

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: 12/17/17	Name: Donna Cook
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Charter Review Commissioner
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Article X Boards and Commissions
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email:</p>

Note:
 Please return form to Richard Rom, Secretary by e-mail to TivertonCRC@cox.net or by mail or other delivery to:

Tiverton Charter Review Commission
 Attention: Richard Rom, Secretary
 c/o Tiverton Town Clerk
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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:

Change Requested	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to ensure that Article X Boards and Commissions be renamed Boards, Committees and Commissions.</p> <p>Also to be changed will be Section 1011- General Qualifications. This section will be moved alphabetized and placed under Article X as:</p> <p>(a) General Qualifications</p> <p>Members of Boards, Committees or Commissions must be electors of the Town of Tiverton. No members of Boards, Committees or Commissions as listed in the Charter shall be elected officials or employees of the Town of Tiverton, RI except as provided in Section 1213</p>
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>This section of the Charter is not consistent with it's use of Boards, Committees and Commission names, leaves Committee off the heading of Article X and then you will find all the above named in other sections. There needs to consistency throughout the Article and sections.</p> <p>General qualifications should be listed first but is found buried, as an after thought, in section 1011 and is confusing.</p>
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	<p>In general the whole section needs to be reorganized, reworded and refined for consistency so there is no confusion on qualifications, duties and responsibilities.</p>
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	<p>Change Table of Contents to: Article X, Boards, Committees and Commissions, add (a) General Qualifications. Article X add Committees to heading. Section 1011 to become sub-section (a) General Qualifications under heading Article X Boards, Committees and Commissions.</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	All labor or collective bargaining agreements
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email:</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to ensure that all labor or collective bargaining agreements requiring approval of the Town Council and School Committee, the details of any tentative agreement shall be made public at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the final approval vote is to be taken.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>Language at present in the Charter only allows only 3 days for all labor or collective bargaining agreement and details of the tentative agreement to be made public for inspection at which final approval vote is to be taken.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Will allow for more transparency in this process and give the taxpayer more time to inspect what has been negotiated.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article IV Town Council; Section 407, (13) Article XI School Department; Section 1101, (a)</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Town Council Duties and Responsibilities
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email:</p>

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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 Town Council shall have the authority to merge departments, common duties, functions and services of any agency of the Town of Tiverton, including the Tiverton School Department.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>The Charter does not have a provision that gives authority for the Town Council to merge departments, common duties, functions and services of an agency of the Town of Tiverton and the Tiverton School Department.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>This change will enable the Town Council to run the government more efficiently, stop duplication of duties and services and be more cost effective. It will also provide the taxpayer added value of the cost in taxes to the goods and services provided.</p> <p>It will also provide for efficiency in the municipal and school department.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article IV Town Council; Section 407, sub-section number TBD</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Change listing of Capital Improvement Program
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email:</p>

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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: Transfer Capital Improvement Program from Article XIII Transitional Provisions, Section 1310 to Article XII Miscellaneous.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change: The Capital Improvement Program is not transitional and a more appropriate placement of this program is Article XII</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Table of Contents to reflect change Article XIII, Section 1310 to be removed and transferred to Article XII, section TBD</p>

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Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: 28 December 2017	Name: Robert Coulter
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Commissioner (Charter Review Commission)
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Non-Elector Members of Certain Appointed Advisory Bodies
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: c/o Charter Review Commission, Tiverton Town Hall, 343 +</p> <p>Phone number: (401) 525-0469</p> <p>Email: rcoulter@outlook.com</p>

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Tiverton Charter Review Commission

Comment

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

The Commission has received various proposals raising the question of whether individuals who are not electors (registered voters) of Tiverton can serve as members of certain boards/commissions/committees.

Observe that there are individual officials (such as department heads) who are serving important functions that need not be Tiverton electors.

I also believe that one need not be a voting member of a body in order to still make a meaningful contribution by submitting written comments, attending meetings, etc.

I propose the following alternative:

#1) Any body which is elected can only have electors as members.

#2) Any body which is appointed but has independent authority (i.e. can exercise a power on its own without approval by the Town Council or another body or official) can only have electors as members.

#3) Any body which is appointed AND which is advisory only (i.e. no independent authority or powers) can have non-electors appointed as members IF BOTH (1) no elector has applied for the vacancy after the usual notice and process, AND (2) non-electors never constitute a majority of the body.

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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>Allow appointment of non-electors as members of appointed advisory bodies if no Tiverton electors apply at the time of vacancy and if non-electors will not constitute a majority of the body.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>To address various proposals which have requested more flexibility to have non-electors as members.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Ensure priority to Tiverton voters in filling vacancies. Ensure Tiverton voters remain in majority control of boards. May make it easier to fill vacancies, and bring in particularly qualified individuals even if not a Tiverton elector.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Boards, Committees and Commissions with low participation
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email:</p>

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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 if a board, committee or commission that are not elected bodies, governed by state or federal law, or any body with force of law that historically have low participation, can't find enough volunteers to fill appointed positions over two years, then with minimal interest (ex: at least three (3) board, committee or commission members), it just becomes a private organization, at which point it can have whatever members it wants.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>There are boards, committees and commissions that have a history of unfilled volunteer positions. It is reported that it might be the requirement to be an elector or resident. Unable to recruit or retain and there is minimal interest by volunteers to join. As a private organization, the members would not have to be electors or residents.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Since volunteers wouldn't be required to be electors or residents and the the board, committee or commission would now be a private organization, it would allow expanded access for them to include anyone they want in there organization and increase their membership.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article X</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Charter Violation Complaint Process
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: c/o Charter Review Commission, Tiverton Town Hall, 343</p> <p>Phone number: (401) 525-0469</p> <p>Email: rcoulter@outlook.com</p>

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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>Modify charter complaint process to have complaints go directly to municipal court. Also, clarify consequences of whether violations were intentional and knowing.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Resolve ambiguity. Ensure valid charter complaints are not blocked for political reasons. Help ensure frivolous complaints are less likely to be filed.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Charter complaints must be directed directly to the municipal court.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>1211</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Address Ambiguities from Prior Charter Complaints
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: c/o Charter Review Commission, Tiverton Town Hall, 343 +</p> <p>Phone number: (401) 525-0469</p> <p>Email: rcoulter@outlook.com</p>

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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	Review all charter violation complaints filed since charter adopted and resolve any sections where any ambiguity or difference of interpretation was involved.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Resolve ambiguity.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Resolve ambiguity.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	(Various.)

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Charter Review Commission
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: c/o Charter Review Commission, Tiverton Town Hall, 343</p> <p>Phone number: (401) 525-0469</p> <p>Email: rcoulter@outlook.com</p>

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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>Clarify that Charter Review Commission terms extend until the certification of the election in which its recommended charter changes were considered by the voters.</p> <p>Have next commission election occur between four and eight years of the conclusion of the prior commission's term.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Resolve ambiguity.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Improve clarity and spacing of commission terms.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>1205</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Benefits for Elected Full-Time Officials
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: c/o Charter Review Commission, Tiverton Town Hall, 343 +</p> <p>Phone number: (401) 525-0469</p> <p>Email: rcoulter@outlook.com</p>

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Comment

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

Proposal ID #84 would add treasurer and tie health insurance copayments union.

I propose as an alternative that elected full-time officials (currently town treasurer and town clerk) may receive benefits which are reasonably comparable to the average benefits typically received by department heads.

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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	Modify 1217 to address full-time elected officials (such as, currently, town treasurer) and consider benefits other than health insurance.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Confirm treatment of benefits other than health insurance.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Add clarity to charter.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	1217

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Date: December 28	Name: Randy Lebeau
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Town Councilor
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Amendment to Section 1214 Fees Collected by Town
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-241-2115</p> <p>Email: rlebeau@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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Comment

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

I feel that Section 1214 of the Charter on fees collected by the Town should be amended so only 90% goes into the general fund and 10% remains with the department for essential purchases and needs. It would not go to salaries.

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Change Requested	To change all fees collect by Town Officials or agencies to 90% of fees collected go to general fund account. Remaining 10% go to a restricted account for said department
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	10% would remain in department for their use
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Charter Section 1214

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