

SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Ballot Question #1:

"Shall the City of Portsmouth approve the Charter Amendment summarized below?"

YES
NO

SUMMARY: The municipal Charter of the City of Portsmouth currently requires that the City of Portsmouth establish a Conflict of Interest ordinance. The ordinance is required to include mandatory financial disclosure by certain municipal officials, a review board and procedures that determine violations, penalties for violations as well as procedures to be used in reporting, investigating and correcting the results of violations. If adopted, this proposed Charter Amendment would add to the list items to be included in the ordinance mandatory financial reporting requirements under which candidates for the City Council, and political action committees which support such candidates, must report campaign contributions and expenditures. The specific reporting requirements would ultimately be contained in the ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Ballot Question #2:

"Shall the City of Portsmouth approve the Charter Amendment Summarized below?"

YES
NO

SUMMARY: The municipal Charter of the City of Portsmouth currently requires that the City of Portsmouth establish a Conflict of Interest ordinance. In addressing conflict of interest issues, the Charter requires that the ordinance include the creation of a review board and procedures to determine violations. The ordinance must also contain penalties for violations as well as procedures to be used in reporting, investigating and correcting the results of violations.

In addition to addressing those conflict of interest matters, the Charter also requires that the ordinance include mandatory financial disclosure by certain municipal officials. If adopted, this proposed Charter Amendment would mandate that the "municipal officials" who must comply with the mandatory financial disclosure of the sources of income and capital assets required by the ordinance will include members of the City Council, Police Commission, Fire Commission, School Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission. The proposed Charter Amendment would also limit the capital assets which would be required to be disclosed under the ordinance to those assets which are "Portsmouth related".

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