

STATUS OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION
ON CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CHARTER CHANGES BY SECTION	CITY COUNCIL ACTION
Attachment 1	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 2-2 (b) Powers and Duties	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 2-6 (c) Rules of Procedure	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 3-3 Appointments by the Mayor	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 3-6 Approval of Mayor, Veto	Recommendation approved w/ deletion of word "resolution" in second occurrence - 3/5/2020
Section 3-7 Temporary Absence of the Mayor	Recommendation approved w/change of subtitle to "TEMPORARY ABSENCE OR INCAPACITATION OF THE MAYOR"
Section 3-9 Vacancy in Office of Mayor	FINAL ACTION NOT TAKEN - SOLICITOR REVIEW REQUESTED
Section 4-6 Filling of Vacancies	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 5-1 Trustees Under the Will of Charles E. Forbes	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 5-2 Elector Under the Oliver Smith Will	Recommendation approved w/deletion of standard prohibition against words "candidate for election" appearing on ballot, addition of requirement that process for filling vacancies be established by ordinance and change of "elected" to appointed." - 3/5/2020
Section 5-3 Supt. Of Smith Agricultural School	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020

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Section 5-4 Community Preservation Committee	Recommendation approved with change of 'elected' to 'appointed,' deletion of the last sentence about "candidate for reelection" and addition of sentence requiring process for filling vacancies to be established by ordinance - 3/5/2020
Section 7-2 Annual Budget Policy	Recommendation approved with sentence reworded as follows: "The mayor shall call a joint meeting of the city council, school committee, Smith Agricultural School trustees and the superintendents of both districts before the commencement of the budget process . . . " - 3/5/2020
Section 7-6 Independent Audit	Recommendation approved w/amendment to state that the award shall be made by the city council every three years instead of each year - 3/5/2020
Section 8-1 Preliminary Elections	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 8-2 Preliminary Election Procedures	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Section 10-7 Uniform Procedures Governing Multiple-Memb	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
REMAINING SECTIONS	
ARTICLE 8. ELECTIONS	
Lower the Municipal Voting age to 16	
Adopt ranked-choice voting for municipal elections	
Mail ballots for municipal elections to all registered voters	

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Remove the need to cite a specific reason to receive an absentee ballot for municipal elections	
Remove the designation "candidate for re-election" from the names of incumbents on municipal ballots	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Extend voting rights in municipal elections to non-citizens	
ARTICLE 5. OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS	
DELETE SECTION 5.1 CITY CLERK	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020
Recommendation to make city clerk appointed not elected	Recommendation approved - 3/5/2020