



CITY OF AMESBURY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE

SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove, Mayor **BILL No.** 2021-126

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on September 17, 2021 the following action was taken:

An Order to place questions to approve Charter changes to the voters of Amesbury

Summary: The City of Amesbury (per Order No. 2021-023) has submitted three (3) home rule petitions to the Commonwealth to make changes to the Amesbury Home Rule Charter. Two of the petitions require voter approval.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Amesbury hereby authorizes the City Clerk, on behalf of the City, to place the following questions on the November 2, 2021 General Election ballot:

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2021 entitled ‘An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Amesbury to Increase the term of the Mayor to 4 Years,’ be accepted?

Summary: The City’s Home Rule Charter currently provides that the Mayor shall be elected for a term of two years. If this question is approved, the Charter would be amended to provide the Mayor with a four-year term beginning with the subsequent municipal election in November 2023.

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2021 entitled ‘An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Amesbury Relative to the Position of School Committee Chair,’ be accepted?

Summary: The City’s Home Rule Charter currently provides that the Mayor shall be a member of the School Committee and shall also serve as chair of the Committee. If this question is approved, the Charter would be amended to provide that the Mayor is a member of the School Committee, but the Committee would have the option to choose its chair from among its members. If approved, this section shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

Councilor Stanganelli moved to approve 2021-126 as presented and he was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously (9 present).

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this 15th day of September, 2021

Amanda Haggith

City Clerk

Kassandra Lee

Mayor

9/23/21

Date