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FIRST ADDENDUM TO CITY OF DOVER'S FINAL REPORT ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ELECTION

Outlined below in this addendum to the City of Dover's Final Report on Proposed Charter Amendments¹ is one additional proposed amendment to the City of Dover's Charter, submitted in supplement to a preceding set of proposed amendments to the City of Dover's City Charter to be placed on the ballot for the November 2, 2021 election, subject to prior approval of the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Department of Revenue Administration, and final Order of the City Council upon receiving said State approvals.

The additional proposed Charter amendment and ballot question set forth below was found necessary and initially approved by vote of the Dover City Council Ordinance Committee on _____, 2021. The amendments set forth in this Final Report were also found necessary and approved by Dover City Council on _____, 2021 [*to be completed by City Clerk once approved*] after a duly advertised public hearing on _____ [*to be completed by City Clerk once approved*]. A copy of the final resolution is attached for reference.

The text of the additional proposed ballot question, along with an explanatory summary of the purpose of each amendment, is set forth below. Certain germane changes are grouped together to form one amendment and ballot question. See RSA 49-B:5, I(c); RSA 49-B:6, II. Text appearing in strikethrough format (~~example~~) indicates text that is proposed to be deleted. Text appearing in underline (example) indicates new text that is proposed to be added.

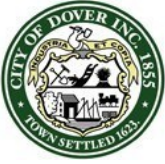
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Once the amendments are ordered to be placed on the ballot by City Council, copies of this first addendum to the City's Final Report shall likewise be made available to the public in the Clerk's Office at least two weeks prior to the November 2, 2021 election, alongside and together with the Final Report itself.

Sincerely,

¹ The Final Report was submitted to the three reviewing state agencies by letter dated June 2, 2021.

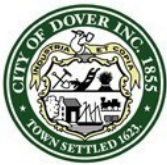


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Proposed Additional Ballot Question

11. Shall the City of Dover approve the charter amendment reprinted below?

a. Amend § C1-2 to read as follows:

“A. The city shall be divided into six wards as presently constituted. The general laws of the state relative to wards of cities, officers thereof and voters, checklists, elections and jurors shall be applicable to such wards.

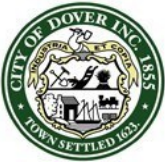
B. Ward boundaries shall divide the City of Dover into six wards of as equal population as is practicable. To achieve that goal, starting upon the issuance of the results of the 2010 census, and every 10 years thereafter upon receipt of the federal census results, the City Council shall promptly initiate review of the ward boundaries to determine if redistricting is necessary and the City Council shall enact by ordinance any necessary ~~propose~~ changes to the ward lines pursuant to §C-1-3 of the City’s Charter, ~~through a Charter amendment pursuant to RSA Chapter 49-B,~~ in such a way that will as near as is practicable ensure the wards have equal population.”

b. Amend § C1-3 to read as follows:

“If the City Council determines that ward redistricting is necessary upon receipt of the decennial census results, then the City Council shall promptly undertake and enact such redistricting of ward boundaries in the form of an ordinance, which shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all elected members of the City Council after a duly advertised public hearing posted in two public places at least seven days in advance of such hearing.

~~“Ward One begins at the Dover/Rollinsford boundary line at Hall Street; thence following southeasterly along the Dover/Rollinsford boundary to Broadway; thence southwesterly along the center line of Broadway to the intersection with the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence southeasterly along the railroad to Central Avenue; thence southerly along the center line of Central Avenue to Washington Street; thence westerly along the center line of Washington Street to Chestnut Street; thence northerly along the center line of Chestnut Street to the Cochecho River; thence northerly along the center line of the Cochecho River to Spaulding Turnpike; thence following the center line of the Spaulding Turnpike northerly to its intersection with Glenwood Avenue; thence following the center line of Glenwood Avenue in a northeasterly direction to Central Avenue; thence crossing Central Avenue to a block line established by the 2010 Census and following said block line in an easterly direction to the Dover/Rollinsford boundary line; thence following the Dover/Rollinsford boundary line a southeasterly direction to the point of beginning.~~

~~Ward Two begins at Broadway and the Rollinsford/Dover boundary; thence following the Dover/Rollinsford boundary in a southeasterly direction to the confluence of the~~

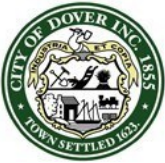


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Cochecho/Piscataqua River; thence following the center line of the confluence in a northwesterly direction to a block line established by the 2010 census; thence turning southwesterly to the intersection of Henry Law Avenue and Tennyson Avenue; thence following the center line of Tennyson Avenue in a southwesterly direction to Court Street; thence following the center line of Court Street in a northwesterly direction to Central Avenue; thence following center line of Central Avenue Street in a southwesterly direction to Silver Street; thence following the center line of Silver Street westerly to Elm Street; thence following the center line of Elm Street in a Southerly direction to Fisher Street; thence following the center line of Fisher Street in a easterly direction to Locust Street; thence following the center line of Locust Street southerly to Central Avenue; thence following the center line of Central Avenue westerly to the Spaulding Turnpike; thence following the center line of Spaulding Turnpike in a northwesterly direction to the intersection with the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence northeasterly along the railroad to center line of the Washington Street; thence following the center line of Washington Street in an easterly direction to the Community Trail; thence following the center line of Community Trail northerly to the center line of the Cochecho River; thence following the center line of the Cochecho River in an easterly direction to Chestnut Street; thence following along the center line of Chestnut Street northerly to Washington Street; thence following the center line of Washington Street easterly to Central Avenue; thence following the center line of Central Avenue northerly to the Boston and Maine Railroad line; thence following the Boston and Maine railroad line northeasterly to the intersection of Broadway; thence following the center line of Broadway in a northeasterly direction to the point of beginning.

Ward Three begins at the intersection of Spaulding Turnpike and Central Avenue; thence following the center line of Central Avenue in a northeasterly direction to Locust Street; thence following the center line of Locust Street northerly to Fisher Street; thence following the center line of Fisher Street in an westerly direction to Elm Street; thence following the center line of Elm Street northerly to the intersection with Silver Street; thence following the center line of Silver Street easterly to the intersection of Central Avenue; thence following the center line of Central Avenue in a northeasterly direction to Court Street; thence following the center line of Court Street southeasterly to Tennyson Avenue; thence following the center line of Tennyson Avenue in a northeasterly direction to Henry Law Avenue; thence following a block line established by the 2000 census in a northeasterly direction to the Cochecho River; thence following the Cochecho River southeasterly to its confluence with the Piscataqua River and the exterior block line established by the 2000 census located in the center of said Piscataqua River; thence following the exterior block line established by the 2000 census located in the center of the Little Bay channel where it intersects the Spaulding Turnpike at the Little Bay Bridge; thence following the exterior block line established by the 2000 census located in the center of Little Bay in a northwesterly direction to a point of intersection at the common boundary corner between Dover and Madbury near the Scammel Bridge; thence following the center line of the Bellamy River in a northwesterly direction to Spur Road Extension; thence following the center line of the Spur Road Extension southerly to the intersection Spur Road; thence following the center line of Spur Road northwesterly to the Spaulding Turnpike; thence following the



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center line of the Spaulding Turnpike in a northwesterly direction to the point of beginning.

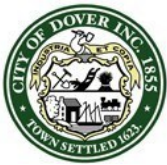
~~**Ward Four** begins at the intersection of the Bellamy River and Central Avenue; thence following the center line of Central Avenue northeasterly to the intersection with the Spaulding Turnpike; thence following the center line of the Spaulding Turnpike in a southeasterly direction to Spur Road; thence following the center line of Spur Road southwesterly to Spur Road Extension; thence following the center line of Spur Road Extension in a northwesterly direction to a block line established by the 2000 Census and following said block line in a southwesterly direction to the Bellamy River; thence following the center line of the Bellamy River in a southwesterly direction to a point of intersection at the common boundary corner between Dover and Madbury near the Seammel Bridge; thence following the common boundary line between Dover and Madbury in a northwesterly direction to the center line of the Bellamy River; thence following the center line of the Bellamy River easterly to the point of beginning.~~

~~**Ward Five** begins at the Rochester/Dover line at the Cochecho River; thence following the Cochecho River southeasterly to the abandoned Railroad Bridge over the Cochecho River; thence following the abandoned railroad line southerly to Washington Street; thence following the center line of Washington Street westerly to the intersection with the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence following the center line of intersection with the Boston and Maine Railroad southerly to the Spaulding Turnpike; thence following the Spaulding Turnpike in a southerly direction to Central Avenue; thence following the center line of Central Avenue southerly to the Bellamy River Bridge; then following along the center line of the Bellamy River in a westerly direction to the Madbury/Dover/Barrington boundary; thence following the Madbury/Dover/Barrington boundary in a northwesterly direction to the point of beginning.~~

~~**Ward Six** begins at the point where the Dover-Somersworth-Rochester boundaries intersect with a block line established by the 2010 Census; thence proceeds westerly along the block line to the intersection with Glenwood Avenue; thence following the center line of Glenwood Avenue westerly to the Spaulding Turnpike; thence following the center line of the Spaulding Turnpike in a southerly direction to the Cochecho River; thence following the Cochecho River in a northerly direction to the Dover/Rochester boundary line; thence following the boundary line in a northeasterly direction to the point of beginning."~~

c. *Amend § C4-4 to read as follows (a change from the original Final Report):*

"In order to be qualified to be a candidate for election as School Board Member, a person must be a duly qualified voter in the city and a resident of the city. In order to be a candidate for election as a School Board member from a Ward, in addition to the aforementioned qualifications, a person must be a resident of the ward from which he or she is seeking election. In the event that the ward boundaries are redistricted during their term of office or in conjunction with the Municipal Election said Ward candidate is elected which may result in removing them from said ward, the candidate shall be allowed to serve out their term as the representative of the Ward to which they are



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elected for one term.”

D. *Amend § C3-4 to read (a modification to the original Final Report):* Include “during their term of office or” as part of the newly added language proposed with Question 2, such that the full new sentence at the end of this provision would read: “In the event that the ward boundaries are redistricted during their term of office or in conjunction with the Municipal Election which may result in removing them from said ward, the elected candidates shall be allowed to serve out their term as the representative of the Ward to which they are elected.”

Background/Purpose: Due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, the current census results have been delayed significantly. The City is expected to receive those results in September 2021, which is almost six months later than normal, and which would leave insufficient amount of time to redistrict wards in time for a charter amendment process, which requires approval by voters on November 2, 2021. Accordingly, this amendment is intended to assign ward redistricting to the City Council, in order to expedite that process in time for the 2022 elections.