

City Charter Review

What is a Charter?

A Charter for the City of Waterville is like the Constitution for our nation. It is a collection of rules, regulations and defined procedures for most of what happens in our City government.

While we are still required to follow certain state and federal laws (e.g. equal opportunity, ADA, etc.), having a City Charter allows us:

- The powers and duties of elected and appointed officials;
- How City funds are spent and how property is purchased/sold;
- The election process in Waterville;
- How residents petition to change an action taken by the City Council.

The proposal to create a Charter Commission was a requirement of the Charter and was approved by the voters on November 6, 2012. Voters also elected seven (7) members and the Council will appoint three (3) additional members to form a ten (10) member Charter Commission.

This group will begin meeting soon to review the current Charter and to determine if any changes are to be recommended.

To view the current Charter, please [click here](#).

