

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION AND TO DEFINE THE CHARGE TO THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Town of Manchester, acting herein by its Board of Directors, desires to initiate a review and possible revision of its Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 7-188 of Chapter 99, Municipal Charters and Special Acts, of the Connecticut General Statutes, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, that the municipality of the Town of Manchester initiate action for a review and possible revision of its Charter, including amendments thereto, pursuant to Section 7-187 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, by establishing a Charter Revision Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-190(a), shall appoint to the Charter Revision Commission not fewer than five (5) electors nor more than fifteen (15) electors to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-190(b), directs the following charge to the Charter Revision Commission:

1. Review of substantive or administrative amendments to the Charter as identified by the Town Administration's and Town Attorney's review of the Town Charter.
2. Review of Section 2-14 of the Town Charter, Justices of the Peace, to increase the authorized number of Justices of the Peace to 30.
3. Review of Section 9-1 of the Town Charter, Election to Board of Education to consider revision of the terms of office.
4. Review of Section 14-1 of the Town Charter, Recreation and Park Commission, to consider increasing the membership of the commission from 7 members to 9 members.
5. Review of Sections 3-2 and 3-3 of the Town Charter, election of the Board of Directors, to consider revision of the terms of office and compensation.
6. Review of Sections 3-2 and 9-1 of the Town Charter, election to the Board of Directors and Board of Education, to consider the use of at-large elections.

7. Review of Sections 3-1 and 4-5 of the Town Charter, powers of the Board of Directors, to consider the investigatory powers and ability to directly question department heads and initiate reports outside of the General Manager, as well as investigate matters within that department notwithstanding the General Manager's oversight of such department.

8. Review of Section 3-1 of the Town Charter with respect to the formulation of boards and commissions and the appropriateness of establishing those bodies by resolution or ordinance instead, so as to have flexibility in amending their structure and responsibilities absent charter revision.

9. Review of Section 4-5 of the Town Charter, General Manager appointments as opposed to Board of Directors appointments, not otherwise required by state or federal law.

10. Review of Section 3-1 of the Town Charter, powers of the Board of Directors, to provide the Board of Directors with the ability to draft proposals absent the direction of the General Manager.

11. Review of Section 3-5 of the Town Charter, powers of the Board of Directors, to clarify leadership including succession in the event of the resignation of the Chairman/Mayor of the Board of Directors.

12. Review of Section 3-1 of the Town Charter, to review training opportunities and possible requirements for members of boards and commissions.

13. Review of Chapter III and Chapter IV of the Town Charter, to consider the structure of the council-manager form of government.

The review of the Town Charter by the Charter Revision Commission is not restricted to the areas identified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester that the Charter Revision Commission submits its draft report to the Clerk of the Town of Manchester by no later than July 6, 2022.

Dated at Manchester, Connecticut this 6th day of April, 2021.

Yolanda Castillo, Secretary