

Ballot for Voting on Proposed Revisions of the Arden Village Charter

This ballot consists of 21 separate proposals recommended by the Governance Task Force, each of which offers **voting options of Yes, No, or Abstain**.

For each proposal, please circle your vote. If you vote with more than one answer or do not vote on a single proposal, the vote on that proposal will be invalid and not counted, but it will not invalidate other votes on the ballot.

Each voter will be offered a “markup” version of the revised charter to use for reference and to consider the proposals in context. Voters will be able to see wording that is to be deleted, wording that is to be added, and wording that is to be transferred without change from the Charter to new Village ordinances. There is a key on the cover page to help voters understand the markup revisions.

Proposal	Topic	Charter Markup Section(s)	Vote (Circle Choice)		
1	Addition of a Preamble	Beginning	Yes	No	Abstain
2	Update Territorial Limits — add Avery and Mill Race —	2(b)	Yes	No	Abstain
3	Add New Definitions in Section 3	3(e)(f)(g)	Yes	No	Abstain
4	Add Additional November Town Assembly Meeting	5(a)	Yes	No	Abstain
5	Allow for Virtual Town Assembly Meetings	5(a)	Yes	No	Abstain
6	Clarifying Special Town Meeting Procedures and Restrictions	5(b)	Yes	No	Abstain
7	Clarifying and Revising Procedures Regarding Ordinances	5(e)	Yes	No	Abstain
8	Allow the Town Assembly Meeting to Call a Referendum	5(f)	Yes	No	Abstain
9	Add an Alternate to the Board of Assessors	7(a)(b) (Current Charter)	Yes	No	Abstain

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10	Transfer Assessor Election Process to a New Ordinance	Transfer 7(a) and (b), change 7(c) to new 7(a) with added language	Yes	No	Abstain
11	Include Community Standard of Living in the Assessors Duties and Oath	Current 7(c), New 7(a) Current 7(d), New 7(b)	Yes	No	Abstain
12	Transfer Budget Committee Processes to a New Ordinance	Transfer 8(a) and part of 8(c) to an ordinance; change 8(b) to new 8(a); change remaining part of 8(c) to new 8(b)	Yes	No	Abstain
13	Update Language of Budget Committee Responsibilities	Current 8(b), New 8(a)	Yes	No	Abstain
14	Add a Provision for Handling a Failed Budget Referendum	New 8(c)	Yes	No	Abstain
15	Transfer Registration Committee Election Process to an Ordinance	Transfer 9(a) to an ordinance; change 9(b) to new 9(a) with added language	Yes	No	Abstain
16	Revise Enforcement, Fines and Penalties Section	12(a)(b)(c)	Yes	No	Abstain
17	Simplify and Rename Section on Police Force <i>Rename as "Law Enforcement Officials or Personnel"</i>	13	Yes	No	Abstain
18	Revise the Village Contract Witnessing Requirement	14	Yes	No	Abstain
19	Delete Section on Fire, Zoning, and Housing Codes <i>(This is Handled by the County)</i>	15	Yes	No	Abstain
20	Update Document to Use Gender Neutral Language <i>(i.e., Chairman to Chair)</i>	5(g) (h), 5(h) (i), 9(a) , 9(b) (a), 14	Yes	No	Abstain
21	Miscellaneous Minor Language Changes	3a, 5a, 5b, 5(f) (g), 6a, 6b 7(e) (a), 8(e) (b), 9(e) (b), 10, 11	Yes	No	Abstain