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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act EXEMPTING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter thirty B of the General Laws or any other general law or special law to the contrary, the city of Springfield is hereby authorized to enter to a lease agreement with the Forest Park Zoological Society, Inc. (hereinafter “Society”) to lease and operate the "Forest Park Zoo" located within Forest Park, in Springfield Massachusetts, including the land and buildings, as described below, for a term not to exceed twenty-five years, under such terms and conditions as the city of Springfield and the Society may agree from time to time. The Forest Park Zoo property is described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northwesterly corner of a parcel of land described on a plan on file in the Springfield Engineering Division Office entitled JAMES P. HEADY - KIDDIELAND ZOO 1"= 40', December, 1968, from said northwesterly corner a tie course, running S 60° 31'28" W along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 465.98 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described.

Beginning at this point; thence, S18° 11'19" E along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 400.00 feet to an angle point; thence, S 2° 57'43" E along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 130.00 feet to an angle point; thence, N 86° 54'57" W along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 185.00 feet to an angle point; thence, N 52° 59'11" W along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 455.00 feet to an angle point; thence, N 1° 03' 00" E along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 175.00 feet to an angle point; thence, N 46° 21"18"E along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 175.00 feet to an angle point; thence, S 76°19' 04" E along land of the City of Springfield a distance of 295.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described premises contains about 4.802 acres of land, more or less, and is shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Springfield, Massachusetts, Surveyed for the Forest Park Zoological Society, Scale 1"= 40', dated June 1, 1984, Heritage Surveys, Bruce A. Coombs, R.I.S.” Said Plan is on file in the Engineering Division of the Springfield Department of Public Works.

SECTION 2. The Society may set and charge, subject to the approval of the board of park commissioners of said city, reasonable fees for admission to any facilities or improvements made upon said parcel of land.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.