

HOUSE No. 2062

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon and Michael J. Barrett

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2062) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 40A, section 11 of the General Laws, the Town of
2 Bedford is hereby authorized to adopt and further amend general bylaws that restrict the
3 publishing of legal notices on the Town’s website.

4 SECTION 2. The Town may permit that all legal notices of such public hearings be
5 published: (i) in a local newspaper, either in electronic or paper format; (ii) on the bulletin board
6 outside the Town Clerk’s office; and (iii) on the Town’s website.

7 SECTION 3. As used in this Act, the term “website” shall mean the official website of
8 the Town of Bedford that is operated and maintained by the Town’s government.

9 SECTION 4. If any provision or section of this act is invalidated, the remainder shall
10 survive in full force and effect.

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SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.