

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT

RECEIVED TOWN CLERKS OFFICE BRIDGEWATER, MA.

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#### Plymouth, SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater:

#### **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Bridgewater, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special Town Election to vote at:

# Precincts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 & 9 Bridgewater Middle School 166 Mount Prospect Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the candidates for the following Offices and the following Question:

| TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE   | Term to Expire April 2024 |
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| TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO   | Term to Expire April 2023 |
| TOWN COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE | Term to Expire April 2025 |
| (2) TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE   |                           |
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#### QUESTION:

"Should the Town of Bridgewater adopt the following Amendment to its Town Ordinances, adding to Chapter 160, Article VII Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments:

### "Section 2: Exception

A medical marijuana treatment center licensed or registered not later than July 1, 2017 that has been continuously engaged in the cultivation, manufacture or sale of marijuana or marijuana products to marijuana establishments engaged in the same type of activity under Massachusetts General Laws shall be permitted to convert to a "Marijuana Retailer" as defined under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 1.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section (2)(iii) there shall be no more than two (2) possible conversions of medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana retailers.

"Marijuana retailer" is defined as an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

## **Explanation:**

- 1. This will allow the voters of Bridgewater a direct decision in a binding Ordinance change;
- 2. This Ordinance will allow the conversion of the two existing medical marijuana facilities to marijuana retailers;
- 3. Marijuana retailers can directly sell, deliver or otherwise transfer marijuana or marijuana products to consumers; and
- 4. This Ordinance limits the number of possible conversions of medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana retailers to two (2).

| Yes No   |  |
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| Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting. |  |
| Given under our hands, the Bridgewater Town Council this Land day of 100 100 2022.                             |  |
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| Posting: Academy Building, Senior Center & Bridgewater Public Library  |  |
| Online viewing: www.bridgewaterma.org  |  |

(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

Yolie Sprague Martin December 14, 2022, 2022.

Constable (month and day)

Warrant must be posted at least fourteen days prior to the January 7, 2023 Election)



# Bridgewater Town Council

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Introduced By:

Date Introduced:

11/22/2022

First Reading:

11/22/2022

Second Reading:

12/6/2022

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

12/6/2022

Date Effective:

1/6/2023

# Petition P-2023-012: Special Town Election Warrant - January 7, 2023

**ORDERED:** That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled accepts, as a matter of record, the attached 2023 Special Town Election Warrant as provided by the Town Clerk.

<u>Explanation</u>: It is required that the Town Council accepts and approves the attached Warrant as a matter of record.

# **Committee Referrals and Dispositions:**

## Referral(s)

This Order was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed, therefore it may be finally considered this evening.

#### Attachments:

1. Special Town Election Warrant2023

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, to approve the aforementioned Petition, by a Roll-call vote 8-0.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Debra Ward, Town Council Clerk