

VOTER PETITION UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM*, AS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DATE and TIME received:

TOWN: NEEDHAM

*<https://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1859/General-By-LawsCharter-2022-PDF?bidId= p-75>

Petition for Submission of Warrant Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 Changing Needham's Zoning Bylaws to the Voters At Large

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Needham, hereby petition the Select Board and request that the measures passed by the votes of Town Meeting at the Special Town Meeting held October 21, 2024 and dissolved October 22, 2024 be submitted to the voters of the town at large. Specifically, measures passed under Articles 8 and 9, as well as the Motions to Reconsider and Amend Articles 8 and 9 contained in Warrant Articles 10 and 11 shall be submitted to the voters of the town. This vote will allow the complete repeal of these articles. The town shall act forthwith to comply with the requirements of MGL Ch 40A s.3A.

The Articles and Motions as passed amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Needham, including by creating Multi-Family Overlay Districts that allow multi-family housing as of right and limit the town's ability to control the development and its impacts. The changes create the capacity for 3,296 multi-family units of housing, in apartment buildings as high as 4 1/2 stories, and could displace small businesses currently in Needham. The state law required only 1,784 units.

The articles as originally passed and as amended can be found at:

<https://nrtz.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/certified-votes-of-Town-Meeting-October-21-2024-1.pdf> 25-pages

<https://nrtz.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/certified-votes-of-Town-Meeting-October-21-2024-2.pdf> 13-pages

<https://nrtz.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/certified-votes-of-Town-Meeting-October-21-2024-3.pdf> 13-pages

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Original Articles 8 & 9 10 & 11: <https://www.needhamma.gov/5586/October-2024-Special-Town-Meeting>

SIGNER INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS:

For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the town named above and your signature should be written substantially as registered. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.

SIGNER'S STATEMENT:

We, the undersigned, are qualified and registered voters of the Town of Needham and, in accordance with the provisions of law, request the above question to be submitted to the voters of the Town at large.

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