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# **NOTICE**

## **TO CONSTABLES AND APPLICANTS FOR APPOINTMENT AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENT**

There have been recent changes to Massachusetts laws that concern constables. This notice provides an overview of modifications that may affect you.

Section 30 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 amended the Massachusetts General Laws by adding a Chapter 6E to Part I, Title II.

This new chapter defines “law enforcement officer” or “officer” as “any officer of an agency, including... a constable executing an arrest for any reason.”

M.G.L. ch. 6E, §4(f)(1) establishes certification standards for all officers, now including constables executing arrests. Those certification standards include, but are not limited to, the successful completion of the basic training program approved by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) and the successful completion of physical and psychological fitness evaluations approved by the Massachusetts peace officer standards and training commission (P.O.S.T.).

Constables and/or those who wish to apply to be appointed as a constable who intend on using their position to execute arrests now require a higher standard of consideration and certification.

The City cannot provide the requisite training nor monitor the appointees’ use of their appointment. Thus, the City is unable to comply with Massachusetts’ new requirements.

Therefore, unfortunately, the City is prohibited from reappointing currently appointed constables and is unable to accept new applications for appointment without verification of completion of the MPTC law enforcement training.

For any questions, please contact:

Municipal Police Training Committee  
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For additional information, see the link below:

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