

[Print](#)**Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #320****Date Submitted: 4/23/2024****First Name\***

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**The following questions are optional:****Are you a resident of Bloomfield?**

Yes  
 No

**Proposed Recommendation to the Town Charter**

The Bloomfield Town Charter is available

at: [https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CH](https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH)**What section number of the Charter does your change affect?\***

section 201, 203, 701

**Proposed Recommendation \***

Town Council to move to staggered terms, vacancies should be appointed by their respective town committee and not by the Town Council, Town Councilors should receive an annual stipend for their time (recommendation of \$5K with an annual 3% increase)

**Brief description of the issue addressed by the proposed change:\***

It will ensure some continuity from term to term, appointee shouldn't be appointed by his/her potential colleagues but by the elected party itself, TC members attend numerous meetings and events per month and presently they receive no compensation

**Impact of Proposed Change****What benefits will be realized by the citizens and/or government of Bloomfield?\***

Continuity and gratitude of service by awarding nominal compensation

**What potential impacts may be associated with the proposal change?\***

minor budgetary impact

**Can you provide data to assist in validating the impact of the proposed change?**

Staggered terms are consistent with other governing bodies at local, state, and federal agencies,

**Describe any obstacles, costs, or cost savings associated with the proposed change, if any?**

nominal