

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2108**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2108) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

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

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 13 of Chapter 4, Section 11 of Chapter 40A of the  
2 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City Known as the Town of  
3 Franklin (hereinafter “Town”) may utilize alternative means of publishing legal notices for  
4 public hearings that are required by law.

5           SECTION 2. The Town may permit that all notices of such public hearings shall be  
6 published on the bulletin board outside the town clerk’s office and either: (i) in a local  
7 newspaper, in either electronic or paper format, or (ii) on the Town’s website. The term  
8 “website” shall mean the official website of the Town of Franklin that is operated and  
9 maintained by the Town’s government.

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