



## Legislation Text

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**TITLE:**

Board of Aldermen Review of 7:00 P.M. Meeting Start Time

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this item is to allow the Board of Aldermen the time to discuss how the 7:00 P.M. meeting start time is working and if not, to provide direction to staff.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Cathy Dorando, 919-918-7309

**INFORMATION:** On November 13, 2018, the Board of Aldermen requested that their 2019 meetings begin at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM for a trial basis. They requested time to review the start time in June. This item is to allow the Board of Aldermen to review how the 7:00 PM meeting time has worked and provide direction to staff if they wish to change it.

Upon review of meetings for the January-May 2018 (7:30 P.M.) vs. January-May 2019 (7:00 P.M.) the following are true:

	Average Time Adjourned	Average Length of Meeting
January-May 2018 (7:30 P.M.)	9:45 PM	2 hours 14 minutes
January-May 2019 (7:00 P.M.)	9:25 PM	2 hours 26 minutes

While the Board has added time to the meetings, they have still adjourned at an earlier average time. It has been provided as a directive to the Town Manager to try to schedule agendas so that the meetings do not go beyond 10:00 P.M. The change in meeting time has significantly improved the average time of adjournment.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** If the Board changes the meeting time, there will be a cost associated with advertising the revised calendar in the newspaper.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen provide direction to staff.