

CITY OF GARDNER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the City Charter Review Committee will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, to hear testimony with regard to potential amendments to the City Charter of the City of Gardner. Persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend and offer testimony. Written testimony may be sent to the Gardner Mayor's Office, attn: Colin Smith, 95 Pleasant St, Gardner, MA 01440 or [csmith@gardner-ma.gov](mailto:csmith@gardner-ma.gov)

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Robert Rice, Esq., Chair

**Rules of the Hearing**

- 1) The Chair will call the Public Hearing to order and read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.
- 2) The Chair will then ask for anyone wishing to testify to please raise their hand, be recognized, then state their name and address for the record.
- 3) Testimony from current City Elected Officials will be taken first.
- 4) Testimony will then be taken by members of the general public. Comments from any one speaker from the general public are limited to 3 minutes.
- 5) Testimony must be on the merits of the pending question; otherwise, the testimony will be ruled out of order.
- 6) The Petitioner shall be granted the opportunity to reply to questions and comments, if desired.
- 7) Any proposed specific amendments must be submitted in writing, or general testimony may be given verbally about ideas of amendments.
- 8) Attendees desiring a second opportunity to present "new" testimony will be given an opportunity if, in the opinion of the Chair, time allows. Repetitive testimony by the same individual will not be permitted.
- 9) The persons offering testimony may submit written comments to the Presiding Officer.
- 10) Upon completion of testimony, the Presiding Officer shall close or continue the Public Hearing to a time/place certain by voice vote.