

**Print****Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #325****Date Submitted: 4/25/2024****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**

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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

**Proposed Recommendation \***

BOE and TPZ have 2-year terms and continue with Council having 2-year terms

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

Many elected officials are unknown quantities when they are first elected to office. I believe 2--year terms would enable the voters to make a change sooner rather than later

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

Elected officials who are performing well in the eyes of the citizens will continue to be re-elected. And those who are not, will not continue to underperform for more than 2 years

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

I believe the elected officials will be more sensitive to the needs and desires of the electorate if they serve a 2-year term.

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

I have asked that the voters be provided with information about other town charters of comparable size. That would enable us to see what has worked well before making changes

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

None