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June 24, 2021

RE: Veto of Ordinance O-21-08 FY22 Budget

The City Clerk presented me with the official copy of Ordinance O-21-08 at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Pursuant to Section 2.08(b) of the Charter of the City of Statham, I am utilizing the Mayor's authority to veto Ordinance O-21-08 for the following reasons:

1. The best interest of the City is not served by the passing of this Ordinance.
2. I specifically veto the inclusion of \$53,500 for a sidewalk project from Broad Street to Hammond Road in place of funding an additional police department vehicle.
3. The safety of the Citizens is jeopardized by underfunding the City Police Department with this Ordinance.
4. Citizen outreach to City Hall and through social media today has been overwhelmingly in opposition to this Ordinance. Citizens stated most often that Special Projects were given higher priority than fundamental human needs and safety.

In accordance with Section 2.08(b), this Ordinance will be reconsidered at the Special Called Meeting, which is currently scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021.

Respectfully,

Mayor Piper