

PROPOSED ARTICLE IV, THE COUNCIL
Section 4.03 QUALIFICATIONS

Present Charter	Proposed Charter	Reasoning
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL</p> <p>SECTION 4.03, QUALIFICATIONS</p> <p>Each Council member elected at large for ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Council member's election and during the Council member's term of office shall be a continuous qualified elector of this Municipality. Each member of Council elected from a ward for ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Council member's election and during the Council member's term of office shall be a continuous qualified elector of the ward from which the Council member seeks election or is elected.</p> <p>A Council member shall hold no other elected public office, any other compensated office or employment with the Municipality, or other public office or public employment which could be in conflict with the office of Council member, except as provided in Sections 3.06 and 4.18 of this Charter. A Council member shall not have, directly or indirectly, any interest in the profits or emoluments of any contract, work, or service with or for the Municipality as provided by general law. (Amended Nov. 3, 1981.) (Amended Nov. 7, 2006.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL</p> <p>SECTION 4.03, QUALIFICATIONS</p> <p>Each A Council member elected at large for ninety (90) days ONE (1) YEAR prior to the date of the Council member's FILING THE COUNCIL MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE Council member's term of office shall be a continuous qualified elector of this Municipality. Each member of Council elected from a ward for ninety (90) days ONE (1) YEAR prior to the date of the Council member's election and during the FILING THE COUNCIL MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE Council member's term of office shall be a continuous qualified elector of the ward from which the Council member seeks election or is elected.</p> <p>A Council member shall hold no other elected public office, any other compensated office or employment with the Municipality, or other public office or public employment which could be in conflict with the office of Council member, except as provided in Sections 3.06 and 4.18 of this Charter.</p> <p>IF A COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL FILE A DECLARATION OF THEIR CANDIDACY, OR SHALL IN FACT BECOME A CANDIDATE, FOR ANY OTHER COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OTHER THAN THE OFFICE THEN HELD, SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT OR SUCH CANDIDACY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION OF THE OFFICE THEN HELD, AND THE VACANCY THEREBY CREATED SHALL BE FILLED PURSUANT TO THIS CHARTER IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER VACANCIES FOR SUCH OFFICE ARE FILLED.</p> <p>A Council member shall not have, directly or indirectly, any interest in the profits or emoluments of any contract, work, or service with or for the Municipality as provided by general law.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL</p> <p>SECTION 4.03, QUALIFICATIONS</p> <p>The purpose of a one year requirement is to strengthen the candidacy requirements to ensure a Council member has a deeper understanding and level of commitment to the community. This is a change from what currently is a ninety (90) day residency requirement.</p> <p>If a Council member runs for a different council office before expiration of their elected term, by operation of law they will be removed from their current office. The purpose is to require candidates to complete their term and to prohibit manipulation of elections.</p>