



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON
ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

November 8, 2016

The Rev. Nicholas Kastanas
Mr. Constantinos Ioakimidis, President
S. Nicholas Kriketos, Secretary
And the Members of the Parish Council
St. Athanasius Church
4 Appleton Street
Arlington, MA 02476

Beloved in the Lord,

The Metropolis has received your letter dated November 2, 2016 regarding your latest Parish bylaw amendment and your question on required voting strength. I have passed the letter on to the Metropolis attorney that procedurally reviews all Parish bylaw amendments. Our attorney reminded us that we are still waiting on a response to our comments provided on your 2010 Bylaws document as submitted to the Metropolis in 2014. We should use this as an opportunity to complete the review of that 2010 bylaws document.

Because the November 5, 1995 Amendment which would have imposed a super-majority vote requirement on all motions has not been ratified and therefore is not in effect, the Metropolitan hereby approves the by-law amendment as voted upon at the General Assembly on May 11, 2016, increasing the Parish Council Membership from 17 to 19.

Extending the blessings and prayers of His Eminence, I remain,

With love in the Lord,

Reverend Theodore J. Barbas
Chancellor



Metropolis of Boston

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

4 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA 02476



November 2, 2016

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios
Metropolis of Boston
162 Goddard Ave 02445
Brookline, MA

Dear Metropolitan Methodios & Fr. Barbas,

On May 11, 2016, the following by-law amendment proposal was presented to the St. Athanasius Parish General Assembly:

By-law Amendment Overview:

To increase Parish Council Membership from 17 to 19 effective 2017

Proposed By-law Amendment

The Parish Council shall consist of nineteen (19) members effective January 2017. In order to maintain a staggered election of the members, eleven (11) members will be elected in the 2016 election. The ten (10) elected candidates receiving the highest vote in the 2016 election shall hold office for two years; the remaining one (1) elected candidate shall hold office for one year.

During the General Assembly, Paul Tsitsopoulos made a motion to accept the by-law amendment as presented in the agenda for the May 11, 2016 General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Nikitas Splagounias.

Voting results:

- 38 in favor
- 10 opposed
- 1 abstention

65 members were present at time of the vote

vote

After the vote, there was discussion and confusion as to the voting requirements for a parish by-law amendment. Specifically, whether a "two-thirds vote" meets the voting requirement or if a "two-thirds members present vote" is needed. We respectfully ask the Metropolis to clarify the Parish by-law amendment voting requirement.

Assuming we meet the voting requirement, please review and approve the by-law amendment as stated above and as voted on by the General Assembly.

With Deep Respect & Love in the Lord,

Constandinos Ioakimidis
Parish Council President
General Assembly Presiding Officer

S. Nicholas Kriketos
Parish Council Secretary

Fr. Nicholas M. Kastanas
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