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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (BY REQUEST)**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the community preservation act.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| William C. Brown | 28 Martin Rd Reading, MA 01867 |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 655 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the community preservation act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection: ⎯

(i) Upon acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive, every subsequent five years, the city or town clerk or the state secretary shall place before the voters of said city or town the following ballot question: “Shall this (city or town) re-accept sections 3 through 7, inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below”.  (Set forth here a fair, concise summary and purpose of the law to be acted upon, as determined by the city solicitor or town counsel, including in said summary the percentage of the surcharge to be imposed.)

If a majority of voters voting on said ballot question vote in the affirmative, then its provisions shall remain in effect for an additional five years; otherwise, the act shall cease.