

BARNSTABLE COUNTY
In the Year Two-Thousand and Six
Ordinance 06-16

To amend the timeline for the submission of the County Commissioners' proposed fiscal-year budget and budget process.

Barnstable County hereby ordains that:

1. The submission of the annual budget shall be no later than the second meeting of the Assembly of Delegates meeting in February.
2. The Standing Committee on Finance shall meet with Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Assembly no later than second Wednesday in March for discussion and a verbal report on their review of the proposed fiscal year budget as of that date.
3. No later than the second Wednesday in April, the Assembly debates and votes on the annual budget as recommended by the Standing Committee on Finance and others. **When voting on the annual budget, Robert's Rules, governing parliamentary procedure of the Assembly, shall be waived, allowing for more than two amendments to the main motion.** If a majority of the Delegates vote in favor of an amended budget, the budget is immediately forwarded to the County Commissioners for consideration.
4. No later than one week after the Assembly of Delegates votes in favor of an amended budget, the County Commissioners shall either sign the amended budget or request that a Reconciliation Committee be established.
5. If a Reconciliation Committee is requested, the County Commissioners shall immediately notify the Speaker of the Assembly of Delegates of their request for the Reconciliation Committee and inform the Speaker as to who will represent the Board of County Commissioners on the Committee.
6. The Speaker of the Assembly of Delegates shall forthwith appoint members from the Assembly of Delegates to the Reconciliation Committee.
7. The Reconciliation Committee shall consist of three Delegates representing a majority vote on the budget ordinance, one Delegate representing the minority vote on the budget ordinance, and one County Commissioner, and consistent with all other Committees, each member has an equal vote.

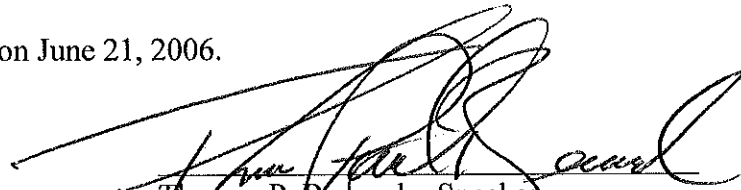
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8. No later than the fourth week in April, the Reconciliation Committee shall convene in public session to facilitate differences between the budget ordinance proposed by the County Commissioners and the budget ordinance voted by the Assembly of Delegates. The Reconciliation Committee can make adjustments to the budget ordinance as necessary to recommend a compromise.
9. The Reconciliation Committee shall submit its recommendation in writing to the County Commissioners and the Assembly of Delegates no later than the first Wednesday in May. A majority vote of the Committee is required to recommend changes. The recommendation(s) shall show the signatures and vote of each member of the Committee.
10. If there is a positive recommendation for amendments to the budget ordinance from the Reconciliation Committee, the Assembly of Delegates shall vote on the recommended amendments no later than the second Wednesday in May. No further amendments to the proposed budget ordinance recommended by the Reconciliation Committee are allowed.
11. If approved by the Assembly of Delegates, the amended budget ordinance as recommended by the Reconciliation Committee is forthwith returned to the County Commissioners for signature.
12. If there is no agreement on the budget ordinance by the Reconciliation Committee or it is not approved by the Assembly of Delegates, the budget ordinance as voted in April shall be the budget ordinance under consideration by the County Commissioners.
13. The Clerk shall forthwith notify the County Commissioners that there was no agreement on the budget ordinance by the Reconciliation Committee or that the amendments recommended by the Reconciliation Committee were not approved by the Assembly of Delegates.
14. The County Commissioners shall forthwith approve the budget ordinance voted by the Assembly of Delegates or veto the budget ordinance. If vetoed, the County Commissioners shall within ten days following the date the approved copy of the amended ordinance is filed in its office return the measure to the Assembly of Delegates with specific reasons for such disapproval, in writing, attached thereto.
15. If the County Commissioners veto the budget ordinance as amended by the Assembly, on or before June 1st the Assembly of Delegates shall take a vote of its members on the veto by the County Commissioners. If the measure is passed by a vote representing two-thirds of the population of Barnstable County, the amended budget ordinance shall be deemed to be in effect.

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16. If the Assembly of Delegates fails to override the County Commissioners veto by a 2/3rds vote, the County Commissioners budget, as originally submitted, is deemed to be in effect.

Adopted by the Assembly of Delegates on June 21, 2006.




Thomas P. Bernardo, Speaker
Assembly of Delegates

Approved by the County Commissioners on July 14, 2006 at 10:44 AM
Date Time



William Doherty, Chair



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