

# City of Derby - Explanatory Text

## Charter Revision – 7 Questions for November 3, 2020 Election

- 1. Shall Sections 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 26, 28, 29, 37, 52, 53, 56, 57, 63, 67, 68, 70, and 89 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to make general changes, update old language, delete obsolete sections, and correct grammatical, spelling, and typographical errors in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>
1	Incorporation	Changes general statute to Connecticut General Statutes
4	Elections	Section d - Add residency requirement to run for & serve in local office
5	Vacancies	Clarification and consolidation of Language
9	List of Nominees	Delete Entire Section as it is covered by Connecticut General Statutes
10	Mayor	Clarifies Authorization to Sign Contracts & Corrects Typographical Error
11	Appointments - Officers	Clarification of Language including start of Term and deleting Tax Collector
14	Dual Office Holding	Delete part of title only and update/add Aldermen/Alderwomen
15	Mayor - Finance Comm.	Replace dissolve with resolve to correct language intent
17	Town/City Clerk	Add Language to require Website Postings
26	Legislative Authority	Add language to require publishing of Ordinances on City Website
28	Powers/Duties of BOAT	Changes date of Submission of Budget Requests from April 1 to February 1
28	Powers/Duties of BOAT	Changes to whom Budget Requests are submitted from Board of Apportionment & Taxation to Mayor & Board of Apportionment & Taxation
28	Powers/Duties of BOAT	Changes Deadline to adopt the Budget from the last business day in May to the last business day in April
28	Powers/Duties of BOAT	Changes/Adds language regarding Publication of Preliminary Budget to include City Website & in compliance with CT General Statutes
29	Charities	Deletes Entire Section regarding appropriation for certain charities
37	Tax Collector	Clarifies the term of appointment and adds language regarding appointment of Tax Collector
37	Tax Collector	Changes General Statutes to Connecticut General Statutes
52	Personal Property	Updates and adds language to include publication on City Website
53	Assessor Forms	Update Section number from 51 to 50
56	Finance Committee	Updates Term of Office
57	Procedure for Bids	Updates Section number reference from 57 to 56, adds \$ to correct typographical error and clarifies section reference
63	Bond forms	Corrects typographical Error in line 2 from Jaw to Law
67	BOE - Fiscal Affairs	Corrects Language to change Clerk to Finance Director and change April to February
68	Highways - Layout	Deletes typographical error at end of the paragraph
70	Construction	Modifies/Adds language to update publication requirements and to include publication on City Website
89	Fire Chiefs - Assistants	Delete last sentence in Paragraph 1 as it is outdated language

**2. Shall Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to change the term of office for all elected officials from two years to four years in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

Currently, the offices of Mayor, Treasurer, Constable, Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen, Board of Apportionment and Taxation, and Board of Education are elected to serve two year terms. If approved, each of the above mentioned offices will be elected to serve a four year term.

**3. Shall Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to designate the position of Mayor as Full-Time in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

Currently the Charter is silent on the working status of the Office of Mayor. If approved, the position of Mayor will be designated as Full-Time.

**4. Shall Section 16 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to update the duties of the Treasurer in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

If approved, the new language will clarify the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

**5. Shall Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to designate the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen as the superior body in the City in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

If approved, the language added will designate the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen as the superior body in the City in terms of final authority on decision making.

**6. Shall Section 28 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to require the Mayor to submit an Annual Budget to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation by March 1 in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

If approved, this language will modify the annual budget process to include the Mayor in the process, and require the Mayor to submit an annual budget to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, which body, (the BOAT), shall continue to have the final decision on the approval of the budget.

**7. Shall Section 55 of the Charter of the City of Derby be amended to allow certain members of the Board of Assessment Appeals to designate an alternate to act in their stead in accordance with the recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen?**

The Board of Assessment Appeals is comprised of the President of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen, the Chair of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, and the City Treasurer. If approved, this language will allow the President of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen and the Chair of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation to designate a member of their respective Board to act on their behalf if they are not able to participate in the proceedings of the Board of Assessment Appeals.