

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2087**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Moran***

*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 relative to municipal publication of zoning by-law procedures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2087) of Michael J. Moran relative to procedures for publication of municipal zoning by-laws. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act relative to municipal publication of zoning by-law procedures.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith procedures for publication of municipal zoning by-laws, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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. Section 32 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “town”, in line 36, the following  
3 words:- or posted for a period of no less than 14 days on the town’s municipal website.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 32 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further  
5 amended by inserting after the word “newspapers,”, in line 43, the following words:- or posted  
6 for a period of no less than 14 days on the town’s municipal website.

7 SECTION 3. Section 5 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 amended by inserting after the word “newspaper”, in line 140, the following words:- on a  
9 municipal website.

10           SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to  
11 providing any notice required pursuant to section 32 of chapter 40 of the General Laws or section  
12 5A of chapter 40A of the General Laws via the municipal website of the town, the selectboard or  
13 town council of the town shall vote to accept the provisions of this act authorizing notice via the  
14 municipal website. Upon acceptance by the town of the provisions of this act authorizing notice  
15 via the municipal website , the town clerk shall file with the Attorney General written notice of  
16 the town's acceptance of the provisions of this act authorizing notice via the municipal website.