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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

February 7, 2024

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

Dear President Winslow 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 regarding the “age” requirements for entry level police applying for employment with the City of Malden.

Presently, the upper age limits for entry level applicants for the City of Malden’s police department must be thirty-one (31) years old or younger [as of the last date to apply for the police examination]. This prohibition is set forth in the provisions of *M.G.L. c 31 § 58A*. The only exception is that a qualified veteran may add up to a maximum of four (4) years of service time to his/her age but must not yet have reached their thirty-sixth (36th) birthday as of the date of the exam.

Among the benefits of the passage of this Home Rule Petition for the City of Malden is the expansion of the pool of possible candidates for prospective employment in the City’s police department at a time when there are fewer and fewer candidates applying.

This Home Rule Petition has the support of the City of Malden’s Police Chief.

**HOME RULE PETITION  
AN ACT REGARDING THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT  
FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR 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 eliminate age as a factor of eligibility for a person to have his/her name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer in the City of Malden notwithstanding the maximum age requirement set forth in *G.L. c 31 § 58A* 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 58A of chapter 31 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, any person shall be eligible to have his/her name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer in the City of Malden without regard to the age of the person.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Sincerely,



**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor, City of Malden

The members of the Malden City Council voting approval for the Home Rule Petition entitled, “AN ACT REGARDING THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR 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.

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Stephen Winslow  
**President**

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Paul Condon

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Peg Crowe

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Karen Colon-Hayes

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Amanda Linehan

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Carey MacDonald

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Craig Spadafora

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Ryan O'Malley

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Jadeane M. Sica

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Chris Simonelli

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Ari Taylor

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ in the negative.

Attest:

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Carol Ann Desiderio

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