

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**“PROPOSED AMENDMENT(s) to the CITY CHARTER”**

**CITY OF EASTPORT**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY - 6:00 P.M.**

The Eastport City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Shed High School in the Library at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on proposed amendment(s) to the City Charter and to give consideration to the proposed amendment(s) as referenced below and to put it out to referendum to go on the **November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023** Municipal Ballot as required by City Charter.

The following amendment(s) are proposed and brought forth by the Charter Review Committee:

**SECTION 2.05(d) & (e) ENFORCEMENT**

To strike, remove, and to add/amend to this section as proposed.

[A copy of amendment(s) is available in the City Clerk’s office at City Hall]

*Attached hereto is the Proposed Amendment brought forth*

**SECTION 2.06(b)(5) FOFEITURE of OFFICE**

To strike, remove, and to add/amend to this section as proposed.

[A copy of amendment(s) is available in the City Clerk’s office at City Hall]

*Attached hereto is the Proposed Amendment brought forth*

**SECTION 4.01(c) HIRING/APPOINTMENTS**

To amend to combine subsection “ iii ” and “ iv “ into one subsection “ iii “

[A copy of amendment(s) is available in the City Clerk’s office at City Hall]

*Attached hereto is the Proposed Amendment brought forth*

**NOTE:** Upon review of the proposed amendments, deletions are indicated by  
strike-throughs; additions are *in italics*.

## PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Deletions indicated by strike-throughs; additions are in italics.

Section 2.05 (d) Enforcement. When the City Council has a reasonable understanding that a provision of this charter or of any city policy or rule has been violated by an elected official or an official appointed by the City Council, the City Council may, *by majority vote*, issue *at any point in time* any of the following ~~forms of sanctions~~ (from least to most severe):

1. Oral reprimand.
2. Written reprimand. (A written reprimand is less formal than a formal sanction. It may be issued by consensus during executive session and be subject to privacy.)
3. Formal sanction, with penalties to be determined by City Council. (A formal sanction is public, and the official may have an attorney involved in the proceedings.)
4. ~~Expulsion or~~ Removal from office.

(e) Residents of the City of Eastport shall be permitted to file a *written grievance* ~~or complaint~~ against a City Councilor for actions taken in their capacity as such. Such *grievance complaint* shall be submitted to the City Clerk and shall be addressed by the City Council within 60 days of submission. A summary of how the *grievance complaint* was addressed shall be made available to the public within 14 days of when it was addressed, unless prohibited by applicable law. A resident is not entitled to file a second *grievance complaint* against a City Councilor for the same instance of behavior that said resident has previously submitted a *grievance complaint*.

### Section 2.06

(b) (5) accrues *a total of three formal sanctions and/or* written reprimands during his/her term in office.

In Section 4.01 (c), combine subsection iii. and iv. into one subsection iii. to read:

The following officers/employees shall be appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the majority of the City Council: Wastewater Supervisor, Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief and any other department head. All department heads, including the Police Chief and Fire Chief, may recommend the hiring or appointment of employees and staff for their department, but the hiring or appointment shall be made by the City Manager. All police officers and firefighters, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief must live in a reasonable response time to the City.