

**Article 04: Charter Amendment 3:**

Shall the Town of Salem approve Charter Amendment 3 below relative to amending Section 8.7 of the Charter to align penalties for violations of the Charter with statutory authority and remove language creating enforceable misdemeanors?

Recommendations: Town Council:

Budget Committee: N/A

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**Description:**

The proposed amendment relates to Section 8.7 of the Town Charter by updating the language regarding violations and penalties to align with state law. The amendment removes the provision that makes willful violations of the Charter misdemeanors, as the Town does not have the statutory authority to create enforceable misdemeanors.

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**Full Text of the Proposed Amendment to Section 8.7:**

**§ 8.7 Violations and Penalties**

All willful violations of provisions of this Charter, unless otherwise provided, are hereby declared ~~to be misdemeanors, and all such~~ violations and all violations of town ordinances for which no other punishment is provided shall be punishable by a fine in accord with state statutes.