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Ronald Bergstrom, Speaker  
Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates  
First District Courthouse  
Route 6A  
Barnstable, MA 02630

RE: Disapproval of Ordinance 14-08

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

On December 3, 2014 the County Commissioners met to consider Ordinance 14-08. After discussion, the County Commissioners unanimously voted (3 yes, 0 no) to disapprove Ordinance 14-08 for the following reasons:

- 1) The Barnstable County Charter includes Article 5 entitled "Fiscal Procedures" that contains specific detailed requirements for the County Commissioners and the Assembly of Delegates to perform with respect to the budget process. It is unclear whether the procedures detailed in Ordinance 14-08 are consistent with the Charter's requirements. This needs clarification inasmuch as some of the procedures may already be in place. To the extent that any of the procedures in this Ordinance are outside of the authorized acts in the Charter, they cannot be implemented by Ordinance and need to be referred to the Charter Review process.
- 2) The County Commissioners agree with some of the procedures that are set forth in the Ordinance but would like to work with the Director of Finance and the Assembly in formulating a more precise policy statement on budget procedures than is described in Ordinance 14-08.

Respectfully,

Michael Brillhart  
County Administrator