

TOWN OF GRAY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

NOTE: This is a CORRECTED notice of public hearing to change the date and time of the Public Hearing as previously advertised and to reflect additional changes within the proposed amendments. The date of the public hearing and the amendments shown in this notice supersede any prior notices.

The Gray Town Council will conduct a public hearing on proposed Charter amendments to be scheduled for referendum vote on November 2, 2021. A summary of the proposed Charter amendments is set forth below and a copy of the full text of the proposed amendments is on file at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall for review and inspection during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Date of Public Hearing: Thursday September 30, 2021
Time: 3:15 P.M.
Place: Town Hall, 24 Main Street, Gray, Maine

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Question 1. Shall the Town of Gray approve an amendment to Section 14(B) of Article II of the Charter as printed below?

[Note: The printed text shown below is an existing Charter provision. The proposed amendment is shown by indicating deletions as ~~struck through~~ and additions as underlined.]

Section 14 – Ordinances in General: B. Procedure: At least seven (7) days prior to its First Reading, every proposed ordinance or a summary thereof shall be posted in the municipal building and shall be published in a newspaper of local distribution. After passage on First Reading, every proposed ordinance or a summary thereof shall be posted in the municipal building for at least seven (7) days prior to the next regular meeting of the Council. At least one Public Hearing, notice of which shall be given at least seven (7) days prior, shall be held by the Council before any ordinance shall be passed, but nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require publication of the ordinance itself. Every ordinance shall be in order for Public Hearing and Second Reading at the next regular meeting of the Council, immediately after the First Reading of the same, but all ordinances may, at the discretion of said Council, be tabled from time to time. After such Public Hearing and Second Reading the Council may adopt the ordinance with or without amendment or reject it; but if any land use ordinance is amended as to any matter of substance, the Council may not adopt it until the ordinance or its amended sections have been subjected to an additional Public Hearing. Substantive amendments to ordinances other than land use ordinances will not require an additional Public Hearing, but public discussion of such amendments will be allowed at the Second Reading prior to the Council vote.

Question 2. Shall the Town of Gray approve an amendment to Section 16 of Article II of the Charter as printed below?

[Note: The printed text shown below is an existing Charter provision. The proposed amendment is shown by indicating deletions as ~~struck through~~ and additions as underlined.]

Section 16. Independent Annual Audit. Prior to the end of each fiscal year, the Council shall designate an independent certified public accountant to serve as Town Auditor, who as of the end of the fiscal year, shall

make an independent audit of accounts and other evidences of financial transactions of the Town government and shall submit the Auditor's report to the Council and the Town Manager within ~~ninety~~ one hundred eighty (~~90~~ 180) days of the end of the fiscal year. An extension may be granted by the Town Council for cause. Such accountant shall not maintain any accounts or records of the Town business, but shall post-audit the books and documents kept by any office, officer, department or agency of the Town government.

Question 3. Shall the Town of Gray approve an amendment to Section 2 of Article III of the Charter as printed below?

[Note: The printed text shown below is an existing Charter provision. The proposed amendment is shown by indicating deletions as ~~struck through~~ and additions as underlined.]

Section 2. Powers and Duties: The powers and duties of the Town Manager shall be as follows:

- A. The Town Manager shall be ~~Town Clerk~~, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Administrator of General Assistance, and Road Commissioner. The Town Manager shall have and exercise all powers and responsibilities conferred or imposed by law upon such respective offices, and shall have the authority to appoint another individual to serve as Road Commissioner at the direction of the Town Manager.
- K. [NEW] Appoint, remove and fix the compensation of the Town Clerk and provide for the Town Clerk to give bond for the faithful discharge of all duties to the Town of Gray in such sum as the Town Manager shall determine and direct on an annual basis. Said surety or sureties shall be approved by the Town Manager. The premium on the bond shall be paid by the Town.