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A summary of the August 11, 2025 Bloomfield Town Council Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO ADD CHARTER REVISION QUESTION TO NOVEMBER ELECTION BALLOT

The Town Council voted unanimously to accept the ballot question language for the proposed revised charter:

"Shall the Town of Bloomfield approve the proposed revisions to the Town Charter as set forth in the final report of the Charter Revision Commission, approved by the Town Council on October 16, 2024."

Furthermore, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve the placement of the proposed revised Charter on the ballot for the regular municipal election to be held in November 2025.

The 2024 Charter Revision Commission, after months of careful review and community input, has recommended a series of updates to modernize and strengthen Bloomfield's town government. The Town Council has accepted these recommendations, and they will now appear on the ballot for voters to decide this November.

What's Changing?

Proposed revisions include updates such as:

- Adjusting referendum petition signature requirements, bond issues, and non-budgeted appropriations.
- Clarifying the administrative roles of the Registrar of Voters, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Treasurer.

- Updating department structures – including EMS, departmental titles, and officially establishing certain town departments.
- Modernizing financial procedures and making improvements to the budget referendum process.

(A complete list of proposed changes will be posted on the Town's website and shared at public information sessions before Election Day, November 5.)

Why It Matters

These updates will help shape how Bloomfield's government operates for years to come – from decision-making to financial transparency to how residents stay informed and engaged.

What's Next

This November, Bloomfield voters will make the final decision. We encourage all residents to review the proposed changes, attend an information session, and make your voice heard at the polls.

Stay tuned for more details and resources in the coming weeks!

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NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING



AGENDAS & MINUTES



TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO REVISE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST ORDINANCE

The Town Council held a public hearing regarding the revisions to the Affordable Housing Trust Ordinance. The Council voted unanimously to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure for the requirement that mandates the Council to hold public hearings on a different day than council action.

The Council then voted unanimously to approve the Revised Affordable Housing Trust Ordinance (Chapter 15-52 - 15-58).

Bloomfield is updating its Affordable Housing Trust Fund ordinance to strengthen how the town supports affordable housing. The revised ordinance expands its purpose and improves how it's managed.

The fund helps create and preserve affordable housing opportunities for Bloomfield residents and potential developers

It can be used for things like building or fixing homes, helping with down payments, preventing evictions, and supporting housing education programs. A committee made up of town officials will oversee the fund, review application requests, and administer funds appropriately.

In addition, this update is linked more closely to Bloomfield's Affordable Housing Plan, which is reviewed and updated every five years. Overall, this revision is about making sure Bloomfield continues to offer safe, stable, and affordable housing options for everyone.