

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: November 28, 2017	Name: Nancy Mello, Town Clerk
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: Town Clerk
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Municipal Court Clerk
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

Note:

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Comment

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

Section 801 - Town Clerk

Municipal Court clerk is in process of being moved to the Police Department.

The information for the court is all generated through the police department which can be in conflict with the security systems between servers at the Town Hall.

My request would be to remove the duty from the Town Clerk (as was done prior to my becoming Town Clerk) since the work is now being performed at the Police Department.

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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	Removal of wording under Section 801 assigning Municipal Court Clerk to the Town Clerk.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	All work and documents are generated from Police Department records.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Becomes duty of a clerk in the Police Department which is already underway. Funds for that position are being transferred with the duties. Should have minimal financial impact.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VIII Section 801 Town Clerk

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Recall Petition
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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Section 1209

Explains the petition and number of signatures for recall. Also explains process once petition is received by Town Clerk with proper number of signatures. It does not give any time limit once the process for obtaining signatures begins. I would like to have a 6 month time limit to obtain signatures. To date I know of no petition that has received proper number of signatures. Should be time limit to close on petition.

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Change Requested	Include a time limit of perhaps 6 months to complete the process of obtaining signatures.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	The process of recall is serious and it does involve work to put on a special election as required. Petitions should not be left open ended.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Six months after an elector begins the process of recall there will be some closure to the process. At times I have had several taken out at the same time but no names submitted. It keeps the planning of possible special election in limbo.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article XII Miscellaneous Section 1209 - Recall

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Recall Petition <i>Charter Complaints</i>
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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This section needs to be reviewed for clarity. It has been challenged in the past. I have always felt there is a need for some type of gatekeeper in the process to determine whether or not the complaint warrants the efforts and work involved to bring this forward to next step. Often the issue is resolved prior to the complaint being made. Whether or not something is deliberately or unintentionally done. This in no way minimizes the severity of any Charter complaint. Charter violations are very serious and should not be taken lightly.

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>I'd like to see someone have the responsibility to determine the severity of the proposed violation and to consider the action as intentional or unintentional prior to proceeding with the process. Perhaps as a suggestion the Municipal Court judge could review written statements and determine if the process continues.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>This process has been challenged and is timely and costly.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>More clarity up front as to whether or not the violation rises to the level of effort involved.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article XII Miscellaneous - Charter Violations Section 1211 Enforcement (a) Complaints by Citizens</p>

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Short Title for Proposal:	Recall Petition <i>Health Care</i> <i>m</i>
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This section should be clarified that the position of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer are entitled to be part of health coverage but will contribute same as AFSCME contribution.

There has been confusion in past prior to my voluntarily paying a co-pay. Treasure is now a full time employee as well and should have same ability to have coverage with co-pay of union.

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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	Add Treasurer and include co-payment to mirror AFSCME union.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Treasurer now full time employee and clarity on Clerk portion to pay.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	More clarity and adds Treasurer
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article XII Miscellaneous Section 1217 - Health Benefits for Elected Officials

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Hiring of seasonal or temporary help
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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

The process and advertising for seasonal and temporary help is costly and time consuming for practical purposes. Example would be beach workers and life guards. By the time we advertise and personnel reviews the young workers have taken other positions.
I would like to see Personnel Board responsible for hiring of all personnel other than seasonal, temporary or part time.

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Change Requested	change of duties under section 1007 section (a) duties and responsibilities of Personnel Board and (b) General Provisions add language to omit seasonal, acting, temporary and possible part time.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	cost of advertising and time necessary to go through personnel board
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Administrator would be responsible to hire seasonal, acting, temporary and possibly part time workers.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Section 1007 - Personnel Board (a) Duties and Responsibilities (b) General Provisions

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Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: October 16, 2017	Name: Jerry Larkin for Tiverton School Committee
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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	School Committee Budget Submission
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</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:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Change the deadline for submission of the School Committee budget to "no later than February 15".</p> <p>(We would prefer March 15 but recognize the difficulty involved with the deadlines of both the budget committee review and the financial town referendum requirements.)</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Given the complexity of the budget and the timing of information from outside sources, preparing a budget by mid-January is extremely difficult. Adding an additional month will allow the school district to provide the Budget Committee with more accurate information.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Moves the deadline of the School Committee budget submission by one month.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>301(a)(5) – Schedule</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	School Committee Access to Ballot
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Change From: "At the discretion of the School Committee, said Optional Budget Proposal shall include the Budget Committee recommended school budget or the school budget request." Change To: "At the discretion of the School Committee, said Optional Budget Proposal shall include the Budget Committee recommended school budget or the school budget request. The school budget request shall be as recommended by the School Committee by majority vote and may be amended from its original submission to the Budget Committee."</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Change is needed to clarify that the School Committee's Optional Budget Proposal is not bound by the originally submitted budget. This will give the School Committee the flexibility to alter a budget for changes in information or changes in decisions that occur subsequent to the original submission.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Clarify language</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>301(c)(2) – Access to Ballot</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Petitioner Submission Requirements
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Break down requirements for a petitioner’s budget in to outline form -Any alternate budget must be submitted to the town solicitor prior to the collection of signatures for review and to certify that the petitioners budget conforms with the provisions of this charter. -At the time of the submission of the petition to the Town Clerk for certification, the petition originator shall provide and the Town Clerk shall record . . . -Said docket must be attached to the petition for the purposes of collecting certifying signatures.ements.)</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Makes the detailed instruction easier for a petitioner to follow.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Clarify language.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>301(d)(1) – Elector Budget Proposals.</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Presentation of Docket to Electorate
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Recommendation is to add a public hearing before the docket is finalized, in order to accept public input and make changes if necessary.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>This would allow for possible adjustments if requested and agreed upon according to public input.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Allow for more public input.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>703(6) – Budget Committee Duties and Responsibilities</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	School Committee Meeting Minutes
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Change From: "Copies of the minutes of School Committee meetings shall be on file in the office of the Town Clerk." Change To: "Minutes of School Committee meetings shall be posted electronically to the RI Secretary of State website and in accordance with Rhode Island General Law."</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Update wording to reflect current accepted practice as well as state requirement.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>None – Clearer wording only.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>1101 – School Committee.</p>

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