

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3947**

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Substituted by the House, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, for a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Woburn to change the name of the members of the city council from "alderman" to "city councilor" (House, No. 2168, changed) [Local Approval Received]. July 14, 2021.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act changing the name of the members of the city council in the city of Woburn from alderman to city councilor.

*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. The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 172 of the acts of 1897 is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the word “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
3 councilors.

4           SECTION 2. The first sentence of section 5 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended by  
5 striking out the word “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors.

6           SECTION 3. The last sentence of said section 5 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended  
7 by striking out the word “alderman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
8 councilor.

9           SECTION 4. Section 9 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended by striking out the word  
10 “aldermen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
11 word:- councilors.

12 SECTION 5. Said section 9 of said chapter 172 is hereby further amended by striking  
13 out the word “alderman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilor.

14 SECTION 6. The first sentence of section 10 of said chapter 172, as amended by chapter  
15 21 of the acts of 1918, is hereby further amended by striking out the word “aldermen” and  
16 inserting in place thereof the following words:- councilors.

17 SECTION 7. The first sentence of section 11 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended by  
18 striking out the word “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors.

19 SECTION 8. Section 12 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended by striking out the word  
20 “alderman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilor.

21 SECTION 9. The last sentence of section 13 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended by  
22 striking out the words “of boards of aldermen and”.

23 SECTION 10. Section 17 of said chapter 172 is hereby amended by striking out the  
24 words “he is an alderman” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the person is a  
25 councilor.

26 SECTION 11. Section 1 of chapter 224 of the acts of 1900 is hereby amended by striking  
27 out the word “alderman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilor.

28 SECTION 12. Section 1 of chapter 139 of the acts of 1946, as amended by chapter 53 of  
29 the acts of 2007, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “board of aldermen”, each  
30 time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- city  
31 council.

32 SECTION 13. Section 3 of said chapter 139 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
33 “alderman-at-large” and inserting in place thereof, the following words:- councilor-at-large.

34 SECTION 14. Section 1 of chapter 229 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking  
35 out the word “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors.

36 SECTION 15. Section 2 of said chapter 229 is hereby amended by striking out the word  
37 “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors.

38 SECTION 16. The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 103 of the acts of 2005 is hereby  
39 amended by striking out the word “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
40 councilors.

41 SECTION 17. The last sentence of section 3 of said chapter 103 is hereby amended by  
42 striking out the word “aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- councilors.

43 SECTION 18. This act shall take effect upon its passage.