

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In the Year 2018

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

18.152 AN ORDINANCE
to Establish a Charter Review Committee

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by adding § Chapter 9 of said Code; providing that § 9 Special Charter Review Committee

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in city Council assembled, as follows:

Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, shall be amended by adding Chapter 9, which shall read as follows:

§ 9-1 Establishment

A special committee is established to conduct a review of the City Charter, to be conducted at ten-year intervals in years ending in a 9, in accordance with Section 10-6 of the City Charter.

§ 9-2 Membership; term

- a. The special committee shall be comprised of nine members who shall be appointed for a term commencing no earlier than January 1 and no later than July 1 in a year ending in a 9. One member shall be a member of the City Council appointed by the Council President. One member shall be an employee of the executive branch of the City appointed by the Mayor. Seven members shall be citizens of the City, one from each ward, appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the ward councilors with the confirmation of the City Council in accordance with Section 2-10 of the City Charter. All members of the special committee shall be registered voters in the City. The special committee shall be overseen by the City Solicitor.
- b. The special committee shall convene no later than 30 days after its appointment, hold meetings as necessary, and file with the City Clerk no later than December 31 of the year ending in a 9 a report summarizing the special committee's recommendations with any proposed revisions of the City Charter contained therein.
- c. The special committee shall dissolve upon submission of its report to the City Clerk.

