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In Town Council, Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-012

Introduced By: Councilor Gallagher

Date Introduced: October 5, 2021

First Reading: October 5, 2021

Second Reading: December 21, 2021

Third Reading: January 18, 2022

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: January 18, 2022

Date Effective: February 18, 2022

Ordinance D-FY22-012

ZONING ORDINANCE - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 168-180 BROAD STREET

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40A;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Zoning Map by rezoning Map 21 Parcel 143 and Map 21 Parcel 144, also known as 168 & 180 Broad Street, to Central Business District (CBD) in their entirety.

Explanation:

The properties located at 168 and 180 Broad Street, collectively known as The Perkins property, are currently split zoned. The front portion of the properties are zoned CBD and the rear portion is zoned Industrial B (IB). The property owner has a prospective buyer who would like to propose a mixed use project under section 19 of the Town ordinance. This zoning change is proposed to allow the mixed use development on the entire property.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
CEDC & Planning	• 12/15/21 Planning Board held a public
	hearing and voted unanimously to
	recommend as presented.

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, January 18, 202, to approve the Ordinance by a Roll Call vote (8-0 Councilor George absent).

A TRUE COPY A	TTEST:
 Debra Ward	



In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-014

Introduced By: Councilor Moore, Gallagher, Wood

Date Introduced: October 19, 2021

First Reading: October 19, 2021

Second Reading: November 2, 2021

Third Reading: -

Amendments Adopted: -

Date Adopted: November 2, 2021

Date Effective: December 2, 2021

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-014

ADOPTION OF TOWN PRECINCT MAP

Whereas, Mass General Law requires that each precinct established shall contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, but not more than four thousand inhabitants; and

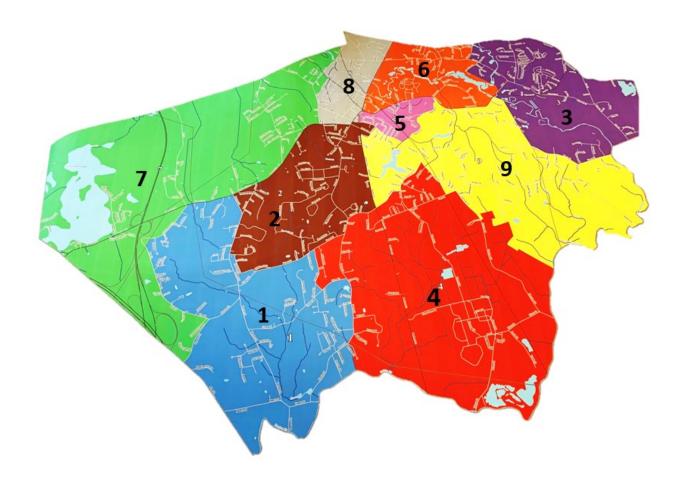
Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater has exceeded the maximum allowable population for seven (7) precincts and must therefore redefine its precincts to be population-proportional and below the four thousand inhabitant limit; and

Whereas, Mass General Law requires an official description of the precincts so established, together with a statement of the number of inhabitants residing in each precinct as nearly as such number may be determined; and

Whereas, Mass General Law requires that an official map of the precincts be prepared;

Therefore, the Town of Bridgewater shall be divided into nine (9) precincts as visualized on the official map (Exhibit A) and with the following number of precinct inhabitants as nearly as such number may be determined:

Precinct 1	3,178	Precinct 2	3,210	Precinct 3	3,218
Precinct 4	3,122	Precinct 5	3,291	Precinct 6	3,093
Precinct 7	3,027	Precinct 8	3,211	Precinct 9	3,283



Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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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, November 2, 2021, to approve the Order by a Roll Call vote.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:	
Joshua McGraw	_



In Town Council, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-015

Introduced By: Councilor Chase & Councilor Rushton

Date Introduced: November 2, 2021

First Reading: November 2, 2021

Second Reading: December 21, 2021

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: December 21, 2021

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-015

<u>General Ordinance – Amend Article VII Sec. 7-4 "Districts" of the Town of Bridgewater</u> <u>Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation</u>

WHEREAS, in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town Council assembled has adopted a town precinct map dividing the territory of the town into nine (9) voting precincts consisting of, as nearly as possible, an equal number of inhabitants and each consisting of fewer than four thousand inhabitants:

WHEREAS, due to the above referenced precinct map the Town Council must now amend the makeup of the Town Council:

WHEREAS, Article 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Charter of the Town;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article VII, Section 7-4 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Section 7-4. "Districts" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 7-4. "Precincts and Districts"

The territory of the town shall be divided into nine (9) precincts ("Precincts") as specifically illustrated on the attached Precinct map which shall be appended to the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. The Town of Bridgewater shall also be divided into three (3) districts ("Districts"). Each District shall be comprised of three (3) Precincts as illustrated herein and as established in accordance with the General Laws. Said Districts have been established as to consist of as nearly an equal number of inhabitants as it is possible to achieve based on compact and contiguous territory, bounded insofar as possible by the center line of known streets or ways or by other well-defined limits. The Town Council shall from time to time, but at least once in each ten (10) years, review such Districts to ensure their uniformity in number of inhabitants. The composition of the three (3) Districts stated herein shall consist of the Precincts as set forth herein:

District 1: Precincts 1, 2 and 7.
District 2: Precincts 5, 6 and 8.
District 3: Precincts 3, 4 and 9.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

	Referral(s)		Disposition(s)
•	Rules and Procedures	•	Voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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 21, 2021, to approve the Ordinance by a Roll Call vote (7-0 Councilors Perry and Wood absent).

A TRUE COPY	ATTEST:	
Debra Ward		



In Town Council, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-016

Introduced By: Councilor Moore

Date Introduced: December 7, 2021

First Reading: December 7, 2021

Second Reading: December 21, 2021

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: December 21, 2021

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-016

<u>General Ordinance – Amend Article I Sec. 1-9 "Definitions" of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter</u> by Special Act Legislation

WHEREAS, Article 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Charter of the Town;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town Council assembled has adopted a new town precinct map dividing the territory of the town into nine (9) voting precincts;

WHEREAS, the nine (9) precincts as set-forth hereinabove shall be constituted within three (3) districts, each such district to be comprised of three (3) contiguous precincts.

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article I, Section 1-9 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article I, Section 1-9 "Definitions" is hereby amended by adding the following words:

"Precinct", is the smallest geographically bounded unit used for election purposes and must be bounded by the center-line of streets or other well defined boundaries such as streams or other bodies of water, railroad tracks, power lines or other clearly visible geographic figures.

"District", is a geographically bounded unit for election purposes, which consists of one or more contiguous precincts.

EXPLANATION:

This establishes definitions for "Precinct" and "District" within the Charter to support the reprecincting changes proposed elsewhere in the document. The proposed definitions borrow language from the "Reprecincting in Massachusetts" presentation published by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on April 14, 2021.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

	Referral(s)		Disposition(s)
•	Rules and Procedures	•	Voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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 21, 2021, to approve the Ordinance by a Roll Call vote (7-0 Councilors Perry and Wood absent).

A TRUE COPY	ATTEST:
Debra Ward	



In Town Council, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-017

Introduced By: Councilor Moore

Date Introduced: December 7, 2021

First Reading: December 7, 2021

Second Reading: December 21, 2021

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted: December 21, 2021

Date Adopted: December 21, 2021

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-017

<u>General Ordinance – Amend Article VII Sec. 7-3(a) "Signature Requirements" of the Town of Bridgewater</u> Home Rule Charter by Special Act Legislation

WHEREAS, Article 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Charter of the Town;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town Council assembled has adopted a town precinct map dividing the territory of the town into nine (9) voting precincts consisting of, as nearly as possible, an equal number of inhabitants and each consist of fewer than four thousand inhabitants;

WHEREAS, due to the above referenced precinct map the Town Council must now amend the makeup of the Town Council to include more At-Large positions which carry our highest nomination signature requirement;

WHEREAS, with the above referenced new town precinct map and new makeup of the Town Council, the Town Council seeks to remove barriers to participating and ensure equitable access for all residents who seek town offices;

WHEREAS, excessive nomination signature requirements are recognized to be a significant barrier to participation and limit equitable access to town office positions;

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater's existing nomination signature requirements are up to ten times higher than nearby communities with far larger populations;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Article VII, Section 7-3 and to send said amendment to the State Legislature as a Special Act as follows:

Section 7-3(a) "Signature Requirements" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(a) Signature Requirements – The number of signatures of voters required to place the name of a candidate on the official ballot to be used at an election shall be as follows: For an office which is to

be filled by the voters of the whole town, not less than 50. For an office which is to be filled by the voters of a District, not less than 25 from the District.

EXPLANATION:

This ordinance addresses potential participation and equity barriers associated with our shift from a majority District Councilor to a majority At-Large Councilor model by reducing the signature requirements for townwide positions from 150 to 50 and District positions from 100 to 25. This change brings us into alignment with policies in neighboring towns and encourages more equitable participation and access to potential candidates.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Rules and Procedures	• Voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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 21, 2021, to approve the Ordinance by a Roll Call vote (7-0 Councilors Perry and Wood absent).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:			
 Debra Ward	-		



In Town Council, Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-018

Introduced By: Councilor Chase and Councilor Wood

Date Introduced:

First Reading:

December 7, 2021

December 7, 2021

December 7, 2021

December 21, 2021

Third Reading:

January 4, 2022

Amendments Adopted:

January 4, 2022

Date Adopted: January 4, 2022

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-018

General Ordinance – Amend Article X Section 10-7 Time of Taking Effect

General Ordinance – Amend Article X Section 10-7 Time of Taking Effect

WHEREAS, Article 89, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution allows the legislative body of the Town of Bridgewater to vote to submit a Special Act to the State Legislature to Amend the current Bridgewater Town Charter;

WHEREAS, an amendment to Article X, Section 10-7 of the Bridgewater Town Charter is necessary to facilitate transition to certain amended provisions of the Bridgewater Town Charter;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to delete Article X, Section 10-7 of the Bridgewater Town Charter and to replace with the following:

This Charter is and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10-7. Time of Precinct and District Charter Amendments Taking Effect.

Upon the State Legislature's approval of the Precinct and District Charter Amendments as a Special Act:

- (a) The election to elect the newly constituted Town Council under the Charter Amendments shall occur within one hundred eighty (180) days, however, the Town shall endeavor for said election to occur by the annual town election to be conducted on April 30, 2022;
- (b) Should the election not occur by the annual town election on April 30, 2022, the Town Council as constituted at that time (i.e. prior to the amendments prescribed by the Special Act of the State Legislature) shall continue to serve in their current roles until such time as the election stated in Section (a) herein has occurred; and
- (c) The Town Council elected at the election stated in Section (a) herein shall take office immediately upon election and certification, subject to the following transitional provisions:

- 1. The term of office of any District Councilor serving prior to the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall immediately expire and the term of office of each District Councilor elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall commence upon certification of the election.
- 2. The term of office of any Councilor-at-Large serving prior to the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall immediately expire and the term of office of each Councilor-at-Large elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall commence upon certification of election, provided, however, that any Councilor-at-Large serving prior to the election referenced in Section (a) that has not fulfilled his/her full term of office shall be entitled to serve the remainder of the term for which he/she was elected to serve.
- 3. The term of office of the District Councilor elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein to serve District 2 shall expire upon the holding of the April 2023 election and upon the election and certification of his/her successor.
- 4. The term of office of the District Councilor elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein to serve District 1 shall expire upon the holding of the April 2024 election and upon the election and certification of his/her successor.
- 5. The term of office of the District Councilor elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein to serve District 3 shall expire upon the holding of the April 2025 election and upon election and certification of his/her successor.
- 6. The term of office of any Councilor-at-Large elected at the election referenced in Section (a) herein shall accord with the below-indicated transitional term of office, each such term as shall have been determined by the ballot bearing his name:
 - a) Three-Year Term:

Two (2) Councilors-at-Large shall serve upon election at the election referenced in Section (a) herein until the April 2025 election

b) <u>Two-Year Term</u>:

One (1) Councilor-at-Large shall serve upon election at the election referenced in Section (a) herein until the April 2024 election.

c) One-Year Term:

Two (2) Councilors-at-Large shall serve upon election at the election referenced in Section (a) herein until the April 2023 election.

7. After the terms set forth in this Section 10-7, all Town Councilors will serve three year terms.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled and voted at their meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, to approve the Ordinance by a Roll Call vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY	ATTEST:
Debra Ward	



In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-020

Introduced By: Councilor Moore

Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading: June 7, 2022

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: June 7, 2022
Date Effective: June 7, 2022

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-020

General Ordinance – Chapter 14/Article II. Feeding of Wildlife

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the following:

Part III, General Ordinances, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, Non-Criminal Enforcement of Violations, Section 3, Schedule of Fines

Amended by adding the following language:

Chapter 14/Article II. Feeding of Wildlife

First Offense \$75, Second Offense \$100, Third Offense \$150, and Fourth and subsequent Offenses \$200

Part III, General Ordinances Chapter 14, Animals Article II, Feeding of Nuisance Wildlife

Amend by adding the following language:

§ 1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to protect the health, safety and welfare of both the wildlife and our residents with respect to foxes, coyotes, fishers, raccoons and other undomesticated animals by minimizing opportunities for such animals to obtain food from human sources or associate food with human interaction or proximity.

§ 2 Definitions. As used in this section,

Wildlife shall mean any undomesticated and unrestrained animal or fowl, including but not limited to bears, coyotes, foxes, fishers, raccoons, skunks and other animals or fowl causing public safety threats or nuisances.

Feeding shall mean the act of ground feeding, placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering, directly or indirectly, of any grain, shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, seeds, wheat, bread or bakery products, salt, meat or parts, fish or parts, honey, molasses, or any other feed or nutritive substances, in any manner or form, so as to constitute for such wildlife a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over any such areas where such feed items have been place, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered.

Designated enforcement authority shall mean any police officer of the Town, the Health Agent or the Animal Control Officer of the Town as well as those articulated under Massachusetts General Laws.

§ 3 Prohibited activity.

No person shall feed any wildlife at any place within the Town of Bridgewater. Whenever the Bridgewater Animal Control Officer or any designated enforcement authority becomes aware that wildlife has been found feeding on any substance, as defined above, and the landowner or person committing the act has been notified of the occurrence by any person authorized to enforce this Ordinance, and wildlife is thereafter found feeding on any such substance after any act of the commission or omission by the landowner or other person, such feeding shall be prima facie evidence that the feeding was with the knowledge or consent of the landowner or other person.

§ 4 Exceptions.

- A. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the feeding of domesticated waterfowl, as defined by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, by a farmer as defined in M.G.L. c. 128 § 1A on property owned or leased by him, or the feeding of waterfowl or any other birds by propagators licensed under M.G.L. c. 131 § 23 when such waterfowl or other birds are confined in such a manner as may be required pursuant to said Section 23 and any rules and regulations issued under authority thereof; or the feeding by any person or his agents, invitees or licensees or waterfowl lawfully kept as a pet by such person.
- B. Any individual, company or corporation that is duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or entitled under law to possess wildlife of any kind.
- C. Any action that is officially sanctioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that would require feeding, baiting, or luring of wildlife (i.e., capturing and tagging wildlife for scientific projects and study).
- D. Any individual, company, or corporation that is engaged in lawful agricultural pursuits, including but not limited to growing crops, crop-bearing plants or raising livestock.
- E. This section shall not apply to the feeding of songbirds and other backyard birds on private property by way of bird feeders. However, if a bird feeder is determined to be the cause of a public safety threat or nuisance, the bird feeder(s) and seed debris will be required to be removed within 48 hours.
- F. This section shall not apply to the feeding of squirrels on private property by way of squirrel feeders. However, if a squirrel feeder is determined to be the cause of a public safety threat or nuisance, the squirrel feeder(s) and seed debris will be required to be removed within 48 hours.
- G. This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit the feeding of pets, provided that if food intended for pets is determined to be the source of wildlife feeding, the landowner or person responsible for the premises will be required to take steps to render such pet food inaccessible to wildlife, including the requirement that the pet food be removed. If any wildlife gains access to pet food, the condition allowing access must be corrected or the pet food removed within 48 hours.
- H. This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit the storage of refuse, food product, pet food, or other material or nutritive substance on any premises in a manner which does not constitute a lure, attraction or enticement of wildlife on property within the Town of Bridgewater, provided that if such storage is determined to be the source of a wildlife feeding problem, the landowner or person responsible for the premises will be required to take steps to render such storage area inaccessible to wildlife and the area near the storage be kept free from such debris. If any wildlife gains access to a storage area, the condition

allowing access must be corrected or the stored material removed within 48 hours.

§ 5 Non-criminal Disposition.

Any fine issued under this Section may be assessed through non-criminal process in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 21 D. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. The availability of non-criminal process herein shall not preclude the use of criminal process or other means of enforcement.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
 Public Safety 	• 5/2/22: Voted 2- 0 to recommend.

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, June 7, 2022, to approve the aforementioned Order by a Voice vote (6-0 Councilors Sousa, Wood and Colombotos absent).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:	
Debra A. Ward, Town Council Clerk	



In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-021

Introduced By: Councilors Peter Colombotos and William Wood

Date Introduced: April 5, 2022
First Reading: April 5, 2022
Second Reading: August 2, 2022

Third Reading: September 13, 2022

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: September 13, 2022

Date Effective: October 14, 2022

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-021

ZONING ORDINANCE – CODIFICATION OF ZONING BYLAWS TO ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part IV, Zoning Ordinances and Use and Dimensional Tables and adopt the following attached provisions.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
CEDC and Planning Board	At a joint hearing between the Community
	and Economic Development Committee and
	the Planning Board on May 11, 2022, the
	Planning Board voted unanimously to adopt
	the Zoning, with recommendations to fix
	three typo corrections.

This hearing has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website. This measure may be considered this evening.

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, September 13, 2022, to approve the aforementioned Order by a Roll-Call vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Debra A. Ward, Town Council Clerk



In Town Council, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-023

Introduced By: Town Manager (Upon advice of the Finance Director)

Date Introduced: April 5, 2022

First Reading: April 5, 2022

Second Reading: April 26, 2022

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted: April 26, 2022
Date Effective: May 26, 2022

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-023

Revoke MGL c.44, s53 F ½ Golf Enterprise Fund

ORDERED that the pursuant to Article II, Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Town Charter, the Town Council hereby revokes the provisions of MGL c.44 Section 53F ½, ceasing the Golf Enterprise Fund for Olde Scotland Links Golf Course, effective June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022).

Explanation: The Enterprise Fund for OSLGC is no longer necessary or appropriate due to the agreement with a management company to run the golf course business. This order dissolves the enterprise fund. The Town will create a Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to receive payments from the management company for appropriation on golf course related expenses.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• B&F	 Voted 3-0 to recommend.
FinCom	 Voted 7-0 to recommend.

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, April 26, 2022, to approve the aforementioned Order by a Roll Call vote (9-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:		
Debra Ward		
Town Council Clark		



In Town Council, Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-024

Introduced By: Councilor Sousa

Date Introduced: April 26, 2022

First Reading: April 26, 2022

Second Reading: June 7, 2022 and June 21, 2022

Third Reading: July 12, 2022

Amendments Adopted: June 21, 2022

Date Adopted: July 12, 2022

Date Effective: August 12, 2022

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-024

ZONING ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – MAIN STREET

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40A and the Bridgewater Town Charter, Section 2-6, relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore:

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Zoning Map by rezoning Map 21 Parcels 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29, to Central Business District (CBD) in their entirety.

Explanation: Malden Real Estate Development, LLC intends to develop a mixed use redevelopment at 96 Main Street (identified as parcel 1 on the attached map). However, the lot is split by two zoning districts. The front of the lot facing Main Street is within the Central Business District (CBD) and the back is within the Residential D District (RD), where parking is proposed. Parking in a residential district cannot serve as an accessory use to a mixed use development, proposed in the front of the lot.

Consequently, Malden Real Estate Development, LLC seeks a revision to the CBD that would put the entire parcel within the CBD. In order to change the zoning designation, it is desirable to change the zoning line for several properties proximate to 96 Main Street, which parcels are also split between CBD and RD zoning districts. The attached plan depicts the proposed change to the CBD zoning district change.

The zoning district change affects 5 property owners, 4 of which have provided written consent. The fifth owner is unresponsive after multiple attempts to establish contact.

<u>Committee Referrals and Dispositions:</u>

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
Planning Board	• 5/25/22: Joint meeting with CEDC – Planning Board voted 4-1 to not recommend the ordinance as presented with the note that if the lot identified as lot 12 was removed from the proposed change, they would support it. The Planning board also voted unanimously to ask the Council to confirm all affected properties were notified and agreed to the change before the Council takes any action.
• CEDC	• 5/25/22: Joint meeting with Planning Board

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, July 12, 2022, to approve the aforementioned Order by a Roll Call vote 6-0.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Debra Ward Town Council Clerk