

RIVERDALE

it is introduced. At any regular or special meeting of the Council, held not less than six nor more than sixty days after the meeting at which an ordinance was introduced it shall be passed or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration be referred to some future date. In cases of emergency, the provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced may be suspended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council. Every ordinance, unless it is passed as emergency ordinance, shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following passage. An emergency ordinance shall become effective on the date specified in the ordinance. The ordinance or a fair summary thereof shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, including the Town's official "Town Crier", before it is acted upon by the Council, or if this is an emergency measure it shall be published after it is passed.

-14.21. Referendum

If before the expiration of 20 calendar days following approval of any ordinance by the Mayor and Council, A petition is filed with the clerk of the Town containing the signatures of not less than 20 per centum (20%) of the qualified voters of the Town and requesting that the ordinance or any part thereof be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the Town for their approval or disapproval, the Council shall have the ordinance or the part thereof requested for a referendum, submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the Town at the next regular Town election or, in the Council's discretion, at a special election occurring before the next regular election. No ordinance or part thereof requested for referendum shall become effective following the receipt of such petition until and unless approved at the election by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question. An emergency ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall continue in effect for 60 days following receipt of such petition. If the question of approval or disapproval of any emergency ordinance or any part thereof has not been submitted to the qualified voters within 60 days following receipt of the petition, the operation of the ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum shall be suspended until approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at any election. Any ordinance or part thereof disapproved by the voters, shall stand repealed.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any ordinance or part thereof levying special assessment charges for payment of indebtedness as outlined in §24.1 of this Charter.