

## PROPOSED CHARTER COMPARISON CHART

CHARTER PROVISIONS	Current Charter Plan A (ss. 48-58 of M.G.L., c. 43)	Proposed Charter
Incorporation, Definitions, etc.	No – There is no single section of the Plan A charter containing this information. Readers would have to search state law and special legislation to find these provisions.	Yes – the proposed charter contains this information in a comprehensive section.
Legislative	Yes* – Plan A creates a 9 member at-large council elected to 2-years term. However, chapter 605 of the acts of 1986 amend the Medford charter to create a council of 7 members elected at-large to 2-year terms.	Yes – the proposed charter creates an 11-member council, with 8 ward councilors and 3 at-large councilors elected to 2-year terms.
Executive	Yes – Plan A identifies the mayor as having sole authority/responsibility for all administrative functions, including appointments.	Yes – The proposed charter specifically defines the role and responsibilities of the mayor. The mayor continues to have sole authority/responsibility for all administrative functions, but certain appointments must be confirmed by the city council.
School Committee	No – When Medford adopted the Plan A charter it specifically opted out of using the provided school committee language. See section 3 of chapter 605 of the acts of 1986.	Yes – The proposed charter defines the structure and authority of the school committee in detail.  The school committee shall consist of 7 members elected to 2-year terms. The mayor shall be the chair, two members will be elected at-large, and 4 members be elected from districts composed of 2 wards each.

Other Elected Officials	No – The current charter does not define the roles of other elected officials	No – The proposed charter does not define the roles of other elected officials.
Administrative Organization	No	Yes - The proposed charter describes a process whereby the mayor, with the council approval, may create, abolish or reorganize departments of the city.
Budget Adoption (Finance)	No – The current charter relies on the requirements of section 32 of chapter 44 of Massachusetts General Law.	Yes – The proposed charter adds additional process to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44, s. 32 that include public input and feedback from the council in the creation of the city’s budget.
Capital Planning (Finance)	No	Yes – The proposed charter includes requirement for the annual creation and review of a 5-year capital plan.
Elections	Yes – Chapter 43 of Massachusetts General law includes provisions addressing the ballot, preliminary elections, candidate qualifications and nominations.	Yes – The proposed charter addresses the same issues as the existing charter with specific changes related to the number of signatures required to qualify as a candidate.
Citizen Relief	Yes – Chapter 43 of Massachusetts General law includes provisions for initiative petitions and referenda.	Yes – The proposed charter includes provisions for initiative petitions, free petitions and referenda. As well as requirements for minimum voter turnout to protect the integrity of the process.
Recall	No	Yes
General Provisions	Yes - Chapter 43 of Massachusetts general law contain a number of “general provisions” spread throughout the chapter that apply to municipal operation.	Yes – The proposed charter has one section dedicated to topics like periodic charter review, periodic ordinance review,

		procedures governing multimember bodies, oaths, etc.
Transition Provisions	Yes	Yes