

Article 03: Charter Amendment 2:

Shall the Town of Salem approve Charter Amendment 2 below relative to amending Section 3.3.1 of the Charter to clarify the residency qualifications for Town Council candidates and further create a new Section 3.3.5 requiring candidates to file a declaration of candidacy in?

Recommendations: Town Council:

Budget Committee: N/A

Description:

The proposed amendment relates to Section 3.3.1 of the Town Charter by clarifying the qualifications for candidates running for the office of Town Councilor. The amendment removes the section requiring the candidate to be a resident of Town for at least one(1) calendar year.

Additionally, the amendment incorporates language pursuant consistent with state law requiring candidates to file a formal “declaration of candidacy” as part of their eligibility for office.

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment to Section 3.3:

§ 3.3 Qualifications of Councilors

§ 3.3.1 Residency and Domicile

To be eligible for election to the office of Town Councilor, a candidate must be 18 years of age, and a resident of the Town ~~for at least one (1) calendar year before the election.~~ If a Councilor or any elected or appointed official establishes a domicile in another location outside the Town boundary lines, the office shall be declared vacant and shall be filled as provided by this Charter.

§ 3.3.5 Declaration of Candidacy

Consistent with state law, a candidate must file a “declaration of candidacy” with the Town Clerk to qualify for the office of Town Councilor.