

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR A BALLOT QUESTION

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, Article XIII, § 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution allows for the legislative body of any city or town to propose amendments to that city or town’s charter to propose amendments to that city or town’s charter, which said proposed amendments shall then be submitted for approval to the qualified electors of the city or town at a general or special election;

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council has reviewed and approved the below language and hereby wishes to propose the below amendments to the Warwick City Charter to qualified electors of the City of Warwick;

WHEREAS, the qualified electors of the City of Warwick shall have the opportunity to vote to ratify the proposed amendments at the 2020 general elections;

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council wishes that the proposed amendments and the effects it will have on the Warwick City Council be clearly and readily understandable by the simple language on the 2020 general election ballot;

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council has approved the following ballot questions which sets for effects the proposed amendments will have on the City of Warwick Charter;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following ballot question shall be placed on the 2020 City of Warwick General Election Ballot allowing a public referendum of the following amendments to the City of Warwick Charter:

Ballot Question #
Council & Mayoral Terms of Office

Duly adopted by the City of Warwick on (date), proposal to amend Article II, “City Council,” Section 2-1, “Structure and powers,” and Article III, “Mayor,” Section 3-1, “Election and term.”

1 Shall the City of Warwick Charter be updated to extend the term of City Council members and
2 the Mayor from a term of four (4) years instead of the current two (2), effective date 2021?
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4 **Proposed Amendment**

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6 Article II. – City Council

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8 Section 2-1. Structure and powers.

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10 The legislative powers of the city shall be vested in the city council. The city council shall
11 consist of nine members who are elected at the general election in each even year for a term of
12 ~~two~~ four years. One member of the council shall be elected from each of the nine wards, and
13 members shall be residents of the wards they represent.
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15 Article III. – Mayor

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17 Section 3-1. Election and term.

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19 There shall be a mayor who shall be elected at the general election in each even year for a term
20 of ~~two~~ four ~~(2)~~ (4) years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.
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23 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

24 COMMITTEE: FINANCE
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