

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Rules & Procedures Committee Meeting

Committee Members:

*Aisha Losche, Chair
District 1 Councilor*

*Shawn George, Member
District 3 Councilor*

*William Wood, Member
District 6 Councilor*

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Room 201A
Bridgewater, MA

Date & Time: Thursday, August 23, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - May 1, 2018
- C. Measures Referred:
 - Order O-FY18-004: Evening Hours - Office of the Town Clerk
 - Ordinance D-FY18-013: General Ordinance - Prohibition on Marijuana Establishments
 - Ordinance D-FY18-016: General Ordinance - Amend Administrative Code - Zoning Board of Appeals Membership
- D. Discussion:
 - Council Rules and Procedures edits
 - Councilor Orientation
- E. Public Comment
- F. Adjourn

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Council Order: O-FY18-004

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood
Date Introduced: September 5, 2017
First Reading: September 5, 2017
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY18-004

EVENING HOURS – OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS, the Office of the Town Clerk is a customer facing office of the Town of Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, the Academy Building is open to the public late for the meeting of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, there are no standard evening office hours for the Office of the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter Section 3-4 allows the Town Council to assign duties not already provided under any general or special law to the Office of the Town Clerk;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Office of the Town Clerk shall remain open until the start of the Town Council meeting on evenings when a regular Town Council meeting is scheduled.

Explanation:

Board Members, Committee Members, people submitting voting information, and people from the general public that need to conduct business with the Office of the Town Clerk need convenient hours when they work away from Bridgewater and cannot visit the office between 8 AM and 4 PM.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-013

Introduced By: Councilor Dennis Gallagher
Date Introduced: December 19, 2017
First Reading: December 19, 2017
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-013

GENERAL ORDINANCE –MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS FORBIDDEN

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater General Ordinances to include the following:

The operation of any marijuana establishment, as presently and subsequently defined in G.L. c. 94G, Section 1, including, without limitation, a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, within the Town of Bridgewater is prohibited. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale, distribution or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes licensed under Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-016

Introduced By: Councilor Francis Sousa
Date Introduced: May 22, 2018
First Reading: May 22, 2018
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-016

GENERAL ORDINANCE – AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, Bridgewater has been known as unfriendly to do business in; and

WHEREAS, this in part was due to the actions of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the makeup of the Board of Appeals with three members allowed one member to disapprove issues before them with their vote; and

WHEREAS, A Board of five members would eliminate the ability of one member to reject an item before the Board

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article 111, Section 29, Subsection 1A to read as follows:

There shall be a Zoning Board of Appeals consisting of five members and three associate members. Members and Associate Members shall serve for a three year terms

Explanation: Adoption of this Ordinance would increase the membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals from three to five members.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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