

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF  
OLD ORCHARD BEACH

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, Maine hereby give Public Notice that there will be a Public Hearing held at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Town Charter changing the number of Councilors from the current 7 Councilors to 5 Councilors, removing term limits for Councilors, changing the terms of office to 2-year terms, and the Charter transitional provisions and scheduling related thereto; with possible action to follow including the ordering of the Clerk to place the proposed amendments on the ballot for the election to be held on November 5, 2013.

BALLOT QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

**Question 1: Shall the Town of Old Orchard Beach approve the Charter amendments summarized below?**

Amend the Charter to reduce the number of Town Council members from seven (7) to five (5) with all Council members serving two (2) year terms and with a single Council member being elected for a two-year term in November, 2014. The text of the proposed Charter amendments is available in the Clerk's Office.

**Question 2: Shall the Town of Old Orchard Beach approve the Charter amendments summarized below?**

Amend the Charter to eliminate term limits for Town Council members. The text of the proposed Charter amendments is available in the Clerk's Office.

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Per Order of the Municipal Officers this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

A True Copy  
Attest:

s/Kim M. McLaughlin  
Kim M. McLaughlin, Town Clerk

**Text of Charter amendments proposed to be adopted under Referendum Question 1 at the November 5, 2013 election:**

**Amend the first three (3) sentences of Section 201.1 to read as follows:**

**Sec. 201.1. Town Council.** The Town Council shall be composed of ~~seven~~ five (75) members, with ~~six three~~ two-year terms ~~and one one-year term~~, each of whom shall be elected by the registered voters of the entire Town, and each of whom shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The ~~six three~~ two-year terms of the Town Council shall be staggered, and expire at three ~~two~~ year intervals. ~~The one-year term shall expire annually.~~

**Amend Section 1002.1 to read as follows:**

**Sec. 1002.1. Transition to Amended New-Charter.**

The provisions of Section 202 notwithstanding, the terms of the Town Councilors shall continue and expire as follows: the terms for Councilors elected before November of 2013 shall expire normally at the end of their respective terms on the third Monday in November of the final term year. Three Councilors elected shall stand for election in November of 2011-2013 for two 32- year terms and one 1-year term and such terms shall expire on the third Monday in November of the final term year. In November of 2014, one Councilor shall stand for election for a 2-year term. In November of 2015, two Councilors shall stand for election for 2-year terms. In November of 2016, three Councilors shall stand for election for 2-year terms shall expire normally in 2013 and the first regular municipal election in November 2012 shall elect two (2) Town Councilors for three-year terms and two (2) Town Councilors for two-year terms, and one (1) Town Councilor for a one-year term.

All succeeding elections under this Charter shall alternate between electing two or three (2) Town Councilors for three ~~2~~-year terms based on the vacancies created by expiration of terms on the third Monday in November of the final term year ~~and one (1) Town Councilor for a one-year term, thereby providing elections for a Town Council composed of seven (7) members, with six (6) Town Councilors having three-year terms and one (1) Town Councilor having a one-year term by the year 2014.~~

~~The six three-year terms of the Town Council will be staggered, and expire at three year intervals. The one-year term will expire annually.~~

~~Candidates for Council shall specify on their nomination papers whether they are seeking election for a one-year term or a three-year term and may be elected only for the term so specified.~~

**Amend Section 1004 as follows:**

**Sec. 1004. Terms of Current Officials.**

The terms of members of the Town Council, elected ~~at the regular municipal election on November 8, 2011, shall expire on the Third Monday in November 2013.~~ through November 5, 2013, shall expire on the third Monday in November of the final term year.

**Text of Charter amendments proposed to be adopted under Referendum Question 2 at the November 5, 2013 election:**

**Amend the last sentence of Section 201.1 as follows:**

~~No Town Councilor is eligible to serve more than seven years consecutively.~~

**Amend Section 1002.2 as follows:**

**Sec. 1002.2. Term Limits.**

~~Term limits shall go into effect with the 2012 election. Council seats elected prior to November, 2012 shall not calculate into the term limit formula.~~