

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE:

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**Nashua Municipal General Election
November 2, 2021**

QUESTION RELATING TO SPORTS BOOK RETAIL OPERATIONS

RSA 287 I:6 requires that if the operation of sports retail book operations is to be allowed in a city or town that the question be put to voters of said city or town. If a majority of the voters vote “yes” on the question, sports book retail locations will be allowed in Nashua in accordance with other lawful requirements of the statutes and regulations.

- 1. Shall the City of Nashua allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the City of Nashua?**

QUESTION RELATING TO CHARTER AMENDMENT AS IT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:

RSA 49-B:5, II provides that a written petition for an amendment to the city charter may be filed by the number of voters equal to at least 15 percent of the number of ballots cast in a municipality at the last regular municipal election. Whereas the number of votes cast at the November 2019 municipal election totaled 10,260 votes, the minimum number of voters required to petition for a charter amendment is 1,539. Upon review, 1,830 of 2,058 signatures contained in the petition filed in the Office of the City Clerk on August 24, 2021, were certified by the City Clerk, finding the filing sufficient to have the question placed before the voters in an upcoming election. The Board of Aldermen ordered the question to be placed on the ballot for the November 2, 2021 Nashua Municipal General Election at its meeting held September 21, 2021. If approved by the voters at the November 2, 2021 regular municipal election, this charter amendment will be effective January 1, 2022.

- 2. Shall the City approve the proposed Charter Amendment summarized below relative to the increase in membership and appointment to the Nashua Police Commissioners by the Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen upon approval of the Board of Aldermen?**

The amendment changes the membership of Nashua Board of Police Commissioners from three commissioners appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to five commissioners with three appointed by the Mayor and two appointed by the President of the Board of Aldermen and all confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. Appointments shall be based upon qualifications, merit and record of community service and should be balanced so that the membership of the Commission reflects the citizenship of the City. Members of the immediate family of and residents of the same household with the Mayor and any Alderman would be ineligible.

The summary question, above, will appear on the ballot; the full text printed below, will NOT appear on the ballot.

Municipality of Nashua, NH

Each of the undersigned voters respectfully requests the municipal officers to provide for the amendment(s) of the municipal charter as set out below. If more than one subject is included in a petition, each subject shall be addressed in a separate amendment.

The Nashua City Charter shall be amended by deletion of the current sections A-101 through A-102 and A-141 through A-146 and by addition of the following new A-100 through A-102:

§ A-100. Appointments Based Upon Qualifications, Merit, and/or History of Community Involvement

The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nashua shall consist of five (5) members. Appointments will be based upon qualifications, merit and record of community service. The Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen should use their best efforts to balance the membership of the Commission to reflect the citizenship of the City. In no event shall a member of the immediate family or a resident of the household with the Mayor or any Alderman be eligible for appointment.

§ A-101. Appointment of commissioners

The Mayor shall, with the advice and approvals of the Board of Aldermen, appoint three (3) persons to the Board of Police Commissioners, each holding office for a three (3) year term, or until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified. The President of the Board of Aldermen shall with the advice and approval of the Board of Aldermen appoint two (2) persons to the Board of Police Commissioners, each holding office for a three (3) year term, or until her or his successor is duly appointed and qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing any person holding office as a commissioner under the appointment of the governor and council under the authority of Laws 1913, chapter 148, at the date of the passage of this section shall continue in office as such commissioner until the expiration of his or her said term of office. The first, third, and fifth appointments following such term expirations shall be by the Mayor and the second and fourth by the President of the Board of Aldermen and shall be staggered such that the term of one or of two commissioners shall expire each year. Thereafter any vacancy from any cause shall be filled by the original appointing authority with approval of the Board of Aldermen for the remainder of the term or for a new term as is applicable. Each said commissioner shall have been a resident of the City of Nashua when appointed for at least five years immediately preceding the date of her or his appointment and shall remain a resident during said term. The Mayor or the President of the Board of Aldermen shall, annually, on or before the first day of August thereafter, with the advice and approval of the Board of Aldermen, appoint one or two commissioners, who shall succeed the ones whose term expires and who shall serve for three (3) years from September first unless sooner removed as (hereinafter) provided. Not more than three commissioners shall be of the same political party.

§ A-102. Removal of commissioners

The Mayor or the President of the Board of Aldermen with the advice and approval of the Board of Aldermen shall have full power to remove any commissioner which he or she or her or his predecessor has appointed.

**POLLS WILL OPEN AT 6:00 A.M. and CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.
CITY OF NASHUA POLLING PLACES:**

WARD ONE: Broad Street Elementary School, 390 Broad St.
WARD TWO: Charlotte Avenue Elementary School, 48 Charlotte Ave.
WARD THREE: Amherst Street School, 71 Amherst St.
WARD FOUR: Ledge Street Elementary School, 139 Ledge St.
WARD FIVE: Main Dunstable Elementary School, 20 Whitford Rd.
WARD SIX: Fairgrounds Middle School, 27 Cleveland St.
WARD SEVEN: Dr. Norman W. Crisp Elementary School, 50 Arlington St.
WARD EIGHT: Bicentennial Elementary School, 296 East Dunstable Rd.
WARD NINE: New Searles Elementary School, 39 Shady Lane

*Susan K. Lovering
City Clerk*

THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS WILL BE IN SESSION daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, will be the last day that the City Clerk may accept voter registration applications or corrections to the checklist prior to the Municipal Election on November 2, 2021. However, new voters may register at the polls on Election Day.

The Board of Registrars of Voters will meet Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room 208, City Hall, 229 Main Street, for certification of the checklist and to conduct such other business as may come before it. (RSA 654:8, 654:27, 654:28, 659:12).

Board of Registrars of Voters