

An Initiative Petition for An Act Reforming the Zoning Process

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority,

We, the undersigned, hereby propose the following as an initiative petition law under Article of Amendment 48, as amended, of the State Constitution:

An Act Reforming the Zoning Process

Section 1 -- The fourth paragraph of G. L. c. 40A s.5, beginning with the words "No vote to adopt," is hereby struck and the following paragraph is adopted in its place:

No vote to adopt any such proposed ordinance or by-law or amendment thereto shall be taken until a report with recommendations by a planning board has been submitted to the town meeting or city council and twenty-one days after said hearing has elapsed. After twenty-one days shall have elapsed, a city council or town meeting may adopt, reject, or amend and adopt any such proposed ordinance or by-law. If a city council fails to vote to adopt any proposed ordinance within ninety days after the city council hearing or if a town meeting fails to vote to adopt any proposed by-law within six months after the planning board hearing, no action shall be taken thereon until after a subsequent public hearing is held with notice and report as provided

Section 2 -- The fourth paragraph of G. L. c. 40A s.5, beginning with the words "Except as provided herein," is hereby struck and the following paragraph is adopted in its place:

No zoning ordinance or by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted or changed except by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the town council, or of the city council where there is a commission form of government or a single branch, or of each branch where there are 2 branches, or by a two-thirds vote of a town meeting

Section 3 -- The Sixth paragraph of G. L. c. 40A s.5, beginning with the words "No proposed zoning ordinance," is hereby struck and the following paragraph is adopted in its place:

No proposed zoning ordinance or by-law which has been unfavorably acted upon by a city council or town meeting, or any which is substantially similar, shall be considered by the city council or town meeting within three years after the date of such unfavorable action unless the adoption of such proposed ordinance or by-law is approved at a municipal election conducted by ballot by a plurality of the voters and it is unanimously recommended in a final report of the planning board.

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