

Tiverton Charter Review Commission

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: 9/8/17	Name: Donna Cook
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Office of Tax Assessment
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification?          Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 192 Hilton Street</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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Change Requested	Issue for consideration: Language to ensure that the Tax Assessor is no longer under "Financial Services" and will be called, "Office of Tax Assessment".
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for consideration: Reorganization and renaming of "Financial Services" in the Charter.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Office of Tax Assessment would be separate from Department of Finance.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Section 601, Composition, and include any and all other sections of the Charter that pertain to this issue.

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Tax Assessor head of Office of Tax Assessment
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification?  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 192 Hilton Street</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	<p>Issue for consideration: Language to ensure that the Tax Assessor is head of the "Office of Tax Assessment".</p> <p>There shall be an Office of Tax Assessment, the head of which shall be the Tax Assessor, who shall be appointed by the Town Administrator with the approval of the Town council for an initial contract period not to exceed three (3) years. Renewal contracts shall not exceed three (3) years.</p>
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for consideration: Establishment of Office of Tax Assessment.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Office of Tax Assessment, new to Charter
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Section 601, 604, and include any and all other sections of the Charter that pertain to this issue.

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Tax Assessor Qualifications
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification?  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 192 Hilton Street</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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Change Requested	<p>Issue for consideration: Language to ensure more comprehensive qualifications for Tax Assessor.</p> <p>The Tax Assessor shall have an Associate's or Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and shall have prior experience with valuation and taxation of real estate and personal property. He or she shall either hold a certificate from the Rhode Island Association of Assessing Officers or the equivalent thereof, or acquire such certificate within one (1) year of being appointed. The Tax Assessor shall hold no other public office, appointment or employment with the Town of Tiverton.</p>
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for consideration: Tax Assessor job qualifications were minimal in the charter and needed a more comprehensive listing.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Clarification of job qualifications for Tax Assessor.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Section 604, and include any and all other sections of the Charter that pertain to this issue.

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Tax Assessment Board of Review
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification?  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 192 Hilton Street</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	Issue for consideration: Language to ensure that the Tax Assessment Board of Review will be part of the "Office of Tax Assessment". Will no longer be listed under "Financial Services".
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for Change: Reorganization of Financial Services to be Office of Assessment separate from Department of Finance.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Office of Assessment shall consist of the Tax Assessor and the Tax Assessment Board of Review
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Section 601, 605

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**Proposal Request and Comment Form**

Date: 9/18/17	Name: William Lopes
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: CRC member
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Town Council published list of recommended Capitol Improvement Projects and Gaming Revenue Projects by Category
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?                  Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 705 Old Colony Terrace</p> <p>Phone number: 624-7021</p> <p>Email: wflopes325@aol.com</p>

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## Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	Add new item to 407 2. New items are: Publish before the FTR a list of recommended Capitol Improvement projects including priority estimated costs and proposed payment method and source of funds. Also, publish a list of suggested casino gaming revenue by approved category as described in 602. (a) 15.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Provide a sharp focus for spending on Capitol Improvement Projects and use of annual gaming revenue, currently we do not have such a listing, and we end up with an "ad hoc" approach which is not efficient for town spending.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Provide a more efficient way to target higher cost projects for the town, help contribute to a more effective budgeting process, reduce town costs and increase taxpayer value
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Town Debt Commitment List
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?            Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 705 Old Colony Terrace</p> <p>Phone number: 624-7021</p> <p>Email: wflopes325@aol.com</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Add new item Section 602 (a) Item 14: annually before the FTR, Treasurer shall review all town debt commitments and summarize on a general list particulars (i.e. interest rate, duration, last payment, etc.) of the debt. Treasurer shall recommend any debt restructuring for a net town cost reduction. Restructuring is not to be considered strictly to provide room in the Operating Budget for additional spending.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>No such public list exists, and restructuring is not recommended for FTR consideration</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Additional cot savings may be available for town consideration, and unnecessary debt restructuring to increase town spending will be avoided.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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Date: Sept. 19, 2017	Name: Susan Anderson
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	All taxpayers should be able to vote on the budget-tax levy: non-resident and resident
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  Address: 1137 Main Rd  Phone number: 625-1352  Email:

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Change Requested	ALL taxpayers should be able to vote on the budget-tax levy: non-resident and resident.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Currently, only electors are allowed to vote on the budget-tax levy. Not all electors pay property taxes which are the main source of taxable income for the Town. There are property owners who pay Town taxes, yet do not live in Town. They are not allowed to vote on the budget-tax levy. They are being taxed without having any say in what they are taxed to pay. This is taxation without representation, and certainly not fair to the non-resident taxpayer.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	This will allow all taxpayers to have a voice and vote on their taxes.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Section 301

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Date: September 9, 2017	Name: Nancy Driggs	ID #23
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal	
Short Title for Proposal:	Language to clarify explicitly that miscellaneous sources of revenue includes casino gaming revenue.	
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>  Address: 61 Peaceful Way  Phone number: 835-0099  Email: nancy.driggs@gmail.com	

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Insert language to clarify explicitly that miscellaneous sources of revenue include casino gaming revenue. Section 1214 fees collected by the town - all fees, penalties, payments and miscellaneous sources of revenue, including casino gaming revenue, and not limited to vending machines, copy machines, and recreational activities collected by Town Officials or agencies in their official capacities shall be transmitted to the town treasurer to be transmitted into the general fund of the town. The compensation paid to each official shall be in lieu of all fees, penalties and payments payable to such official in the performance of his/her duties. Fees, penalties, and payments shall be reviewed and revised as necessary on an annual basis. Fees, penalties and payments shall be set to at least cover the cost incurred by the town.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>To ensure the casino gaming revenue is in the annual budgeting process which is voted on by the people.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>The proposed change maintains maximum flexibility for future town budgeting and has the potential to reduce the tax levy by the maximum amount.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: October 10, 2017	Name: Planning Board - Stuart Hardy, Chair
Connection to Tiverton:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Official Town Charter Board
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Reduce the number of Planning Board members from 9 to 7.
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification?                  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: Tiverton Town Hall</p> <p>Phone number: 624-8213</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:planningboard@tiverton.ri.gov">planningboard@tiverton.ri.gov</a></p>

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Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	To reduce the Planning Board Members from 9 to 7.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Nine positions are difficult to fill wirth qualified volunteers and the large number sometimes makes quorums difficult to attain and meedings unweilding.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	The reduction from nine members to seven members will facilitate the orderly and productive functioning of the Planning board.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Ammend Charter Art. X, Ec. 1001 (b). <i>Phase in the new # of members by attrition</i>

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**Comment**

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

Upon review of the current Charter, I share the following comments on behalf of the Planning Board:

All comments, proposals and recommendations contained in this document were approved by the Planning Board on October 3, 2017.

The current Charter needs to be undated to re4flect existing and proposed changes in the way the Planning Board is organized and functions.

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**October 10, 2017**