

The Mayor shall appoint a Council on Aging to consist of seven members. The term of office of each member shall be for three years, so arranged that as nearly an equal number of terms as is possible shall expire each year.

B. Qualifications of Members

The members of the Council on Aging shall be persons especially fitted by education, training, and previous experience to perform the duties of the office.

C. Powers and Duties

The Council on Aging shall plan, coordinate and carry out programs, services and functions designed to meet the needs of the aging citizens of the City in coordination with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

(1973 Ord., as amended by Ord. #63, July 1978)

Section 3-31. Municipal Disability Commission

A. Composition, Mode of Appointment, Term of Office

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8J of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 390 of the Acts and Resolves of 1991, there is hereby established a Methuen Commission on Disability which shall consist of nine members.

Appointments to the Commission shall be made by the Mayor, subject to approval by the City Council, for a term of three years, so arranged that the term of one-third of its members shall expire annually in July of each year. **A majority of said Commission members shall consist of people with disabilities. One member shall be a member of an immediate family of a person with a disability and one member of said Commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of the City of Methuen.** The remaining members may be appointed from the citizenry at large.

B. Powers and Duties

It shall be the duty of the Commission to cause the full integration and participation of people with disabilities in the City of Methuen. Such powers and duties shall consist of the ability to:

- 1) Research local problems of people with disabilities.
- 2) Advise and assist municipal officials and employees in insuring compliance with State and Federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities.