CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES
2024 Session, Resolution No. 4
as amended by 2025 Session, Resolution No. 1

To establish a Charter Review Committee under County Home Rule Charter Section 9 – 4

Whereas, the County Home Rule Charter requires that at least once in every five years, in years ending in a five or in a zero, the Assembly of Delegates shall provide for a special committee to be established which shall be charged with the responsibility of reviewing the then-existing charter and ordinances of the county for the purpose of determining if any amendments or revisions may be necessary or desirable;

Whereas, the Charter requires that special committee to make a report, with recommendations, to the Assembly of Delegates concerning any proposed amendments or revisions which said committee may deem to be necessary or desirable, not more than ten months following the date such committee is appointed;

Whereas, such review may be conducted in conjunction with the Cape Cod regional government legal officer, or if the Assembly of Delegates so directs, by special counsel retained for that purpose; and

Whereas, the Charter requires the committee to include representation of municipal officials of the municipalities which comprise the county;

Now therefore,

Be it Hereby Resolved by the Cape Cod regional government Assembly of Delegates:

Section 1.

All committees created by the Assembly of Delegates in previous resolutions for charter review are hereby abolished.

Section 2.

A Charter Review Committee is hereby established under Section 9 – 4 (a)

Section 3.

The committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Speaker and shall include:

1) the Speaker or their designee;
2) at least one member of the Assembly of Delegates;
3) the Chair of the County Board of Regional Commissioners or their designee if provided;

4) at least one municipal official of the municipalities which comprise the County; and
5) at least one member who resides in the Upper Cape (Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth, and Mashpee), Mid-Cape (Barnstable, Dennis, and Yarmouth), Lower Cape (Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, and Orleans) and Outer Cape (Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown).

Section 4.

The Assembly shall request recommendations for committee members from the select boards of the towns in Barnstable County and the Barnstable Town Council.

Section 5.

The Standing Committee on Governmental Regulations shall submit to the full Assembly for approval, with or without amendment, a list of key topics or concerns for the Charter Review Committee to consider in its review of the charter and ordinances of the county.

The Charter Review Committee shall make every effort to pursue lines of inquiry or analysis and give due consideration to any recommendations regarding the charter and ordinances of the county as individual delegates may submit to it in writing.

Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of the Charter Review Committee to consider additional topics regarding the county's charter and ordinances the Charter Review Committee determines are necessary to fulfill its charge.

The Assembly of Delegates adopted Resolution No. 4 of the 2024 Session at its regular meeting on August 7, 2024 by a roll call vote with delegates representing 68.75% of the population of Barnstable County voting in the affirmative, delegates representing 15.76% of the population voting in the negative, delegates representing 2.51% voting present, and delegates representing 12.98% of the population absent.

The Assembly adopted Resolution No. 1 of the 2025 Session, amending Resolution 4 of the 2024 Session by inserting a new section 5, at its regular meeting on January 15, 2025 by a roll call vote with delegates representing 100.00% of the population of Barnstable County voting in the affirmative.

Attested by:

Owen Fletcher, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates