



RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that pursuant to RSA 49-B:5, the following amendment to the Nashua City Charter is deemed necessary and shall be submitted to the voters by placing it on the ballot at the next regular municipal election on November 2, 2021, in the manner required by NH RSA 49-B with the following question and summary:

Shall the municipality approve the charter amendment summarized below?

SUMMARY

This amendment would provide for two additional Board of Health members, so that the Board of Health would have five members instead of three. One of the two new members would be either a physician or an individual who has completed a doctorate level medical degree, and the other would be an individual with advanced professional credentials in the field of public health.

The Nashua City Charter shall be amended by adding the new underlined language to Charter Section 78 as follows:

“§ 78. Board of Health, how chosen

The board of aldermen on the first secular day of January, 1915, shall elect a board of health, to be composed of three members, whose terms of office shall be for one year, and on the first secular day of January in 1916 and thereafter biennially on said first secular day of January following the regular municipal election through the end of 2021, they shall elect said board of health for the term of two years, to be composed of three members, two of who shall be physicians. On the first secular day of January in 2022 following the regular municipal election, and thereafter biennially, the board of aldermen shall elect said board of health for the term of two years, to be composed of five members, two of who shall be physicians, one who shall be either a physician or an individual who has completed an accredited doctorate level medical degree, and one who shall be an individual with advanced professional credentials in the field of public health.”

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION: R-21-152

PURPOSE: Proposing an amendment to the City Charter relative to adding two additional members to the Board of Health

SPONSOR(S): Alderman Tom Lopez

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee

FISCAL NOTE: The City Clerk estimates the cost associated with a charter amendment as approximately \$200 during a regular municipal election.

ANALYSIS

This Resolution would submit to the voters a proposed amendment to the City Charter providing for an increase in the number of members on the Board of Health, from 3 to 5. Election of the members by the Board of Aldermen and the two-year terms of the members remains the same. One of the new members will be a physician or an individual who has completed an accredited doctorate level medical degree, and the other will be an individual with advanced professional credentials in the field of public health.

The procedure for charter amendments is set forth in RSA 49-B:5. The Board of Aldermen must hold an initial vote to determine if the amendment is "necessary". If the amendment is determined to be necessary, the Board of Aldermen must order that notice be given for a public hearing on the amendment. Notice of the public hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing. The notice must contain the text of the proposed amendment and a brief explanation.

Within seven (7) days after the public hearing, the Board of Aldermen shall file with the City Clerk a report containing the proposed amendment. Within ten (10) days of filing, the City Clerk files a certified copy of the report to the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the commissioner of the department of revenue administration pursuant to RSA 49-B:4-a. Within seven (7) days after receiving approval from the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the commissioner of the department of revenue administration, the Board of Aldermen may vote to order the proposed amendment to be placed on a ballot at the next regular municipal election.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:

Donny Clarke

Date:

10 June 2021

