

[Print](#)**Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #330****Date Submitted: 4/25/2024****First Name***

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The following questions are optional:**Are you a resident of Bloomfield?**

Yes
 No

Proposed Recommendation to the Town Charter

The Bloomfield Town Charter is available

at: https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH**What section number of the Charter does your change affect?***

Section 502 - Town Manager

Proposed Recommendation *

Change requirement that the Town Manager become a town resident when appointed

Brief description of the issue addressed by the proposed change:*

The town manager should be a resident of CT but not of Bloomfield

Impact of Proposed Change**What benefits will be realized by the citizens and/or government of Bloomfield?***

It will widen the candidate pool and encourage potential candidates to focus on the job, not the residence, when applying

What potential impacts may be associated with the proposal change?*

We have seen a reluctance of candidates with school age children to move to Bloomfield and be faced with the choice of either having them enroll on a system that is unfairly judged to be inferior to those of surrounding towns or to have to pay for private schools

Can you provide data to assist in validating the impact of the proposed change?

The last three TM searches

Describe any obstacles, costs, or cost savings associated with the proposed change, if any?

There will be those who believe that if you don't have skin in the game by living in town, that you won't always act in the town's best interest. And again, if there are a number of communities in CT who do not have a TM residency requirement, that information should be made public