

CITY OF NEWPORT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The City Council of the City of Newport (the “City”) hereby gives notice pursuant to the requirements of 17 V.S.A. § 2645 that the public hearings to consider adoption of proposed amendments to the City’s Charter, 24 Appx. V.S.A. Chapter 7, will be held on September 3, 2026, and on September 14, 2026, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 222 Main Street, Newport, Vermont, at six o’clock in the afternoon (6:00 p.m.) in-person and remotely by accessing the following links:

On September 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.: <https://meet.google.com/ras-dqyi-ena> or dial:
(US) +1 513-480-3030 PIN: 221 321 340#

On September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.: <https://meet.google.com/akm-xiqg-xjm> or dial:
(US) +1 385-325-1156 PIN: 349 697 591#

The proposed amendments to the City’s Charter are substantial and are too long and unwieldy to set out in amended form; however, the proposed Charter amendments contain the following sections:

§ 7-1. Establishment of City

§ 7-10. Police officers

§ 7-2. [Transitional provisions relating to the governance of the Towns of Newport and Derby; the City of Newport and the process for acceptance of the charter; § 2 of No. 273 of the Laws of 1917.]

§ 7-11. Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement

§ 7-12. City Clerk

§ 7-13. City Treasurer

§ 7-3. City boundaries and corporate powers

§ 7-14. City Assessor

§ 7-15. Powers and duties of City Council

§ 7-4. Form of government and voter qualifications

§ 7-16. Water and sewer systems

§ 7-5. Warning and convening of annual meeting

§ 7-17. Sale, purchase or lease of City owned property

§ 7-6. Election, term, appointment, recall and removal of City Officers

§ 7-18. City expenditures

§ 7-19. Assessment of taxes on grand list

§ 7-7. Mayor and Council Members as City Council

§ 7-20. Revenues credit and appropriations

§ 7-8. Powers and duties of the Mayor

§ 7-21. [Transitional provisions related to the financial obligations of the Villages of Newport and West Derby; 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, § 31.]

§ 7-9. Mayoral approval and Council Members reconsideration of vetoed actions

§ 7-22. Bonds of City officers

§ 7-23. [Transitional provisions related to the financial assets and liabilities of the Villages of Newport and West Derby; 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, § 33.]

§ 7-24. [Transitional provisions related to the financial liabilities and assets of the Towns of Newport and Derby; 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, § 35.]

§ 7-25. [Transitional provisions related to the books and records of the Town of Newport; 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, § 36.]

§ 7-26. [Transitional provisions related to the books and records of the Town of Derby; 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, § 37.]

§ 7-27. Public schools and school property

§ 7-28. City Manager

§ 7-29. [Transitional provisions related to effective date.]

§ 7-30. Harbor Commission

§ 7-31. Severability

These Charter amendments are proposed to be voted on November 3, 2026, at a City Special Meeting. An official copy of the proposed Charter amendments will be posted for public viewing and available for review on August 21, 2026, in or proximate to the City Clerk's Office in City Hall at the above-referenced address. Copies of the proposed Charter amendments will be made available at the City Clerk's Office upon request and will be posted on the City's website at www.newportvermont.org.

Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 21st day of August, 2026.

CITY OF NEWPORT

/s/ Rick Ufford-Chase

Rick Ufford-Chase, Mayor

Received for record this 21st day of August, 2026, in the records of the City of Newport.

/s/ James Johnson, City Clerk

Posted at: City Clerk's Office, Goodrich Memorial Library and the Post Office