

RECOMMENDED CHANGES AND ADDITIONS  
TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE

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Section 63-13. Mayor and Council; qualifications.

The governmental functions of said town shall be vested in a Mayor and six Councilmen **[who shall serve without compensation]**, all of whom shall be at least twenty-five years of age and shall have resided within the corporate limits of said town at least two years prior to election, and each of whom shall be assessed on the books of said town for at least **[\$100.00] \$1,000.00**.

Section 63-14. Voters; qualifications.

All citizens of the United States above the age of **[twenty-one]** *eighteen* years who shall have resided within the corporate limits of said town for at least one year prior to any election shall be qualified to vote for all elective officers of said town, and the Judges of Election hereinafter provided for shall be the sole **[judges]** *judge* of the right of any person to vote at any town election; provided, however, that in the election of Councilmen only those citizens above the age of **[twenty-one]** *eighteen* years who shall reside within the limits of the ward which said Councilman shall represent shall be qualified to vote for any such Councilman.

Section 63-15. Procedure.

The election for all elective officers shall be held on the first Monday in May at a place or places to be designated by the Mayor and Common Council, and notices of such designation must be posted in three public places at least ten days before said election. Such polling places shall remain open from 8 to 10 o'clock A.M. and from 3 to 7 o'clock P.M., or longer, at the discretion of the Mayor and Common Council. **[Such election shall be conducted by three judges and two clerks to be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council annually.]** *Such election shall be conducted by a sufficient number of judges and clerks as may be deemed necessary by the Mayor and Common Council. Such judges and clerks shall be appointed annually by the Mayor and Common Council,* and shall take the oath prescribed herein for town officers. Suitable ballot boxes and **[polling places]** */or voting machines* shall be provided by the Mayor and Common Council. **[Immediately upon the closing of the polls the ballots shall be publicly counted and the said judges shall make a true and correct return of the votes so cast, shall seal the same, and shall within two days thereafter return the same to the Mayor and Common Council or the Clerk thereof. Within ten days after said election the Mayor and Common Council shall meet and canvass the said returns and shall declare those persons receiving the highest number of votes for the respective offices voted upon elected, and shall record a copy thereof among their proceedings.]** *Immediately after the closing of the polls, the judges shall determine and record the vote cast for each candidate and shall seal the ballots and/or machine tallies. The judges shall immediately present the record of votes cast to the Mayor and Common Council who shall declare that person or persons elected who shall have received the highest number of votes for their respective office or offices. The results shall be recorded in the minutes of the Council. In the event of a tie vote for any office, there shall be an election on the fourth*