

Newton Charter Commission
Article 12 Discussion Summary
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We are proposing that the charter go into effect upon certification of the election results. However, there are certain sections or portions of sections that cannot reasonably take effect at once. The following items require a later start date. Any section not mentioned here is assumed to be effective upon adoption.

Please pay particular attention to the articles you have worked on, since you may see things that we have omitted.

Section	Item	Proposed Effective Date
2-1(a)	Composition of city council	November 2019 election
2-1(d) & 3-1	Term limits for city council & mayor	November 2017 election
4-1(c)	Term limits for school committee	SC members continue to be term limited under the charter they were elected under, e.g. no reset
2-5	Filling of vacancies	January 1, 2018
2-6(c)	Meeting of council to discuss rules	Required within 20 days of certification of election of November 2017
2-6(c)	Number of councilors required to call special meeting	January 1, 2020
2-9(c)	Number of councilors required to sustain charter objection	January 1, 2020
3-3(d)	Appointments to boards & commissions – chairs cannot be city employees	Chairs who are city employees shall be replaced by the method originally appointed or elected by June 30, 2018
3-3(d)	Boards & commissions – city employees shall not comprise more than 1/3 of the membership	No additional city-employees members shall be appointed until city-employee membership falls below 1/3, natural attrition allowed
3-3(f)	Boards and commissions – notification of vacancies	Initial required listing by June 30, 2018

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3-7	Report on financial condition to council	1 st communication by six weeks after close of FY2018
4-2(c)	Posting of school committee rules	Alternatives: RK & BKL – omit; MC – new policies at once; existing policies - 1 year
5-1	5-year financial forecast	First forecast due 6 months prior to FY2020 budget submission, i.e., November 2018
5-2	Funding for independent legal counsel and audit	Implement in FY 2019 budget
5-4(b)	Capital inventory	Council adopts ordinance by June 30, 2018. First inventory filed within 6 months of council ordinance or November 1, 2018, whichever is later
5-4(g)	Filing of annual report on Capital Improvement Plan	TBD: RK & BKL – omit; JK/MC – March 1, 2019
5-6	Independent audit	Council adopts ordinance by June 30, 2018
9	Neighborhood area councils	TBD
10-2	Initiative petition procedures	If filed with city clerk (initiating process) prior to adoption of charter, follow old charter process, except for voter participation levels which are effective immediately
11-3	Rules and regulations filed with City Clerk within 2 weeks	For any changes adopted after January 1, 2018
11-4	Appointment of committee to review ordinances – 1 year	Alternatives: RK & BKL – omit - already specified in charter; MC – specify date for emphasis
11-12(e)	Public comment policy posted electronically	June 30, 2018