

Print**Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #329****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**

The Bloomfield Town Charter is available

at: https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH**What section number of the Charter does your change affect?***

Section 301

Proposed Recommendation *

I would encourage that Council members continue to serve without compensation. This is a persistent rumor and should be addressed. And if this is a change that is being contemplated, I would hope the citizens would be provided with examples

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

This is not a proposed change. It is a request that this section stay as it is currently written

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

Volunteers are the heart of all communities. Payment would potentially taint the feeling that the Council serves because it wants to take care of the town and doesn't expect or need compensation to do that.

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

As I mentioned above, once money becomes a factor in running for office, it can affect who chooses to run

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

N/A

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

Compensating Council members would be an additional cost

