

SAMPLE RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING AN AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY STRATEGY IN  
(MUNICIPALITY NAME), MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS, The Select Board of (Municipality), Massachusetts does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, Berkshire County is one of the fastest aging communities in the Commonwealth. (Municipality) is above the MA average with approximately 50-60% of residents over the age of 50;

WHEREAS, an Age Friendly Community as defined in the Age Friendly Berkshires Action Plan, is a way to help older adults remain healthy, active, connected and safe in their community for as long as possible. It is committed to improving both the physical and social environments that support residents across the lifespan. It facilitates independence and neighborhood cohesion;

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from local, state and national partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development of and effective implementation of a comprehensive plan to support an aging community;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall support community policies for infrastructural and environmental changes that will promote active living, healthy eating and access to community and health services for all residents;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall approach transportation improvements and project phases as an opportunity to create safe, more accessible streets for all users;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall advocate for policies that allow for easier access to public transportation, biking and walking;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall work to improve Communication and Information Sharing through all available means to make sure important information is shared widely, effectively and on a timely basis;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall enhance opportunities for physical activity, by developing joint use agreements at indoor and outdoor spaces, allowing for use after hours related to physical activity and education programs;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall support the creation of affordable and accessible housing in locations that provide connectivity to transportation, public services, retail businesses and social activities;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall encourage readily available fresh food programs, such as farmers markets and food assistance programs;

WHEREAS, the Municipality will sustain a vibrant workforce that is aware of issues facing older adults that will support their need to work and volunteer and support their lifestyles;

WHEREAS, the Municipality will support efforts to reduce social isolation and foster respect among people of different ages, backgrounds or beliefs in the community;

WHEREAS, the Municipality will encourage greater social participation and civic engagement among all residents to help residents remain vital, active and engaged in community, across the lifespan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Select Board of (Municipality), Massachusetts, that an Age Friendly Community Strategy is established as the Municipality's standard for planning and community development.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Select Board Chair

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