

Proposal Request and Comment Form

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Connection to Tiverton:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?                  Yes: _____ No _____</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number:</p> <p>Email:</p>

**Note:**

Please return form to Richard Rom, Secretary by e-mail to [TivertonCRC@cox.net](mailto:TivertonCRC@cox.net) or by mail or other delivery to:

Tiverton Charter Review Commission  
 Attention: Richard Rom, Secretary  
 c/o Tiverton Town Clerk  
 343 Highland Road  
 Tiverton, Rhode Island 02878

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Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	

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Date: <b>8/23/17</b>	Name: <b>Donna Cook</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>#34</b></span>
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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Audio/video or digitally recorded meetings of elected officials  12/7/17- amended
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>  Address:  Phone number: 401-624-8745  Email:

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**Tiverton Charter Review Commission**

**Proposal Request**

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to ensure that the town shall require that all elected officials meetings be recorded either by audio/video or digitally for the public record. The courts are excluded. May have Public Hearings recorded.</p> <p>These recordings will be considered official records in conjunction with the minutes of the meetings.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>The Charter is silent on on this issue. Audio/video or digital recording of meetings have become standard practice and is expected by the public for the Town Council, School Committee, Budget Committee and the Charter Review Commission and Public Hearings.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Audio/video and digital recordings of meetings has become an integral part, along with the minutes of the meetings, of maintaining a record of what happened at the meetings for transparency and should be made available for the public to view.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>TBD</p>

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Tiverton Charter Review Commission

ID #68  
(amended)

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: 10/20/17	Name: Donna Cook #68
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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Non-Partisan Judge of Probate from 2 year to 4 year term  12/7/17- amended
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  Address:  Phone number: 401-624-8745  Email:

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Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to change the present term of 2 years for Probate Judge to a 4 year term and add non-partisan election to this office.</p> <p>There shall be a non-partisan Judge of Probate who shall be a qualified elector of the Town and member in good standing of the bar of the State of Rhode Island, engaged in the active practice of law. The non-partisan Judge of Probate shall be elected at the general election for four (4) year term pursuant to the provisions of State Law and this Charter.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>To give more stability to the Probate court by a longer term for the Judge of Probate.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>More stability for the court.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article VIII Town Officials and Offices; Section 804 Probate Court (a) Judge of Probate</p>

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Tiverton Charter Review Commission

ID #69  
(amended)

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Municipal Court Judge change from appointed to elected  12/7/17- amended
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Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to ensure that the present system of appointing a Municipal Court Judge by the Town Council be changed to a non-partisan elected position.</p> <p>There shall be a non-partisan Municipal Court Judge who shall be a qualified elector of the Town and member in good standing of the bar of the State of Rhode Island, engaged in the active practice of law. The non-partisan Municipal Court Judge shall be elected at the general election for four (4) year term pursuant to the provisions of State Law and this Charter.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change: Conflict of interest.</p> <p>Appointment of the Municipal Court Judge by the Town Council compromises the ability of the Judge to freely rule on Charter complaints filed by citizens against the government. The Judge also presides over adjudication of town ordinances passed by the Town Council which appoints the Municipal Judge at present.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>The non-partisan Municipal Court Judge, being elected, would mean he/she would serve by consent of the people instead of beholding to the Town Council via appointment.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article VIII Town Officials and Offices; Section 805 Municipal Court (a) Municipal Court Judge</p>

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