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Board of License Commissioners Selection Process Update

Framingham, MA – Mayor-Elect Yvonne M. Spicer has identified candidates for further review and evaluation for the Board of License Commissioners. To be eligible for the position of Commissioner, candidates are required to be residents of Framingham, registered voters and able to pass a background check. No person while a member of the Board of License Commissioners shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in any form within the City of Framingham.

In accordance with the Home Rule Charter, Article III: Executive Branch, Section 3a, *“All appointments and promotions made by the mayor shall be made on the basis of merit and fitness demonstrated by examination, past performance, or by other evidence of competence and suitability. Each person appointed to fill an office or position shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and previous experience to perform the duties of the office or position for which chosen.”*

Candidates are currently in the process of being screened by a committee consisting of a sworn member of the Framingham Police Department, a member of the Health Department, Town Counsel, the current Licensing Administrator, and a member of the Human Resources Department. Upon completion of the screening process and the background check, the prospective Commissioners will be referred back to the Mayor-Elect.

In accordance with the Home Rule Charter, Article X: Transitional Provisions, Section 7o, *“As soon as practical after the first mayor and council have been elected, but no later than (15) days after taking office, the mayor shall call together for an initial meeting the mayor-elect’s nominees to the board of license commissioners established in Article V and submit said names to the council for review.”*

“Several individuals with impressive backgrounds have submitted applications, both online and in person to be considered for the Commissioner positions available in the newly formed Board of Licensing under the Framingham Charter. We have narrowed down the pool of candidates based on the criteria outlined in the Charter. I look forward to sharing the names of perspective Board of License Commissioners with the City Council-Elect and the community upon completion of the screening process prior by the end of the month,” said Mayor-Elect Yvonne M. Spicer.

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