



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Mary McGrath, Councilor
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Third Reading: 10/6/2026
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY26-017: Amend Part II Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article III, Multiple Members Appointive Bodies

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

Ordered that; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part II, Chapter 1, Article III, Multiple Members Appointive Bodies as follows:

Section 2 Affordable Housing Trust

Pursuant to MGL c. 44 section 55c, the Town Manager as chief executive officer, or his designee, shall be an ex officio Trustee. The remaining Trustee shall be appointed by Town Manager for staggered **three** ~~two~~- year term.

Section 3 Agricultural Commission

There shall be an Agricultural Commission consisting of three members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term.**

Section 4 Board of Assessors

There shall be a Board of Assessors consisting of three members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term.**

Section 5 Cable Advisory Committee

There shall be a Cable Advisory Committee consisting of three members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term.**

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Section 8 Conant Trust Fund Committee

There shall be a Conant Trust Fund Committee consisting of five members, **appointed by the Town Manager**. Members will serve **three** ~~five~~- year staggered terms.

Section 10 Disability Commission

There shall be a Disabilities Commission consisting of five members, **appointed by Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 11A Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and belonging (DEI&B) Committee

There shall be a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEI&B) Committee consisting of at least five members and no more than nine members, **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 13 Energy Committee

There shall be an Energy Committee consisting of three members **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 15 Board of Health

There shall be a Board of Health consisting of three regular members, on whom shall be a physician or healthcare professional **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 17 Historical Commission

There shall be a Historical Commission consisting of five regular members and two alternate members **appointed by the Town Manager for three-year term**.

Section 18 Housing Authority

Members shall serve for **three** ~~five~~ year term.

Section 19 Housing Partnership Committee

There shall be a Housing Partnership Committee to be composed of five members, **to serve for three-year term**.

Section 23 Planning Board

The Town Manager shall appoint Planning Board members for terms of **three** ~~five~~ (5) years

Section 26A Tree Committee

There shall be a Tree Committee consisting of seven members **serving for three-year term**.

Explanation:

All committees, commissions and boards shall be for a three-year term, with the exception of the Cultural Council. In Section 10 Cultural Council, it states; Members shall not be appointed to more than two consecutive terms in accordance with MGL C. 10 Section 58. Also, some Committees, Commissions and Boards did not state that the Town Manager appoints the members.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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• Town Council	• 6/16/26: Voted to refer to Rules & Procedures
• Rules & Procedures	• 7/1/26: Voted to retain at Rules & Procedures • 8/26/26: voted to recommend with the amendment to remove "Section 14".
• Town Council	• 9/8/26: voted to refer to Advertise with amendment to remove "Section 14".

Attachments: None

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