

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of Marie E. Howe for legislation to provide for notice requirements for hearings of appeals and variances under the zoning laws to be given certain abutters and owners of land. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS OF APPEALS AND VARIANCES UNDER THE ZONING LAWS TO BE GIVEN CERTAIN ABUTTERS AND OWNERS OF LAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 17 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing
 2 in section 2 of chapter 201 of the acts of 1962, is hereby
 3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
 4 place thereof the following sentence: — The Board of Appeals
 5 shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of any appeal or
 6 other matter referred to it or any petition for a variance, and
 7 shall cause the notice of the time and place of such hearing
 8 thereof and of the subject matter, sufficient for identification,
 9 to be published in newspaper of general circulation in the city
 10 or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publica-
 11 tion to be not less than fourteen days before the day of the
 12 hearing or if there is no such newspaper in such city or town
 13 then by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the city
 14 or town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before
 15 the day of such hearing, and also send notice by mail, postage
 16 prepaid, to the petitioner and to the owners of all property
 17 deemed by the board to be affected thereby including the
 18 abutters and the owners of the land next adjoining the prop-
 19 erty which is the subject of the petition, and the owners of
 20 land next to the land of the abutters as they appear on the
 21 most recent local tax list, and to the planning board of such
 22 city or town.

