
(EXTERNAL MESSAGE)RE: Charter Revision Questions

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Date Sat 1/31/2026 3:19 PM

To Alex Taylor <ataylor@coventry-ct.gov>

Cc James Drumm <jdrumm@coventry-ct.gov>

Good afternoon –

I hope you're surviving the snow and cold. I've responded down below in bold. Please let me know if you or the commission have any other questions.

Rich

From: Alex Taylor <ataylor@coventry-ct.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 2:49 PM

To: Richard P. Roberts <ROBERTS@halloransage.com>

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Subject: Re: Charter Revision Questions

Rich,

Hello! Sending over a few more questions from the Charter Revision Commission from their previous meeting as I prepare for the upcoming one. They were hoping for clarity on the following:

- Having received feedback from the Town's registrars and the Town Clerk, the Commission is considering reducing the number of voting districts. Specifically, they plan to include language stating that there be at least one district, with the allowance that others may be established by ordinance as required. Is there any reason why the Town should not reduce the number of districts? Does this particular approach make sense? **As long as the town clerk and registrars are on board with it and the town isn't split between legislative districts, you should be fine. CGS 9-169 specifies that the legislative body of the town may divide and redivide the town into voting districts. If you want to provide in the charter that it can be done via an ordinance, that should work.**
- Before reviewing Chapter 7, the Commission was hoping to clarify some points around bonds. Specifically, they wanted to know which bonds were required by statute and whether those need to be included in the charter. If none, is this at the discretion of the Town Council? Lastly, are you aware if the Town's current liability coverage under CIRMA meets the requirements laid out by statute in terms of positions which may require bonds? **It appears that the statutory requirements for bonds for most town officials were repealed in 1982. I don't believe it is necessary to include it in the charter. The town's insurance carrier probably provides errors and omissions coverage for most of the officials who will be handling money and they can advise you as to what additional coverages may be necessary or appropriate. I don't know what is currently provided, but CIRMA can provide guidance on best practices.**

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information. Thank you so much for your time!

Sincerely,
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