

CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES

2023 Session

Proposed Ordinance No. 16

1 To revise and amend the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter in accordance with the second
2 paragraph of Section 9 – 1 by clarifying language regarding the advisory board for county expenditures
3 for Barnstable county and other fiscal procedures

4 **The Cape Cod regional government, known as Barnstable county, hereby ordains;**

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 The Assembly of Delegates hereby provides for the submission to the voters of the following proposed
7 amendments to the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter at the next regular biennial state election
8 under Section 9 – 1 of the same.

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Section 2 – 2 of the Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by inserting the following words at the end
11 of its title:- Standing Committee on Finance

12 **SECTION 3.**

13 Section 2 – 2 of the Home Rule Charter is hereby further amended by adding after subsection (d) the
14 following subsection:-

15 (e) Standing Committee on Finance – There shall be a standing committee on finance comprised of
16 members of the assembly of delegates appointed by the Speaker. The committee shall review and
17 report to the full assembly of delegates on all proposed ordinances that allocate county funds, make
18 appropriations, or transfer appropriations from the account of one agency to another, as provided in
19 Article 5.

1 **SECTION 4.**

2 Section 2 – 4 of the Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by striking out its second sentence.

3 **SECTION 5.**

4 Section 2 – 8 of the Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by inserting at the end of clause (iii) of
5 subsection (d) the following words:- as provided in Article 5

6 **SECTION 6.**

7 Article 5 of the Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by adding after Section 5 – 1 the following section
8 and, renumbering Section 5 – 2 as Section 5 – 3 and each subsequent section accordingly:-

9 Section 5 – 2 Advisory Board on County Expenditures

10 The advisory board on county expenditures for the Cape Cod regional government, known as
11 Barnstable county shall consist of the members of the regional assembly of delegates acting as
12 members of its standing committee on finance and other standing committees. The powers of the
13 advisory board on county expenditures for Barnstable county shall be as provided subsection (b) and
14 subsection (c) of Section 5 – 6 of this charter and not the same as those provided for under section
15 twenty-eight B of chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

16 **SECTION 7.**

17 Section 5 – 6 of the Home Rule Charter as renumbered by SECTION 4. of this ordinance is hereby
18 amended by inserting after the first sentence in subsection (d) the following language:- The assembly
19 of delegates may increase, decrease, add or omit items in the proposed budget.

20 **SECTION 8.**

21 Section 5 – 6 of the Home Rule Charter as renumbered by SECTION 4. of this ordinance is hereby
22 amended by inserting at the end of subsection (d) the following language:- All appropriations based
23 upon the proposed budget to be paid from assessments, taxes, or revenues shall be incorporated in a

1 single ordinance which shall be called the general appropriation ordinance and adopted as provided in
2 Section 2 – 8 and Section 3 – 8.

3 **SECTION 9.**

4 Section 5 – 6 of the Home Rule Charter as renumbered by SECTION 4. of this ordinance is hereby
5 amended by adding after subsection (d) the following subsection:-

6 (e) Supplemental budgets - The board of regional commissioners may at any time recommend to the
7 assembly of delegates supplementary budgets which shall be subject to the same procedures as the
8 original budget.

9 **SECTION 10.**

10 Article 5 of the Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by adding after Section 5 – 6 as renumbered by
11 SECTION 4. of this ordinance the following section and, renumbering subsequent sections:-

12 Section 5 – 7 Special Appropriation Ordinances

13 After final action on the general appropriation ordinance, special appropriation ordinances may be
14 introduced by any member of the assembly of delegates, or by the board of regional commissioners
15 and adopted as provided in Section 2 – 8 and Section 3 – 8. Such ordinances shall provide the specific
16 means for defraying the appropriations therein contained.

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