

MA sex offender residency restrictions

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Based on a Jan. 2009 survey of MASOC and MATSA members, and additional agency inquiries, it appears that at least the following cities and towns in MA have passed or considered some form of residency restriction for sex offenders. Note that this information has not been officially confirmed by the municipalities or legal authorities. Also, town meeting season is beginning anew in many places, so restrictions may be considered in additional towns this spring. It appears that towns require legal review by the AG's office before implementing residency restrictions they have passed, while cities in MA do not. Thank you to Joan and Laurie for coordinating the collection of this information.

Voted but rejected by town:

- Hull
- Scituate
- Plymouth
- ~~Quincy~~

Towns which have passed residency restrictions of some type:

- Barnstable
- Braintree
- Charleton
- Chelsea
- Colrain (pending approval by AG, last I heard)
- Dedham
- Dudley
- Fall River
- Fitchburg
- Framingham
- Hanover
- Lynn
- Mendon
- Natick (restriction from youth activities only, not a residency restriction)
- Norwood (may have restrictions, waiting to confirm)
- Pembroke
- ~~Quincy~~
- Rockland
- Somerset
- Southborough
- Waltham
- Webster
- W. Boylston

Cities which have passed residency restrictions

- Revere

- New Bedford (a little different-it is a child protection law that creates a buffer zone/banned from public places where children gather such as libraries)
- Marlborough
- Southborough
- Springfield
- Taunton
- Westfield
- Weymouth

Towns or Cities that have excluded minors from their bylaws/ordinances include:

- Colrain,
- Dedham,
- Marlborough,
- Natick,
- Pembroke,
- Rockland,
- Springfield.
- West Boylston,
- Weymouth,