MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES OPERATING UNDER HOME **RULE CHARTERS**

(prepared and adopted under provisions of the Home Rule Amendment and M.G.L., c. 43B) as of 5/2008

CITIES:	TOWNS:
MAYOR - COUNCIL	REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING - SELECTMEN -
MANAGER+	

Auburn Dedham Plymouth (7) Agawam (1) Swampscott Amesbury (2) Billerica (2) Falmouth Reading Walpole Attleboro Chelmsford Natick Stoughton Winchester Beverly Dartmouth

Easthampton (2) Gloucester

Greenfield (2) (3) Leominster (2)

Lvnn Methuen (1) (2) Newton West Springfield Wevmouth

COUNCIL - MANAGER*

Barnstable Franklin (2) Palmer (2) Southbridge (2) Watertown Winthrop Worcester

Abinaton (7) Hudson Acton Longmeadow Acushnet Lunenburg Ashland Lynnfield Mansfield Athol (5) Bedford Bellingham Blackstone Bourne Chatham Dracut

Marshfield Mashpee Maynard Medfield Middleton Millbury Eastham Millis (4) Nahant Easton North Andover Sturbridge (2) Grafton North Reading Sutton Harwich Hopkinton

Northborough Townsend Northbridge Truro Norton Uxbridge Norwell Wakefield Orleans Ware Oxford Palmer (6) Provincetown (2) Wellfleet Rockland (4) I Salisbury Scituate Seekonk (5)

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OPEN TOWN MEETING - SELECTMEN - MANAGER +

Wareham Webster Westborough Westwood Winchendon

- * Council-manager form most often associated with CITY government; however, the communities listed here, with the exception of Worcester, identify themselves as towns.
- + "Manager" is used here as a generic title, connoting a professional administrative position of similar responsibility, e.g., town administrator, executive secretary, town executive, town coordinator, etc.

NOTES:

- (1) AGAWAM originally adopted council-manager charter in 1971; in 1988, town secured passage of a special act replacing the manager with an elected mayor (2 year term). The first mayor took office in 1989. METHUEN amended its charter in November, 1992 by special act and in November, 1993 elected a mayor (2 year term) to replace the appointed manager. Mayor assumed office January, 1994.
- (2) had previously adopted home rule charter.
- (3) Greenfield elected a mayor and council in 2003; prior charter provided for election of a fivemember board of selectmen, a town council, and appointment of a manager.
- (4) charter does not provide for a management position, although all towns referenced subsequently created such a position.
- (5) Seekonk revised its representative town meeting charter in 1995, Webster adopted a second charter in 1992, and Athol adopted a home rule charter in 2000; these towns returned to open town meeting.
- (6) replaced by council -manager charter, effective 1/2005
- (7) replaced home rule charter with special act charter, 2004

COMMISSIONS IN PROCESS: Saugus, Barnstable elected 11/07; South Hadley elected 4/08:

Sharon elected 5/08; Palmer elected 11/08 (special legislation required for Palmer election)