

**APPENDIX A
APPROPRIATION & EXPENDITURE THRESHOLD**

Proposed Amendment

Sec. 3.1. Legislative Authority of the City Council

The legislative powers of the City shall be vested in the City Council which shall consist of seven members, one member elected by the legal voters from each of the five wards of the City plus two at large members elected by the legal voters of the entire City. The seven City Councilors shall constitute the Municipal Officers of the City of Westbrook.

The City Council shall have power to make and establish ordinances and bylaws for the management of its fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs, as herein and by general law provided, without the sanction of any court or justice thereof; provided, however, that all bylaws, ordinances and regulations now in force in the City of Westbrook shall, until they expire by limitation, or be revised or repealed by the City Council, remain in force.

The City Council shall, so far as not inconsistent with this Charter, have and exercise all the legislative powers of municipalities, and have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities of Municipal Officers, under the general laws of this state, including the powers given to the inhabitants of municipalities and to the Municipal Officers relating to borrowing of any kind.

The City Council shall not authorize the erection of a school building, or of any addition thereto, nor pass any appropriation for such purpose until plans for same have been approved by vote of the School Committee, and such approval has been certified in writing to the City Council by the Chair of said Committee. ~~all~~

The following ordinances, ~~and any orders or and resolutions which involve:~~ shall require the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members of the City Council for their final passage, which shall be by a roll call vote:

- (1) The appropriation or expenditure of money which exceeds ~~three~~ five thousand dollars ~~(\$3,000.00)~~ (\$5,000.00),
- (2) The laying of an assessment,
- (3) The borrowing of money, or
- (4) The granting to any person or corporation any right in, over, or under any street or other public ground of the City, ~~shall require the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members of the City Council for its final passage, which shall be by a roll call vote.~~

Every such ordinance, order or resolution shall be read twice, with an interval of at least seventy- two (72) hours between the first and second readings, before it is in order for final passage; but if such a matter is amended after its first reading, it shall be tabled for a period of at least seventy- two (72) hours before it may be voted upon for final passage.

All other ordinances, orders or resolutions shall require a single reading and require the affirmative votes of a majority of all of the members for passage.

No sum appropriated for a specific purpose shall be expended for any other purpose, and no expenditure shall be made nor liability incurred by or in behalf of the city, until an appropriation has been duly voted by the City Council sufficient to meet such expenditure or liability, together with all the prior unpaid liabilities which are payable out of such appropriation; provided, however, that after the expiration of the financial year, and until the passage of the regular annual appropriations liabilities payable out of a regular appropriation to be contained therein may be incurred to an amount not exceeding one-third (1/3) of the total of such appropriation for the preceding year.

The City Council shall establish by ordinance the regular salaries or remuneration of the Mayor and members of the City Council, but any ordinance changing such salary or remuneration shall not take effect until the municipal year succeeding the term for which the Mayor and Council were elected.

Proposed Referendum Question

Question 1. Shall the City of Westbrook approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

Summary of amendment: To amend Section 3.1 to increase the appropriation and expenditure threshold requiring City Council approval from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.