RELATED LAWS*

January 11, 1687—(Order in council) Providing for the separation of Cambridge Village in the County of Middlesex from the Town of Cambridge and establishing Cambridge Village as a separate Village.

December 15, 1691—Act of the General Court providing for the changing of the name of Cambridge Village to the corporate name Newton.

Special law of June 21, 1803—Providing for the annexation of an island situate in the Charles River between the Towns of Newton and Needham, to the said Town of Newton.

Special laws, 1849, chapter 105—Providing for the annexation of a part of the Town of Newton to the Town of Waltham.

Acts of 1871, chapter 134—Providing for the incorporation of the Newton Free Library. (RAP)

Acts of 1872, chapter 344—Providing for supplying the Town of Newton with water. Accepted May 27, 1872.

Acts of 1873, chapter 326—Providing for the establishment of the City of Newton. Accepted October 13, 1873.

Editor's note—This was the original charter of the city, and was repealed by Acts of 1882, c. 210.

Acts of 1874, chapter 125—Providing for supplying the City of Newton with water. (PR) Accepted October 20, 1875.

Acts of 1874, chapter 145—Relating to the custody, care and management of the Kenrick Fund. (PR) Accepted July 6, 1874.

Acts of 1874, chapter 277—Providing for a change in the boundary line between the City of Boston and the City of Newton.

Acts of 1874, chapter 353—Relating to altering highways in the Cities of Newton and Somerville.

Acts of 1875, chapter 184—Providing for the annexation of a part of the City of Boston to the City of Newton. Accepted June 23, 1875.

Acts of 1875, chapter 218—Relating to the establishment of the City of Newton.

Acts of 1876, chapter 18—Authorizing the transfer of the Newton Free Library to the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1876, chapter 54—Relating to supplying the City of Newton with water. (PR)

Acts of 1877, chapter 144—Authorizing the City of Newton to lay and maintain a main drain in Boston. (PR) Accepted May 14, 1877.

Acts of 1878, chapter 63—Authorizing the City of Newton to lay and maintain a main drain in the Town of Watertown. (PR)

Acts of 1878, chapter 69—Authorizing the City of Newton to establish grades for drainage and sewerage in said city. (PR)

Acts of 1878, chapter 147—Relating to sewers and drains in the City of Newton. (PR)


Editor's note—For a minor amendment, see Acts of 1883, c. 4.

Acts of 1886, chapter 1—Providing for the registration and licensing of plumbers in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1889, chapter 302—Providing for an additional water supply for the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1890, chapter 234—Authorizing the City of Newton to supply the Town of Needham with water. (PR)

Acts of 1890, chapter 70—Relating to the abolition of grade crossings in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1893, chapter 278—Authorizing the City of Newton to change its method of sewer assessment. (R)

Acts of 1894, chapter 210—Authorizing the City of Newton to incur indebtedness for the

*Editor's note—This division contains a list of the principal acts of the General Court relating to the Town and City of Newton. Following the entries for acts which were repealed, partly repealed or repealed with action preserved by the charter is a notation to the effect. The following is the legend used for this purpose: R—repealed; PR—partial repeal; RAP—repealed, action preserved.
construction of streets, watercourses and for similar purposes.

Acts of 1895, chapter 198—authorizing the City of Newton to widen and locate a new Washington Street in said city and to promote the abolition of grade crossings therein. (PR)

Acts of 1896, chapter 340—Authorizing the City of Newton and the Town of Brookline to make contracts for the disposal of sewage. (PR)

Acts of 1898, chapter 63—Conferring certain powers upon the City of Newton in respect to watercourses in said city. (PR)

Acts of 1898, chapter 242—Providing for the change of a part of the boundary line between the Cities of Boston and Newton.

Acts of 1898, chapter 269—Providing for the laying out of public parks and squares in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1898, chapter 431—Providing for a change in a part of the boundary line between the Cities of Boston and Newton.

Acts of 1899, chapter 89—Authorizing the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water. (PR)

Acts of 1900, chapter 135—Relating to the appointment of certain officers of the City of Newton. (R)

Acts of 1900, chapter 415—Relating to the summoning of witnesses before the mayor and chief of police of the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1901, chapter 165—Authorizing the City of Newton construct a sewer through a part of the Town of Needham. (PR)

Acts of 1901, chapter 204—Providing additional sewerage facilities for the City of Newton and the Town of Brookline. (PR)

Acts of 1902, chapter 282—Relating to the term of office of the mayor of the City of Newton. (R) Accepted Dec. 9, 1902.

Acts of 1902, chapter 376—Relating to the board of assessors of the City of Newton. (R) Accepted Sept. 15, 1902.

Acts of 1902, chapter 480—Authorizing the City of Newton to lay main drains and common sewers in a part of Beacon Street in the City of Boston and to make assessments therefor upon certain property owners in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1903, chapter 152—Relating to the right of veto of the mayor of the City of Newton and fixing the vote requisite for the grant of street railway locations in the City of Newton. (R)

Acts of 1904, chapter 236—Authorizing the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the Finlay Mill Dam across the Charles River at Newton Lower Falls.

Acts of 1905, chapter 88—Relating to the overseers of the poor of the City of Newton. (R)

Acts of 1906, chapter 167—Relating to the use of parks on the Charles River. (PR)

Acts of 1907, chapter 249—Providing for the establishment of the boundary line between the City of Newton and the Town of Brookline.

Acts of 1909, chapter 138—Providing that the mayor of the City of Newton shall be a member of the school committee of the city.

Editor's note—Amended by Acts of 1937, c. 150.


Accepted Nov. 8, 1910.

Editor's note—Amended by Acts of 1937, c. 150.

Acts of 1910, chapter 362—Relating to disability of officers and heads of departments in the City of Newton. (R)

Acts of 1910, chapter 557—Relating to the removal of certain officers of the City of Newton. (R) Accepted Nov. 8, 1910.

Acts of 1913, chapter 189—Authorizing the City of Newton to lay, maintain and use sewers in the City of Waltham. (PR)

Editor's note—Waltham granted its consent to this Act on May 31, 1913.

Acts of 1913, chapter 383—Relating to the office of comptroller of accounts of the City of Newton. (R)

Acts of 1913, chapter 683—Providing for an additional water supply for the City of Newton. (PR) Accepted June 16, 1913.

Acts of 1913, chapter 769—Authorizing the City of Newton to provide for the disposal of sewage from the Riverside Recreation Grounds. (PR)

Acts of 1914, chapter 105—Providing that the municipal year of the City of Newton shall begin upon the first secular day in January. (R)

Special Acts of 1915, chapter 106—Relating to the regulation of sewer assessments in the City of Newton. (RAP)

Special Acts of 1915, chapter 177—Authorizing the enlargement and improvement of Nonantum Square in the City of Newton. (PR)

Special Acts of 1917, chapter 332—Authorizing the City of Newton to take land for municipal
purposes. (PR)

Acts of 1919, chapter 86—Relating to repairs of schoolhouses in the City of Newton. (R)

Special Acts of 1919, chapter 217—Relating to the boundary line between the City of Newton and the Town of Brookline.

Special Acts of 1920 chapter 86—Relating to the regulation of sewer assessments in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1920, chapter 561—Authorizing the City of Newton to beautify parts of the Cochituate Aqueduct. (PR)

Accepted June 7, 1920.

Acts of 1924, chapter 243—Relating to the control of Crystal Lake in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1925, chapter 35—Authorizing the planning board of the City of Newton upon vote of its board of aldermen to act as its board of survey. (PR)

Acts of 1926, chapter 55—Relating to nomination papers and ballots for city elections in the City of Newton.

Acts of 1927, chapter 336—Authorizing the City of Newton to use for school purposes a certain portion of the Newton Lower Falls Playground. (PR)

Accepted October 24, 1927.

Acts of 1928, chapter 73—Authorizing the City of Newton to take land for the purposes of a group of municipal buildings and surrounding grounds and to appropriate certain other lands therein for such purposes. (PR)

Acts of 1928, chapter 301—Enlarging the district to which certain laws relative to the emission of smoke shall apply, and providing for further investigation relative to the emission of smoke in such districts.

Acts of 1928, chapter 355—Providing retirement allowances based on annuity and pension contributions for employees of the City of Newton.

Accepted June 20, 1928.


Acts of 1930, chapter 109—Increasing retirement allowances payable to certain employees of the City of Newton.

Acts of 1931, chapter 450—Authorizing certain highway and other improvements in certain cities and towns within the metropolitan district, etc. This covers highway from Hammond to Beacon Street, Ward Six.

Acts of 1931, chapter 454—Relative to certain highway and other improvements in certain cities and towns within the metropolitan parks district. This covers Route 128 crossing Boylston Street, Wellesley Line.

Acts of 1932, chapter 25—Authorizing the City of Newton to use for highway purposes certain land heretofore appropriated for war memorial and municipal building purposes.

Acts of 1932, chapter 205—Providing for the extension of the main sewer of the South Metropolitan Sewerage System from its present terminus in Boston to Newton.

Acts of 1932, chapter 285—Relative to the construction of the Worcester Turnpike, so called, as a state highway.

Acts of 1932, chapter 301—Relative to the construction of a parkway or boulevard from Hammond Street in the Town of Brookline to Beacon Street in the City of Newton and relative to the construction of an extension of said parkway or boulevard in said City of Newton. (PR)

Accepted Dec. 28, 1933.

Acts of 1935, chapter 261—Relative to laying out, locating anew, altering, widening and discontinuing ways in the City of Newton. (PR)

Acts of 1937, chapter 150—Providing for biennial municipal elections in the City of Newton.

Accepted (Plan B) Dec. 14, 1937.

Acts of 1943, chapter 182—Relative to the filling of vacancies in the board of aldermen of the City of Newton. (PR)

Accepted Nov. 8, 1943.

Acts of 1946, chapter 359—An act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired.

Acts of 1947, chapter 528—Relative to the retirement system of the employees of the City of
Newton.  
Accepted Sept. 8, 1947.  
**Editor’s note**—Amended by Acts of 1951, c. 614.  

**Acts of 1947, chapter 544**—Providing for the creation of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the acquisition and operation by it of the entire assets, property and franchises of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.  

**Acts of 1948, chapter 558**—An act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired.  
Accepted June 6, 1949.  

**Acts of 1950, chapter 303**—Authorizing the Metropolitan District Commission to discharge water into the Charles River under certain circumstances.  

**Acts of 1951, chapter 614**—Relative to the retirement system of the City of Newton.  
Accepted Sept. 4, 1951.  

**Acts of 1952, chapter 208**—Providing for the repeal of the law authorizing preferential voting at municipal elections in the City of Newton and making the General Municipal Election Laws applicable. (R)  
Accepted Nov. 4, 1952.  

**Acts of 1953, chapter 367**—Authorizing the City of Newton to use for playground or school yard purposes a certain portion of Farlow Park, Ward 7. (PR)  
Accepted: Board of Aldermen, June 3, 1953; Recreation Commission, June 9, 1953.  

**Acts of 1953, chapter 549**—Relative to nomination papers of candidates for city office in the City of Newton. (R)  

**Acts of 1954, chapter 532**—Providing for the division of the City of Newton into eight wards and increasing the number of aldermen to twenty-four and the number of members of the school committee to eight. (R)  
Accepted Nov. 2, 1954.  

**Acts of 1955, chapter 121**—Relative to the making of contracts by the City of Newton. (R)  
Accepted May 5, 1955.  

**Acts of 1955, chapter 211**—Authorizing the City of Newton to use for school purposes a certain portion of the Newton Center playground. (PR)  
Accepted: Board of Aldermen, June 30, 1955; Recreation Commission, May 5, 1955.  

**Acts of 1955, chapter 419**—Authorizing and directing the transfer from the Metropolitan District Commission to the City of Newton of certain parts of the Cochituate Aqueduct and empowering said city to acquire land, etc., to facilitate the utilization of said aqueduct for sewage disposal purposes. (PR)  

**Acts of 1957, chapter 450**—Providing for extension of rapid transit facilities in the City of Newton.  

**Acts of 1959, chapter 563**—Relative to the height of buildings in the City of Newton.  

**Acts of 1960, chapter 182**—Providing for the maintenance and repair of certain footbridges. (R)  

**Acts of 1960, chapter 587**—Relative to the use of new wards and precincts thereof in the City of Newton in nominating and electing representatives of the General Court.  
Accepted Aug. 18, 1960.  

**Acts of 1961, chapter 439**—Establishing a traffic commission in the City of Newton. (PR)  
Accepted June 27, 1962.  

**Acts of 1961, chapter 540**—Establishing the Western Suburbs Transportation District.  

**Acts of 1962, chapter 316**—Authorizing the police of the City of Newton to remove from private property motor vehicles parked thereon without permission of the owner. (PR)  
Accepted May 23, 1962.  


**Acts of 1963, chapter 621**—Payment of certain bills authorized.  

**Acts of 1963, chapter 710**—Police benefits increased.  

**Acts of 1967, chapter 337**—Requiring the City of Newton to adjust the pension of Rachel G. Murphy. (PR)  

**Acts of 1969, chapter 631**—Relative to the membership of the recreation commission of the City of Newton. (PR)  
Accepted January 19, 1970.  

**Acts of 1970, chapter 405**—Authorizing the City of Newton to abate and refund certain taxes erroneously assessed upon and collected from Frost Motors, Inc.  

**Acts of 1970, chapter 413**—Providing that vacancies in the Board of Aldermen be filled by special elections.  

**Acts of 1971, chapter 496**—Authorizing the City of Newton to pay two employees of said city for the difference between their regular wages and certain sums received by them as workmen's compensation.
Act of 1971, chapter 691—Authorizing the City of Newton to revoke its acceptance of a health department to replace the board of health therein.

Accepted September 13, 1973.

Acts of 1974, chapter 357—Provides for eligibility of certain person for appointment as police officer.

Accepted December 15, 1975.

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Acts of 1977, chapter 170—Authorizes city to promulgate rules and regulations relative to parking of vehicles in residential areas.
Accepted July 5, 1977.

Acts of 1977, chapter 380—Exempting from civil service regulations certain positions in the city school department.
Accepted October 3, 1977.

Acts of 1977, chapter 758—Regulating the holding of certain motor vehicles towed for illegal parking in the city until fines have been paid or secured.
Accepted December 19, 1977.

Acts of 1979, chapter 290—Authorizing the City of Newton to lease a certain building in said city for fifty years. (Peirce School)

Acts of 1979, chapter 423—Authorizing the City of Newton to sell or lease to Nonantum American Legion Post 440, Inc. certain surplus land originally acquired for playground purposes.

Acts of 1979, chapter 751—Authorizing the creation of a betterment district in the City of Newton. To acquire the Chestnut Hill Country Club property. [Act to take effect on acceptance of City of Newton by majority of board of aldermen and approval of mayor.]
Accepted June 16, 1980; Mayor approved June 18, 1980.


Acts of 1981, chapter 153—Authorizing the City of Newton to sell and convey a certain parcel of land known as the Murray Road School property.

Acts of 1981, chapter 328—Exempting certain employees of the department of housing services in the City of Newton from provisions of the civil service law.

Acts of 1981, chapter 330—Authorizing the City of Newton to lease any of its municipal buildings for a term of years not exceeding sixty-five years.


Acts of 1982, chapter 292—Authorizing the City of Newton to sell and convey a certain parcel of land known as the Emerson School property and a portion of playground land adjacent thereto.


Acts of 1982, chapter 426—Abolishing the park commission and establishing a parks and recreation commission in the City of Newton.

Acts of 1982, chapter 462—Authorizing an additional time period for the City of Newton to add omitted property to the tax list for the fiscal year 1982.

Acts of 1982, chapter 468—Authorizing the City of Newton to sell and convey a certain parcel of land in said city known as the Claflin School property.

Acts of 1982, chapter 479—Relating to the powers and duties of the department of housing services and establishing a housing authority in the City of Newton.


Acts of 1983, chapter 418—Relating to licensing and keeping of dogs in the City of Newton.

Acts of 1984, chapter 66—Continuing the authority
of the mayor of the City of Newton in the
appointment of a board of three assessors and its
Acts of 1984, chapter 91—Authorizing the City of
Newton to hold mortgages on the former Davis
School and Carr School properties, and on land
in Billerica acquired by the city from a posted
security.
Acts of 1984, chapter 301—Authorizing the City of
Newton to sell surplus open land under the
jurisdiction of the Newton recreation department
to abutter Paul Pattison.
Acts of 1985, chapter 497—Authorizing Frank
Albano of Newton to take civil service
examination for firefighter notwithstanding the
maximum age requirements.
Acts of 1985, chapter 656—Allowing real estate
tax exemption for certain disabled veterans
residing in the City of Newton.
Acts of 1986, chapter 117—Authorizing the board
of assessors of the City of Newton to act on late
applications of Brae Burn County Club and the
Woodland Golf Club for tax classification as
recreational land.
Acts of 1986, chapter 149—Allowing increase in
pension for survivors of City of Newton officials
and employees.
Acts of 1986, chapter 181—Allowing the City of
Newton to issue notice of estimated FY 87 real
estate tax and require payment of property
owners.
Acts of 1986, chapter 252—Prohibiting public
pension funds of the City of Newton from being
invested with financial institutions doing
business with the Republic of South Africa.
Acts of 1986, chapter 258—Authorizing an
additional period of time for action by the board
of assessors of the City of Newton on
applications for FY 87 tax abatements.
Acts of 1986, chapter 292—Allowing non-binding
questions relating to restoration of the Watertown
trolley line replacing MBTA Route 57 to be
placed on 1986 state ballots of the City of
Newton, Ward 7, Precinct 2.
Acts of 1986, chapter 575—Authorizing the City of
Newton to appropriate money for payment of late
billing by the Honeywell Corp. for computer
equipment dating to 1984.
Acts of 1987, chapter 166—Authorizing the
Commonwealth to convey to the City of Newton
easements in MDC land for the south side sewer
and sewer pumping station at Elliot St.
Acts of 1987, chapter 274—Authorizing the
election commission of the City of Newton to
send to its residents the text and information on
questions to appear on the Newton ballots.
Acts of 1987, chapter 659—Authorizing the City of
Newton to utilize its Homer St. parcel of land as
a site for the municipal library and parking.
Acts of 1988, chapter 201—Authorizing use of
portion of Centre Green parkland for municipal
parking lot.
Acts of 1989, chapter 499—Relative to the Newton
Community Development Authority and to the
powers, duties and functions of the Newton
Housing Authority.
Acts of 1990, chapter 23—Designating a certain
bridge in the City of Newton as the American
Ex-prisoners of War Bridge.
Acts of 1990, chapter 276—Authorizing the City of
Newton to lease a certain parcel of land and to
sell the buildings thereon.
Acts of 1990, chapter 323—Establishing the date of
appointment of Frank Greco as a City of Newton
employee.
Acts of 1991, chapter 35—Authorizing the City of
Newton to use private land south of Concord
Street as a site for a sewer pumping station.
and 3-3 of the City Charter to provide for
appointment of the collector-treasurer by the
mayor for a term coterminous with the mayor's
term.
Acts of 1992, chapter 86—Authorizing the City of
Newton to accept and act upon a late application
by the Woodland Golf Club for classification of
of the City Charter relative to effective dates of
appointments by the mayor unless rejected by the
board of aldermen.
Acts of 1992, chapter 174—Requiring that the
reorganization plan contain an explanatory memo
which shall include references to ordinances to
be repealed or modified and summary of
proposed ordinance changes to be put into effect
by such plan.
Acts of 1992, chapter 279—Establishing the
position of chief of police for the City of Newton
as managerial and exempt from the provisions of
the civil service law.
Acts of 1992, chapter 341—Authorizing the City of
Newton to arrange for an employee disability insurance policy.

*Acts of 1992, chapter 389*—Exempting the City of Newton sealer of weights and measures, chief deputy sealer of weights and measures, and deputy sealer of weights and measures from the provisions of the civil service law.

*Acts of 1993, chapter 474*—Authorizing the City of Newton to invest public pension funds in South Africa after review of companies policies for compliance with the platform of guiding principals provided in M.G.L. c. 32, § 23(5).

*Acts of 1994, chapter 20*—Authorizing the City to hold a special election for the remainder of the unexpired term of Mayor.

*Acts of 1996, chapter 49*—Relative to the Chestnut Hill Historic District in the City of Newton.

*Acts of 1996, chapter 82*—Authorizing the Mayor to sell the public works yard and the buildings thereon to the Newton Boys & Girls Club Corporation.

*Acts of 1996, chapter 122*—Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to act upon certain underground utility petitions for the construction of underground lateral wires and conduits.

*Acts of 1996, chapter 204, Section 146*—Relating to the disability retirements of the firefighters who were injured as a result of the explosion of molten sodium at the H.C. Starck, Inc. plant.

*Acts of 1996, chapter 446*—Authorizing the Newton Housing Authority to sell to Newton-Wellesley-Weston Committee for Community Living the land it occupies and buildings thereon.

*Acts of 1997, chapter 112*—Relative to the eligibility of Edward Gourdeau simultaneously to serve as firefighter and constable for the city.


*Acts of 1998, chapter 212*—Relative to the authority of police officers of Newton, Boston and Brookline in certain geographical areas.

*Acts of 2001, chapter 206*—Authorizing the certification and appointment of John F. Neville, III as a firefighter in the City of Newton.

*Acts of 2002, chapter 91*—Establishing a subprecinct consisting of a portion of ward 6 precinct 2, for the special election for ward 8 alderman scheduled for April 30, 2002.

*Acts of 2002, chapter 368*—Amending the city charter, by requiring ward residency for candidates for aldermen and school committeemen as of the date the election commission makes available nomination papers.

*Acts of 2003, chapter 121*—Relative to grant of easements to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, affecting three parcels of land.


**Editor's Note:** Section 1 extended to September 11, 2008 by the Acts of 2005, Chapter 77.

*Acts of 2004, chapter 453*—Authorizing establishment of maximum income qualifications for clause 41A tax deferral program, not to exceed $60,000 in qualifying gross receipts.

*Acts of 2007, chapter 73*—Relative to the powers and duties of the Newton Community Development Authority and Newton Housing Authority.

*Acts of 2007, chapter 75*—Authorizing certain investments of trust funds by the City Treasurer, in consultation with each trust fund board.

*Acts of 2008, chapter 152*—Amending section 8-3 of the City Charter relative to preliminary elections in the City of Newton.

*Acts of 2010, chapter 10*—Authorizing the City of Newton Retirement Board to grant a superannuation retirement allowance to Frank Albano.

*Acts of 2013, chapter 154*—Authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the City of Newton.

*Acts of 2014, chapter 96*—Authorizing the Appointment of Special Police Officers in Newton.

*Acts of 2014, chapter 117*—Authorizing the temporary use of certain park lands in the City of Newton.

*Acts of 2014, chapter 127*—Authorizing the City of Newton to place an advisory question on the ballot.

*Acts of 2015, chapter 26*—Relative to certain elections in the City of Newton.

*Acts of 2015, chapter 87*—Relative to the Charter of the City of Newton.

*Acts of 2016, chapter 266*—Relative to special police officers in the City of Newton.
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