Barnstable County

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

Proposed Ordinance 16-04

To Amend Barnstable County Ordinance 06-16 to ~~permanently revise the timeline of the Assembly of Delegates vote of the County Commissioners' proposed fiscal year budgets.~~ establish the timeline for the Assembly of Delegates' review and vote on the County Commissioners' proposed fiscal budgets for all Fiscal Years commencing with Fiscal Year 2017 and all subsequent years unless amended by Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE,

BARNSTABLE COUNTY hereby ordains:

1. The submission of the annual budget shall be not 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 the first Wednesday in April for discussion and verbal report on their review of the proposed fiscal year budget as of that date.

3. No later than the first Wednesday in May, 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. ~~The members of this Committee shall not represent a majority of the Assembly as a whole.~~ The membership of the Reconciliation Committee shall not include Delegates from the Assembly of Delegates that represent a majority of the whole population of Barnstable County.

7. The Reconciliation Committee shall consist of three Delegates representing a majority vote on the budget ordinance, one Delegate representing a minority vote on the budget ordinance and one County Commissioner, and consistent with all other Committees, each member has an equal vote.

8. No later than the third week in May, the Reconciliation Committee shall convene in public session to facilitate the 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 recommendations in writing to the County Commissioners and the Assembly of Delegates no later than noon on Friday of the third week 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 the amendments to the budget ordinance from the Reconciliation Committee, the Assembly of Delegates shall convene at a special meeting the following week to vote on the recommended amendments. 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 May 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 seven days following the date of 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~~ the Assembly of Delegates 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.

16. If the Assembly of Delegates fails to override the County Commissioners ~~2/3rds vote~~ by a vote representing two-thirds of the population of Barnstable County, the County Commissioners budget, as originally submitted, is deemed to be in effect.

[Submitted by Sandwich Delegate James Killion at a regular Assembly of Delegates meeting on February 17, 2016]