

**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01752**

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing –Proposed changes to Municipal Aggregation Order.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marlborough will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 11, 2019 at 8:00 PM** in the City Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts on the proposal relative to the Municipal Aggregation Order as detailed below.

1. This order supersedes Order No. 17-1006881 dated April 10, 2017.
2. The goal of the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee is to obtain competitive electric supply offers that will provide stability and predictability and on a yearly average be lower than the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rates during the same period.
3. Establish an Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee that will review competitive electric supply agreements and make recommendations to the Mayor. The Municipal Aggregation Committee will consist of 5 members including:
 - The Mayor
 - Two City Councilors (appointed by the City Council President)
 - The Chief Procurement Officer
 - The DPW Commissioner (or designee)
 - A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 3 members
4. The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee will provide periodic updates to the City Council on Municipal Aggregation implementation.
5. All suppliers of electricity licensed by the Department of Public Utilities and qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can participate in the City's Municipal Aggregation Program.

BACKGROUND:

On October 15, 2018, the City Council approved Order No. 18-1007435 to have the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee review Council Order No. 17-1006881 regarding item #2 “The goal of Municipal Aggregation is to require that the R-1 (residential) class rates be lower than the prevailing National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate” and report back to the City Council. The purpose of the review was to determine if there may be a financial benefit to the residents of Marlboro by entering into agreements for longer electricity supply contracts that may contain savings over the long run but may be occasionally higher than the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate. The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee meeting minutes from February 11, 2019 document the Committee's unanimous decision to revise the order to allow the City to enter into longer electrical supply contracts to provide stability and predictability for electrical supply rates while potentially providing greater savings to Marlboro residents than the current process.....Submitted by Councilor Ossing.

Per Order of the City Council

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