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## Charter of the City of Revere, Massachusetts

Governance in our community dates back to 1630 when John Winthrop arrived in Massachusetts and established the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England. Winthrop immediately placed all of the geographical territory of our area under his jurisdiction and authority. Subsequently, The General Court of Massachusetts, (now the Massachusetts Legislature), was established and by order of the General Court in 1634, annexed all of the lands that we now know as Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop into the new Town of Boston. For 105 years our area was part of the Town of Boston governed by the Board of Selectmen of Boston. In 1739 again by an Act of the Massachusetts Legislature the areas of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop were set off from the Town of Boston and incorporated as the new Town of Chelsea under the authority of the Town of Chelsea Charter governed by the Board of Selectmen of Chelsea. For the next 107 years our area was a part of the Town of Chelsea. In 1846 the areas of the present day Revere and Winthrop were set off from the Town of Chelsea and incorporated as the Town of North Chelsea. Twenty-five years later in 1871 Winthrop was set off from the Town of North Chelsea as the Town of Winthrop and Revere was incorporated as the Town of Revere under the authority of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Revere. Forty-three years later, in 1914, pursuant to Chapter 687 of the Acts of 1914, the Town of Revere was incorporated as the City of Revere.

Chapter 687 of the Acts of 1914 became the first Charter of the City of Revere under which the City of Revere operated for thirty-six years subject to the authority of an elected Mayor and City Council.

By vote of the residents of the City of Revere in 1947 the form of government was changed to a Plan E Charter. Beginning in 1950, the new form of government with an elected City Council, including a Mayor elected from its members and a City Manager appointed by the City Council, came into effect with all elective bodies elected at large by proportional representation.

The Plan E City Manager form of government, with a City Manager as Chief Executive Officer, became the City of Revere's second City Charter.

In 1964 the voters of the City of Revere, once again, decided to change their form of government from Plan E to Plan B. In 1965 the Plan E Charter ended and in 1966 the City of Revere commenced operation under the Plan B Charter with an elected Mayor and City Council elected from districts and at large. The Plan B Charter is the City of Revere's third and current City Charter.

The City of Revere has operated under the standard Plan B Charter of the Massachusetts General Laws with the general provisions listed below:

- [Chapter 43, Sections 56-63 as amended M.G.L. \(Plan B Charter\)](#)
- [Chapter 43, Sections 1-45 as amended M.G.L. \(General Provisions\)](#)

Additionally, the City of Revere operates under the following other Massachusetts General Laws:

- For Municipal Personnel Services (Civil Service) we operate under [Chapter 31](#) and [31A](#) M.G.L.

- For Retirement System and Pensions we operate under [Chapter 32 M.G.L.](#)
- For Group Health Insurance purposes we operate under [Chapter 32B M.G.L.](#)
- For certain portions of municipal government we operate under [Chapter 39 M.G.L.](#) which includes the Open Meeting Law.
- For general powers and duties of the city we operate under [Chapter 40 M.G.L.](#)
- For Zoning, Planning, and Board of Appeals we operate under [Chapter 40A M.G.L.](#)
- For powers and duties of officers of the City we operate under [Chapter 41 M.G.L.](#)
- For municipal finance we operate under [Chapter 44 M.G.L.](#)
- For births, deaths, and marriages we operate under [Chapter 46 M.G.L.](#)
- For the powers and duties of the fire department we operate under [Chapter 48 M.G.L.](#)
- For elections we operate under [Chapter 50](#), [Chapter 51](#), [Chapter 52](#), [Chapter 53](#), [Chapter 54](#), [Chapter 55](#), [Chapter 55B](#), [Chapter 55C](#), [Chapter 56](#), and [Chapter 57 M.G.L.](#)
- For taxation we operate under [Chapter 58](#), [Chapter 58A](#), [Chapter 59](#), [Chapter 60](#), [Chapter 60A](#), [Chapter 60B](#), [Chapter 61](#), [Chapter 61A](#), [Chapter 61B](#), [Chapter 62](#), [Chapter 62B](#), [Chapter 62C](#), [Chapter 62D](#), [Chapter 62E](#), [Chapter 62F](#), [Chapter 63](#), [Chapter 63A](#), [Chapter 63B](#), [Chapter 63D](#), and [Chapter 64A M.G.L.](#)
- For public records we operate under [Chapter 66 M.G.L.](#)
- For public education we operate under [Chapter 70](#), [Chapter 70B](#), and [Chapter 71 M.G.L.](#)
- For enforcement of public health we operate under [Chapter 111 M.G.L.](#)
- For public safety we operate under [Chapter 148 M.G.L.](#)
- For labor relations we operate under [Chapter 150E M.G.L.](#)
- For Workers Compensation we operate under [Chapter 152 M.G.L.](#)
- For Cable T.V. we operate under [Chapter 166A M.G.L.](#)

Furthermore, the following Special Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature are also a part of the current City Charter of the City of Revere:

- [Chapter 199 of the Acts of 1923](#) Tenure of City Clerk
- [Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1934](#) License Commission
- [Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1938](#) Tenure of City Engineer
- [Chapter 314 of the Acts of 1946](#) Tenure of City Collector
- [Chapter 424 of the Acts of 1952](#) Election Commission
- [Chapter 345 of the Acts of 1953](#) Tenure of City Planner
- [Chapter 402 of the Acts of 1965](#) City Council and All Boards/Commissions Meetings
- [Chapter 551 of the Acts of 1972](#) Fire Chief, Civil Service
- [Chapter 66 of the Acts of 1973](#) Est. Purchasing Dept.
- [Chapter 269 of the Acts of 1973](#) Terms of School Comm.
- [Chapter 125 of the Acts of 1983](#) Traffic Commission
- [Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1984](#) Traffic Commission
- [Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1986](#) Oath of Office
- [Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1989](#) Billiard Licenses
- [Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1991](#) Liens
- [Chapter 441 of the Acts of 1996](#) Motel Licenses
- [Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2001](#) Appointment of Police Chief
- [Chapter 147 of the Acts of 2004](#) Filing vacancies, Mayor, City Council, School Comm.
- [Chapter 407 of the Acts of 2006](#) Second Hand Auto Licenses

- [Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2006](#) Certain Park Land for School Purposes
- [Chapter 221 of the Acts of 2008](#) Terms of Certain Bonds for New Police/Fire Headquarters
- [Chapter 319 of the Acts of 2008](#) Firefighter Reserve List
- [Chapter 128 of the Acts of 2009](#) Tenure of the City Clerk, Collector, and Engineer
- [Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2009](#) Elimination of the Primary Election in 2009
- [Chapter 455 of the Acts of 2010](#) Second Hand Auto Licenses
- [Chapter 183 of the Acts of 2011](#) Conveyance of Certain Parcels of Land
- [Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2011](#) Filing Vacancies, Mayor
- [Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2011](#) Elimination of the Primary Election 2011
- [Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2012](#) Voting Precincts
- [Acts of 2012, Ch. 100.](#) An act designating a certain pedestrian bridge in the city of Revere as the Christina Markey and John Markey Memorial Pedestrian Bridge and the new maintenance facility for the department of conservation and recreation located in the city of Revere as the Captain Arthur Reinstein Memorial Maintenance Facility.
- [Acts of 2012, Ch. 352.](#) An act designating a certain area in the city of Revere as the Peter E. McCauley Memorial Plaza.
- [Acts of 2012, Ch. 353.](#) An act designating two pavilions in the city of Revere as the Norman Gautreau Memorial Pavilions.
- [Acts of 2013, Ch. 15.](#) An act relative to certain parcels of land in the city of Revere. Accepted
- [Acts of 2013, Ch. 131.](#) An act authorizing the city of Revere to issue bonds or notes for the payment of a certain litigation settlement.
- [Acts of 2014, Ch. 63.](#) An act designating a certain bridge in the city of Revere as the Rita Singer Bridge.
- [Acts of 2014, Ch. 171.](#) An act establishing a district to operate a regional public safety communications and dispatch center for the city of revere and the town of Winthrop.
- [Acts of 2015, Ch. 23.](#) An act authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Cynthia A. Penta (Adreani).
- [Acts of 2016, Ch. 43.](#) An act further regulating the regional public safety communications and dispatch center for the city of Revere and the town of Winthrop.
- [Acts of 2016, Ch. 145.](#) An act authorizing the transfer of certain land of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in the city of Revere.
- [Acts of 2017, Ch. 74.](#) An act eliminating the preliminary election in the city of Revere in 2017.
- [Acts of 2017, Ch. 129.](#) An act authorizing the city of revere to pay a certain sum of money to Juanita M. Haas (Brandariz).
- [Acts of 2017, Ch. 159.](#) An act relative to placing a plaque at the Staff Sergeant Paul W. Cronin Memorial Arena in the city of Revere in honor of Roger Naples.
- [Acts of 2018, Ch. 137.](#) An act relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk of the city of Revere.
- [Acts of 2018, Ch. 243.](#) An act permitting penalties and liens for water meter ordinance violations.
- [Acts of 2018, Ch. 433.](#) An act relative to a plaque in memory of Grace Hill Sannella.
- [Acts of 2022, Ch. 120.](#) An act establishing residency requirements for the Offices of Mayor, City Council, and School Committee in the City of Revere.
- [Acts of 2022, Ch. 151.](#) An act authorizing the transfer of certain land of the Commonwealth to the City of Revere for municipal purposes.
- [Acts of 2022, Ch. 298.](#) An act providing creditable service for fire department personnel in the City of Revere.
- [Acts of 2022, Ch. 331.](#) An act providing for voting precincts in the City of Revere.

- [Acts of 2022, Ch. 413](#), An act providing for the placement of a plaque or other suitable marker at the Cronin Memorial Arena in the city of Revere in honor of Joseph DeSantis.

Moreover, the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, which govern the general provisions and the powers and duties of the various departments and boards and commissions of the City of Revere, are also considered ancillary to the Charter of the City of Revere.

The Massachusetts General Laws, Session Laws, and Special Acts are available to you, on-line at <https://malegislature.gov>. Please access the [Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere](#) by clicking this link.