

Explanation for Planning Board and Select Board

The purpose of this amendment is to avoid any perceived difference between the Town Charter and Land Use Planning Ordinances in terms of how citizen petitions can be used to amend Land Use Ordinances. The technique is to add to the relevant provision in the Land Use Ordinance a cross reference to the relevant provision of the Town Charter effectively incorporating the relevant Town Charter provision by reference.

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Proposed Amendment to
Rockport Land Use Ordinance § 405

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Section 405 Changes and Amendments of the Land Use Ordinance reads:

No land use regulation or amendment thereof shall be adopted until after the Select Board of the Town of Rockport have (sic) held a public hearing thereon at least ten (10) days before it is submitted to the legislative body for consideration. Public notice of the hearing shall be made at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Amendments to this Ordinance shall be considered following a citizen petition pursuant to Article II § 14 of the Rockport Town Charter, recommendation of the Planning Board or motion of the Select Board. Petitioners are encouraged to work with and request assistance from the Planning Board so that proposed changes and amendments can be of greatest benefit to the citizens of Rockport. Petitioners shall be responsible for paying for all required advertisements and notifications.