Newton North High School Fund, the Workers Compensation Fund and the Newton Commonwealth Fund.

4) The requirements of this Ordinance shall only apply to the Newton North High School Fund, the Workers Compensation Fund and the Newton Commonwealth Fund.

5) Nothing in this Ordinance will require the Treasurer to take any action if it conflicts or is inconsistent with the fiduciary duties and prudent person standard of care as defined by statute and the Investment Policy of the City of Newton.

Approved as to legal form and character:

ALISSA 0. GIULIANI
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted
22 yeas 0 nays 1 recused (Councilor Cote) 1 absent (Councilor Kelley)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Approved: 6/7/19

(RGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
Mayor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk