

***Town of Franklin***  
***Ordinance on the Establishment of the***  
***Commission on Aging***

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**SECTION I: ESTABLISHED PURPOSE**

The Town of Franklin hereby establishes a Commission on Aging to study the needs and coordinate programs for the elderly citizens of the Town.

**SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, APPOINTMENTS & VACANCIES**

- A) The Commission on Aging is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, and nonsectarian organization, which shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within thirty days from the effective date of this ordinance.
- B) Of the initial appointments, three terms shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1989, and four terms shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1991. Each of said terms shall be filled on its expiration for a period of four years.
- C) Members of the Commission shall serve until their successors are appointed. The Board of Selectmen shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.
- D) The Board of Selectmen may, with written notice, remove any member for cause and fill any vacancy.
- E) Increase membership of Commission on Aging from seven members to eleven members. Appointments will be effective fifteen days from date of publication of amended ordinance. Two appointments will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1991, and two will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1993. Each of said terms shall be filled on its expiration for a period of four years.

**SECTION III: COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS**

Members of the Commission on Aging shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary Commission expenses if approved by a majority of the Commission and by the Board of Selectmen.

**SECTION IV: POWERS & DUTIES**

The Commission on Aging shall have all the powers and duties, which are described in Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The responsibilities of the Commission, as long as they do not conflict with Section 7-127b of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be as follows:

- A) to continuously study and analyze the needs of the older population in order to maintain innovative approaches to their changing needs;
  - B) to disseminate information concerning services and programs having to do with social, economic, health, and housing needs of the aging;
  - C) to plan and coordinate local agency programs which provide services for the aged.
  - D) to foster understanding, respect, and involvement of older adults in community life;
  - E) to review and apply for federal grants or other funding, public or private, which would support programs for the elderly and aging;
  - F) to elect from its members chair and secretary;
  - G) to act as an advocate for the elderly and aging and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding services for older citizens;
- and
- H) to submit to the Board of Selectmen a written report annually within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year.

**SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Town's legislative body.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1988  
AMENDED DATE: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1990