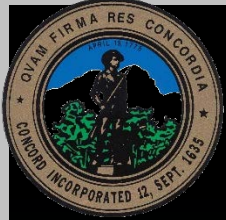
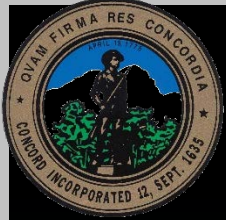


# Article #2

ADOPT MGL CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8J  
CREATING A COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

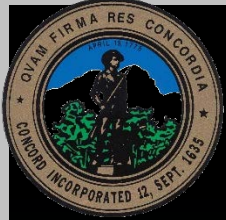


ARTICLE 2. To determine whether the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law chapter 40, section 8J creating a Commission on Disability, or take any other action relative thereto.



Adoption of Section 8J of Chapter 40 will allow the Select Board to establish a Commission on Disability consisting of five members that will:

- (1) research local problems of people with disabilities;
- (2) advise and assist municipal officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities;
- (3) coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability;



- (4) review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the town as they affect people with disabilities;
- (5) provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; and
- (6) coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes.



# Process for Starting A Commission on Disability in Your Community



Commission  
Established Under  
MGL Chapter 40  
Section 8J

- A city/town needs to **first** adopt MGL Chapter 40 Section 8J, which formally establishes a Commission on Disability (COD) in the community. The formalized COD acts as an advisory board to their appointing authority.

Adoption of MGL  
Chapter 40  
Section 22G

- A city/town, that has adopted MGL Chapter 40 Section 8J, can **then** adopt MGL Chapter 40 Section 22G, which allows funds collected from HP parking fines to be given to the COD. MGL Chapter 40 Section 22G allows the COD to use the collected funds "*solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities...*"

Use of HP Parking  
Funds Collected  
to Hire Police  
Details

- One way the COD's use the collected funds is to hire police details whose sole purpose is to monitor HP parking within their community. The COD's work with the Police to hire details and use the funds to pay for those details.



# How Chapter 40 Section 22G Fines Are Used Solely to Benefit Persons with Disabilities

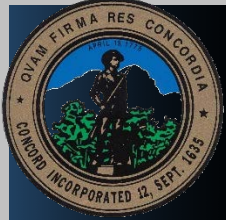


## Alternatives to Police Details

- COD's, in the past, have set up a HP Parking Patrol where certain COD Members are "deputized" to capture all the appropriate information for a person illegally parked, including pictures and affidavit, and submit to the local Police Department for a ticket to be issued. PLEASE NOTE, even though some COD's still do this, MOST COD's are hiring police details instead..

## Other Uses of HP Parking Fines Collected

- COD's have used HP Parking fines for the following purposes:
  - Barrier Removal
  - Education
  - Assistive Technology
  - Fairs/Events



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