

## ARTICLE I. THE CHARTER

### Section 1-1. The Charter.

The Charter shall be the organic law of the Town of Ridgefield in the administration of its local affairs. Any Special Acts and ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent with the Charter shall have no further force or effect after the effective date of this Charter. Other Special Acts affecting the town, and all other ordinances and resolutions duly adopted and in force before the effective date of this Charter, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, shall remain in force.

Matters concerning the election of officers, the making and registration of voters and the administration of local affairs not provided by this Charter, or by lawful ordinance, shall be governed by the Connecticut General Statutes and Special Acts of the State of Connecticut applicable to the Town of Ridgefield.

The term "board" or "boards", as used in this Charter, shall include all boards, commissions, agencies, and committees except as otherwise specified. (14)

The terms "prescribed by law" and "provided by law", as used in this Charter, shall mean prescribed or provided by the General Statutes, by Charter and by ordinance.

The term "town agency", as used in this Charter, shall mean each board, commission, committee and agency of the town for which an appropriation was made in the annual budget; each town official who is not a member of a board, commission, committee or agency for whom an appropriation was made in the annual budget; each separate function of the town for which the Board of Selectmen is responsible.

The term "elector" as used in this Charter shall mean any person possessing the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and duly admitted to, and entitled to exercise, the privileges of an elector in the Town of Ridgefield.

The term "resident" as used in this Charter shall describe a person who is registered to vote in the Town of Ridgefield and whose principal residence is in the Town of Ridgefield. No person who has filed with the registrar of voters an application for the retention of electoral privileges shall be considered a resident for so long as the application for retention of electoral privileges is in effect. (2)