

**TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
2023 TOWN CHARTER REVISION
EXPLANATORY TEXT**

The Plainville Town Clerk has prepared this explanatory text pursuant to CGS §9-369b(a).

General Explanation:

Acting under the authority and powers granted to municipalities by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Plainville Town Council passed a Resolution approving the initiation of action to amend and revise the Plainville Town Charter. The Plainville Town Council adopted four questions regarding the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Town of Plainville and it voted to present these questions to the voters on the November 7, 2023, ballot as follows:

1. **Shall Chapter IV Section 1 of the Charter of the Town of Plainville be amended to allow for a waiver of the Town Manager Residency Requirement as proposed by the Charter Revision Commission?**

Yes ___ No ___
2. **Shall Chapter IV Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of Plainville be amended to allow the Assistant Town Manager or the Town Manager’s designee to act as Town Manager during any temporary inability of the Manager to serve as proposed by the Charter Revision Commission?**

Yes ___ No ___
3. **Shall Chapter VI Section 6 of the Charter of the Town of Plainville be amended to include additional language regarding participation in the Regional Health District as proposed by the Charter Revision Commission?**

Yes ___ No ___
4. **Shall Chapter VII Section 12 of the Charter of the Town of Plainville be amended to make the Director of Finance and Town Treasurer’s designation of a deputy optional as proposed by the Charter Revision Commission?**

Yes ___ No ___

A “Yes” vote is a vote for the adoption of the respective revision. A “No” vote is a vote against the adoption of the revision, leaving the Charter provision unchanged.

A majority vote on the question determines whether the proposed revision(s) referenced in the question is approved.

Copies of the proposed revisions and this Explanatory Text will be available at each polling place on Election Day, November 7, 2023.

Article/Section	Intent and Purpose of Proposed Revision
Chapter IV, Manager	
Section 1 Qualifications, appointment, and tenure.	The current Charter language requires the Town Manager to reside within the geographic limits of the Town of Plainville during his/her term of office. The proposed revision modifies the residency requirement allowing the Town Manager to serve in office while residing outside the geographic limits of the Town of Plainville, upon a supermajority vote by the Town Council.
Section 5 Acting Manager	The current Charter language provides that the Town Manager may designate any employee of the Town to act as Manager should the Town Manager be temporarily unable to fulfill the duties of the position. The proposed revision provides that the Assistant Town Manager or the Town Manager’s designee shall be the one to temporarily fulfill the duties and functions of the Town Manager during his/her absence.
Article VI, Administrative Departments and Officers Under the Manager	
Section 6 Department of Health	The current Charter language mandates the existence of a Town of Plainville Department of Health and various positions within this department. The proposed revision seeks to reconcile this provision with State of Connecticut law that provides for the option of a regional health district for the Town to participate as a member.
Article VII, Financial Provisions	
Section 12 Payment of claims	The current Charter language mandates the designation of a deputy to serve the Director of Finance and a deputy to the Town Treasurer. The proposed revision allows this designation to be optional as advances in technology have made this mandate superfluous.