

**PETITION FOR WAIVER OF THE**

 **FY2021 MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION REQUIREMENT**

**The municipality of**  Choose an item.  **hereby petitions the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for a waiver of the Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) for Fiscal Year 2021.**

**Signature, Library Director:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature, Library Trustee Chair:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: This is the first year of the 5 year waiver plan.**

**This petition is due postmarked by October 16, 2020 and the following four (4) items must be postmarked by November 6, 2020**:

1. Signed, completed ***FY2020/FY2021 Total Municipal Operating Budget/Disproportionate Cut Worksheet***
	1. usually filled out by the municipality’s financial officer (i.e. town accountant)
2. Supporting municipal budget document(s), summarizing the *final* FY2020 and *proposed* FY2021 total operating and departmental budgets for the municipality
3. One letter from a municipal official:
	1. citing the fiscal hardship surrounding the municipality’s inability to meet the FY2021 MAR
	2. explaining the municipality's FY2021 budget process regarding the library
	3. providing evidence that any reduction to the library budget is not disproportionate relative to changes in other municipal departments and the overall municipal budget
4. One letter from the library director and trustee chair:
	1. explaining the library's FY2021 budget process and reasons why the municipality did not comply with the FY2021 MAR

**Please answer the following questions:**

1.Has the municipality held an election to raise revenues beyond the limitations of Proposition 2½ for FY2021?

YES [ ]  NO [ ]  DATE OF ELECTION Click here to enter a date.

If YES, what was the result of the election? PASSED [ ]  FAILED [ ]

2.Is further budgetary action expected that might increase the municipality's FY2021 appropriation to the library?

YES [ ]  NO [ ]

If YES, what form of action is expected? a) Override referendum [ ]  b) Capital exclusion [ ]

c) Debt exclusion [ ]  d) Budget revision [ ]  e) Other (please specify)

Proposed Date(s) of above action(s) Click here to enter a date.

**THIS PETITION MUST BE sent electronically to** **uechi.ng@mass.gov** **BY OCTOBER 16, 2020**

**THE ADDITIONAL 4 ITEMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 6, 2020.**