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Good Afternoon Bonnie:

There are eight (8) towns that have charter governments: Derry, Durham, Hooksett, Londonderry, Merrimack, Newmarket, Bedford and Peterborough.

I believe you are interpreting RSA 49-D:2, II (c) correctly. A Town Council-Town Manager ^{form} of government shall provide for a chief administrative officer. That person could be called a town manager or town administrator. Regardless, that person will be “vested with the same authority, be charged with the responsibility and enjoy similar job security as town managers under RSA 37.”



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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your presentation to Salem.
I have two questions.

1. Can I get a list of NH towns which have town charters? I thought I had a list, but apologize that I can't find it. Or are there only seven towns?
I have Bedford, Derry, Durham, Hooksett, Londonderry, Merrimack and Newmarket. Am I missing any?
2. Am I interpreting the RSAs correctly: The town executive for any NH town, regardless of the form of government (Select Board or Town Council), can be called whatever they want — Town Manager or Town Administrator — but the duties are the same? (RSA 37 and RSA 49:D,II(c)).

Thank you for clarifying these.

Best Regards,

Bonnie

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