

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5097**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act Relative to the Acceptance of Streets as Public Ways in the City of Woburn..

*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 sections 1 to13, inclusive, of chapter 82 of the General  
2 Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city of Woburn may accept  
3 as  
4 public ways, in accordance with the terms hereof, any one or more of the streets and ways  
5 listed in this act; provided, however, that acceptance as a public way  
6 shall become final only after:

7 (a)The layout of the way has been ordered and approved by the city council after a duly  
8 called public hearing of which 14 days prior notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
9 city has been given, and of which notice is sent by mail, postage prepaid, to the owners of record,  
10 as determined by assessors' records, who abut said street or way; and

11 (b)An order of layout has been filed in the office of the city clerk, containing a  
12 description of, or reference to a plan showing the boundaries and measurements of the way,  
13 which may be an existing approved and recorded definitive subdivision plan; and

14 (c)Either (1) the city council has determined that the city already holds land or easements  
15 for the purposes of the public way and has filed that determination with the city clerk; provided,  
16 however, that there shall be a presumption that the city already holds said easements or land for  
17 these purposes with respect to any way that has been opened to public use and maintained by the  
18 city for 20 years or more; or (2) the city council has determined it is necessary to acquire land or  
19 easements for the purposes of the public way and the city council has acquired said land or  
20 easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain; provided, further, that notwithstanding chapter  
21 79 of the General Laws, no appraisal of damages shall be required prior to any taking for the  
22 purposes of this act.

23 The streets and ways for consideration of acceptance are as follows: Adele Road, Albert  
24 Drive, Altavesta Circle, Anthony Drive, Arrow Drive, Atlantic Avenue, Battlemarch Way,  
25 Belford Circle, Birchwood Lane, Blueberry Hill Road, Bonnie Way, Bradford Road, Briarwood  
26 Road, Burlwood Land, Cabot Road, Carmen Terrace, Cedarwood Road, Chandler Street,  
27 Columbus Road, Commonwealth Avenue, Emeline Street, Everberg Road, Fox Road, Henry  
28 Avenue, Heritage Drive, Katie Way, Kosciusko Circle, Lake Circle, Lake Terrace, Laurel Street,  
29 Loker Lane, Lydon Court, Manny Terrace, McDevitt Drive, Morningside Circle, Morningside  
30 Drive, Nason Circle, New Industrial Road, New Village Road, Oakknoll Road, Oregon Avenue,  
31 Pigeon Road, Rag Rock Drive, Ridgewood Lane, Sonar Drive, Spartan Circle, State Street,  
32 Stephanie Circle, Stevin Drive, Strawberry Lane, Sylvan Road, Sylvanus Wood Lane, Tedesco  
33 Drive, Tory Row, Westview Terrace, William Avenue, and Windsor Drive.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.