

# SAMPLE



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015  
WARD 1  
Karen S. Lavertu, City Clerk**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR CITY COUNCIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than ONE</p> <p>JOHN O'CONNOR <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than ONE</p> <p>ELLEN LEIGHTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR SELECTMAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than THREE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR MAYOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than ONE</p> <p>KAREN WESTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEFFERY BRISSETTE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR AT LARGE SCHOOL BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than SEVEN</p> <p>SHENANNE TUCKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BETSEY ANDREWS PARKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KEITH HOLT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MATTHEW LAHR <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CAROLYN MEBERT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KATHLEEN MORRISON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHELLE MUFFETT-LIPINSKI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>AMANDA RUSSELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR WARD CLERK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR COUNCILOR AT LARGE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than TWO</p> <p>SARAH GREENSHIELDS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT CARRIER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	This column continues from the previous row	This column continues from the previous row
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	This column continues from the previous row	This column continues from the previous row

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## QUESTION 1

**QUESTION: SHALL DOVER APPROVE THE CHARTER AMENDMENT REPRINTED BELOW:**

**C4-2. School Board.**

There shall be a School Board consisting of seven members, one member from each ward and one member elected at large. The term of the office shall begin upon the member's election and qualification and end upon the election and qualification of the member's successor.

YES

NO

**C4-4 Qualification of Members.**

In order to be qualified to be a candidate for election as School Board Member, a person must be a duly qualified voter in the city and a resident of the city. In order to be a candidate for election as a School Board member from a Ward, in addition to the aforementioned qualifications, a person must be a resident of the ward from which he or she is seeking election. In the event that the ward boundaries are redistricted in conjunction with the Municipal Election said Ward candidate is elected which may result in removing them from said ward, the candidate shall be allowed to serve out their term as the representative of the Ward to which they are elected for one term.

**Summary Explanation:**

Currently, the Dover City Charter provides that the Dover School Board is comprised of seven (7) members, each elected at-large. If this proposed Charter Amendment is adopted the Dover City Charter would be amended so that the Dover School Board would be comprised of seven (7) members; one (1) member from each of Dover's six (6) Wards and one (1) member elected at-large. If adopted, the amended process for the selection of School Board members would be effective with the election to be held in November of 2017.

## QUESTION 2

**QUESTION: SHALL DOVER APPROVE THE CHARTER AMENDMENT REPRINTED BELOW:**

**C5-10 Legal Counsel.**

There shall be a Legal Counsel, City Attorney, of the city, appointed by the City Council, who shall serve as the chief legal advisor to the City Council, the City Manager and all city departments, offices and agencies, shall represent the city in legal proceedings and shall perform any other duties prescribed by this Charter or by ordinance. The Legal Counsel shall report to the City Council and may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Council.

YES

NO

**Summary Explanation:**

The City Attorney serves as legal counsel to the City of Dover, which acts through its City Council, City Manager, City Staff, and volunteer boards, commissions, and committees. Currently, consistent with the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 49-C:18, the City Manager has the authority to appoint and/or remove the City Attorney, as the City Manager does with other non-elected officers and employees in the administrative service of the City of Dover. If this proposed Charter Amendment is adopted by the voters, the Dover City Charter would be amended so that the City Attorney would be appointed by the City Council, report to the City Council, and could be removed from office by a majority vote of the Council. If adopted by the voters, this Amendment would be effective January 1, 2016.

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**