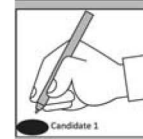


# ATTENTION SMITHFIELD VOTERS

## Voter information regarding the November 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

**SAMPLE VOTING BALLOT - FOR REGISTERED VOTERS IN SMITHFIELD, R.I.  
- LOCAL QUESTIONS - CHARTER REVISIONS  
INCLUDED ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**



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State Question	Local Questions	Local Questions	Local Questions	Local Questions
<p><b>1. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (CHANGING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE STATE)</b> (Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution)</p> <p>Approval of the amendment to the Title, Preamble, Section 3 of Article III, and Section 8 of Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth below will have the effect of changing the official name of the State from "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" to "State of Rhode Island":</p> <p>Full text of amendment for Question 1</p> <p>CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND</p> <p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>We, the people of this State which state shall henceforth be known as the state of Rhode Island, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution of government.</p> <p>ARTICLE III OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE</p> <p>Section 3. Oath of general officers. -- All general officers shall take the following engagement before they act in their respective offices, to wit: You being by the free vote of the electors of this state of Rhode Island, elected unto the place of do solemnly swear (or, affirm) to be true and faithful unto this state, and to support the Constitution of this state and of the United States; that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of your aforesaid office to the best of your abilities, according to law. So help you God. [Or: This affirmation you make and give upon the peril of the penalty of perjury.]</p> <p>ARTICLE IX OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER</p> <p>Section 8. Commissions. -- All commissions shall be in the name and by authority of the State of Rhode Island; shall be sealed with the state seal, signed by the governor, and attested by the secretary.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p>	<p><b>QUESTIONS 2-21 AMENDMENTS TO THE SMITHFIELD HOME RULE CHARTER</b> (Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 27, 2020)</p> <p><b>2. TOWN COUNCIL</b></p> <p>Shall Town Council terms be increased to a duration of four years on a staggered basis commencing after the November 2022 general election? (Repeals and replaces Sec. C-2.02)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>3. VACANCIES, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE, FILLING OF VACANCIES</b></p> <p>Shall a vacancy occur with less than one year remaining in the term of an unaffiliated voter who is a member of the Town Council, the Council shall fill said vacancy with an unaffiliated voter whose voter designation is certified by the Town Clerk prior to appointment? (Amends Sec. C-2.07)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>4. FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p>Shall the position of Tax Assessor be renamed "Assessor" and be removed from the Finance Department as a separate department called the Assessing Department? (Amends Sec. C-4.01 and creates a new section 4.02)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>5. FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p>Shall the position of Purchasing Agent become part of the Finance Department and report to the Finance Director? (Amends Sec. C-4.01)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>6. FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p>Shall all supplies, materials and equipment required by any department, office, agency, board or commission be processed centrally by the Purchasing Agent under the direction of the Finance Director and all contracts and awards be reviewed by the Solicitor prior to signing? (Amends Sec. C-5.19)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>7. FIRE DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p>Shall the functions of the Fire Department be expanded to include protection from hazardous materials, emergency medical events, man made hazards and other hazards and include responsibility for coordinating the Incident Command System and shall the qualifications for the Fire Chief include a Bachelor of Science degree in a related field and no less than five (5) years of supervisory and administrative experience in emergency medical services or the equivalent thereto? (Amends Sec. C-4.03)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p>	<p><b>8. TOWN SOLICITOR</b></p> <p>Shall the duties of the Town Solicitor include the review of all bid documents, ordinances, resolutions and all legal documents before the documents are executed by any office, department or agency of the Town? (Amends Sec. C-4.06)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>9. DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES</b></p> <p>Shall the position of Welfare Director be renamed and replaced with the position of Director of Human Services? (Amends Sec. C-4.10)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>10. PLANNING BOARD</b></p> <p>Shall the size of the Planning Board be reduced from nine (9) to seven (7) members and the terms of Planning Board members be increased from three (3) years to four (4) years? (Amends Sec. C-4.12)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>11. PLANNING BOARD</b></p> <p>Shall the Town require that all abutting property owners within Two Hundred (200) feet of a parcel of land designated to be included in the Selected Properties for the Construction of Low and Moderate Income Housing (Table 25 of the Smithfield Comprehensive Plan) receive written notice of the date, time and place of hearing prior to said designation? (Creates new section C-4.12)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>12. SMITHFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY</b></p> <p>Shall the Town create a Department of Emergency Management the operating head who shall be the Director of Emergency Management appointed by the Town Manager and who shall have the authority to appoint staff sufficient to perform functions and duties related to emergency management subject to the approval of the Town Manager? (Creates new section C-4.17)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>13. PARKS AND RECREATION</b></p> <p>Shall the Town create a Department of Parks and Recreation within the Town Charter whose duties include but are not limited to maintaining all Town properties that are listed by the Town as Parks and Recreational Facilities? (Creates new section C-4.18)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>14. LAND TRUST</b></p> <p>Shall the Smithfield Land Trust be codified within the Town Charter? (Creates new section C-4.19)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p>	<p><b>15. TOWN ENGINEER</b></p> <p>Shall the Town create a Department of Town Engineer/Environmental Affairs Officer and Sewer Authority Superintendent within the Town Charter operated by the Town Engineer who shall be appointed by the Town Manager and serve at the pleasure of the Town Manager? (Creates new section C-4.20)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>16. MANAGEMENT INTERNAL CONTROL PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Shall the Town create a management internal control program governing all Town Departments by which the Town Manager and all department heads ensure that all departmental, fiscal and administrative functions conform to established laws and provisions of the Code of Ordinances and Town Charter? (Creates new section C-4.23)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>17. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>Shall the Town create a Budget and Financial Review Board of seven (7) members appointed by the Town Council for staggered five (5) year terms to meet on a monthly basis to oversee municipal finance, to report to the Town Council its findings relative to questions on the Town's operations assigned by the Town Council, to review and make recommendations on the Town Manager's proposed budget after a public hearing and to forward all approved budgetary recommendations to the Town Council for its review, modification, and final approval or rejection after a public hearing, thereby eliminating the Financial Town Meeting and position of Town Moderator? (Repeals and replaces Sec. C-5.02 and C-5.06 in their entirety, creates new section C-5.03, amends Sec. C-5.04 and repeals Sec. C-4.08)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>18. CAPITAL PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Shall the Town create a Capital Committee consisting of eleven (11) members which shall include three (3) members of the School Department (one member of the School Committee, the School Superintendent and School Department Facilities Director), two (2) members of the Budget and Financial Review Board, one member of the Asset Management Commission, the Town Finance Director, the Town Planner, two members of the Town Council selected by the Council President and the Town Manager which shall meet quarterly to act in an advisory capacity to the Town Council relative to the Town's Capital Program? (Amends Sec. C-5.13)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p>	<p><b>19. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>Shall the Town require a comprehensive audit be performed every five (5) years commencing in 2021 which shall be reviewed by the Budget and Financial Review Board prior to providing written comments to the Town Council? (Creates new section C-5.20)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>20. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND</b></p> <p>Shall the Town codify an Other Post-Employment benefits Trust Fund as part of the Town Charter to address municipal liabilities associated with the funding of municipal employees post-employment benefits? (Creates new section C-5.21)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p> <p><b>21. SCHOOL COMMITTEE - VACANCIES, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE, FILLING OF VACANCIES</b></p> <p>Shall School Committee vacancies of a member who is an unaffiliated voter be filled by the Town Council for the remainder of the School Committee term with an individual who is a registered unaffiliated voter in the Town of Smithfield? (Amends Sec. C-6.05)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject</p>

**Should you have any further questions  
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at 233-1000 x 112**

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