

MAYORAL LETTERHEAD

September 2, 2025

To: President Amanda Linehan and
Honorable Members of the Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Dear President Linehan and Members of the Malden City Council:

I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body approve the following Home Rule Petition to be sent to the General Court to raise the maximum “age” for the appointment of retired police officers as Special Police Officers in the City of Malden.

The effect of this Home Rule Petition will be to raise the maximum age limits for retired police officers for appointment as Special Police Officers in the City of Malden from its present maximum of sixty-five (65) years of age to seventy (70) years of age.

The present upper age limit of sixty-five (65) years of age is set forth in the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2018 [*“An Act Authorizing the Appointment of Special Police Officers in the City of Malden”*] which incorporates the provisions of G.L. c 31.

Among the benefits of the passage of this Home Rule Petition for the City of Malden will be to expand the pool of possible candidates from among retired police officers for prospective appointment as Special Police Officers in the City of Malden.

This Home Rule Petition has the support of our Police Chief, Glenn Cronin.

HOME RULE PETITION

AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR RETIRED MALDEN POLICE OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF MALDEN.

Be it hereby resolved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Malden that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation to change the maximum age of eligibility of a retired Malden Police officer for appointment to the position of Special Police Officer in the City of Malden from the present maximum of sixty-five (65) years of age to seventy (70) years of age provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 1 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2018, the maximum age of eligibility for a retired Malden Police Officer to be appointed to the position of Special Police Officers in the City of Malden shall be seventy (70) years of age.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2018 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Very truly yours,

Mayor Gary J. Christenson

The members of the Malden City Council voting approval for the Home Rule Petition entitled, **“AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR RETIRED MALDEN POLICE OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF MALDEN”** are as follows, each of whom has affixed her or his signature to this Petition which consists of three (3) pages in its entirety with signatures.

Councillor Amanda Linehan (Ward 3)
City Council President

Councillor Carey MacDonald
Councillor at Large
Pro Tempore

Councillor Craig Spadafora
Councillor at Large

Councillor Karen Colón Hayes
Councillor at Large

Councillor Peg Crowe (Ward 1)

Councillor Paul Condon (Ward 2)

Councillor Ryan O’Malley (Ward 4)

Councillor Ariane Taylor (Ward 5)

Councillor Stephen Winslow (Ward 6)

Councillor Chris Simonelli (Ward 7)

Councillor Jadeane Sica (Ward 8)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss

September 3, 2025

I, Carol Ann Desiderio, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Malden and I certify and attest that the document herein is a true copy of the Home Rule Petition passed by the City Council of the City of Malden on September 2, 2025 by a vote of eleven in favor and zero in the negative.

Attest:

Carol Ann T. Desiderio