



Ballot Questions and Explanatory Texts

November 3, 2026 General Election

QUESTION #1

In accordance with Chapter VI Sections 9 and 10 of the Enfield Town Charter, the following explanatory text was prepared by the Enfield Town Clerk and reviewed by the Office of the Town Attorney.

The question will appear on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot and is not intended to advocate for approval or disapproval at a referendum vote.

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ENFIELD APPROPRIATE \$511,000,000 FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF HAZARDVILLE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRUDENCE CRANDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PARKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND BARNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF ELI WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO THE EAGLE ACADEMY THERAPEUTIC DAY SCHOOL, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,000,000, WITH THE BALANCE FUNDED BY GRANTS AND OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS?"

YES

NO

A resolution adopted by the Enfield Town Council at a meeting held on September 2, 2026 and further amended for clarification on September 14, 2026 shall be submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots by Town electors and qualified voters for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

If approved, the resolution presented under the ballot heading above will appropriate \$511,000,000 for the following projects: (i) \$105,000,000 for the new construction of Hazardville Memorial Elementary School; (ii) \$114,000,000 for the new construction of Prudence Crandall Elementary School; (iii) \$109,000,000 for the new construction of Parkman Elementary School; (iv) \$122,000,000 for the new construction of Barnard Elementary School; and (v) \$61,000,000 for the conversion of Eli Whitney Elementary School into the Eagle Academy Therapeutic Day School (the "Projects"). The Town estimates that it will receive a reimbursement rate of approximately 83% from the State of Connecticut, leaving the Town's total share of the Projects at approximately \$89,000,000. The resolution provides that the Town will finance the \$511,000,000 appropriation by (i) issuing the Town's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$89,000,000, (ii) using any federal, state or other grants-in-aid or other funds received for the Projects, (iii) using monies available in the unappropriated and unencumbered general fund cash balance (in accordance with the procedures in Chapter VI, Section 8(g) of the Town Charter), and (iv) using monies available from other sources as determined by resolution of the Town Council.

The full text of the Town Council resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

QUESTION #2

Pursuant to §9-369(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), as amended, the following explanatory text was prepared by the Enfield Town Clerk and reviewed by the Office of

the Town Attorney and is not intended to advocate for approval or disapproval at a

referendum vote.

Said proposals recommended by the Enfield Charter Revision Commission and approved by the Enfield Town Council at a meeting held on June 23, 2026 shall be submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots by Town electors for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

If a majority of the electors approve the Charter revision question, the revisions shall be incorporated into the Town Charter effective December 4, 2026.

"SHALL THE ENFIELD TOWN CHARTER BE REVISED AS PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION AND AS APPROVED BY THE ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION #7549 AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2026?"

YES

NO

NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS

- Various grammatical, punctuation, capitalization, and formatting changes were made.
- Gender-neutral pronouns were used.
- The title of Tax Collector was changed to Collector of Revenue for consistency with the job description.
- The title of Chairman was changed to Chair.

SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSED REVISIONS

Chapter II - Officers and Elections

Section 1. (1) States that the Registrars of Voters' term is for two years for clarification purposes only. (2) Abolishes the elected office of Constable as the office is not utilized for any procedural or ceremonial purpose. **Section 2.** Codifies the terms of office of the Town Council and Board of Education which was previously unstated. **Section 4.** Establishes new procedures for replacing vacancies in elected town office. Only Town Councilors of the same party as the individual who has left office shall vote to fill the vacancy. **Section 5.** Requires a public hearing prior to altering Council District boundaries.

Chapter III - The Town Council

Section 2. Recognizes the position of Minority Leader under Council leadership. **Sections 3 & 4.** (1) Designates the first meeting of the newly elected Town Council as the Organizational meeting. (2) The current Charter states that the Town Council shall meet no less than once per month. The revision allows the Council to meet less than once per month upon a majority vote of its members. **Section 5.** Recognizes that fees established by State Statute supersede conflicting fees established by the Council. **Section 6.** (1) Allows for potential future changes in the laws governing the newspaper publication of notices by stating that notices be published "according to law." (2) Allows the town to publish ordinances in the newspaper in summary form while stipulating that ordinances requiring an appropriation of funds be published in full. **Section 7.** Clarifies that the Town Clerk

determines the sufficiency of petition signatures. **Section 9.** Establishes means by which a member of the Town Council may be removed from office for violating provisions prohibiting direct contact with subordinates. **Section 11.** Authorizes the Council to waive the three-year contract limit for the appointment of an independent auditor by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council seated and present. **Section 12.** Establishes means by which a member of the Town Council may be removed from office for violating provisions of the Town Charter or the Ethics Ordinance.

Chapter IV - The Town Manager

Section 1. (1) Removes the residency requirement for the Town Manager and states that Enfield residency is preferred but not required. (2) Allows flexibility in determining the education and experience requirements of Town Manager applicants. **Section 2.** Allows for an additional thirty-day extension in the Acting Manager position by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council seated and present.

Chapter V - Appointments by the Town Council and the Manager

Section 1. Authorizes the Council to appoint an Interim Town Attorney for a period of up to ninety days which may be extended by thirty additional days by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council seated and present. **Section 4.** Creates two alternate positions for the Board of Assessment Appeals. **Section 7.** Clarifies that the Council may establish other administrative departments it deems appropriate. **Section 8.** States that competitive bid contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible, qualified bidder. **Section 9.** Allows for flexibility in determining the education and experience requirements of Director of Public Works applicants. **Section 10.** (1) Moves the appointment of the Animal Control Officer from the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Police. (2) Stipulates that under both (a) Division of Police and (f) Division of Emergency Medical Services, employee suspensions of more than thirty days require the approval of the Town Manager. **Section 13.** States that surety bonds are filed with the Director of Finance.

Chapter VI - Finance and Taxation

Section 3. Requires the last three (3) fiscal years of actuals be included in the budget. **Sections 4.** Allows for potential future changes in the laws governing the newspaper publication of notices by stating that notices be published “according to law.” **Section 9.** 1. Changes the way capital expenditure limits are determined by clarifying that any expenditure that requires a *net expenditure* of Town funds exceeding 0.0002 (2/100’s of one percent) of the current grand list be submitted to and approved by the electors of the town by a referendum vote. Net expenditures shall exclude any and all amounts contributed or provided by state or federal grants, state or federal reimbursements, or other non-town funding sources. 2. Stipulates that those eligible to vote at a referendum on capital expenditures be electors of the Town of Enfield. **Section 10.** Stipulates that those eligible to vote at a referendum for any bond issue or issuance of notes in any fiscal year which exceeds 0.0002 (2/100’s of one percent) of the current grand list be electors of the Town of Enfield. **Section 11.** 1. Increases the Town’s individual contributions to organizations or private corporations from \$5,000 to \$10,000 before stipulated representation requirements take effect. 2. Changes the representation requirement from board member representation to liaison.

The proposed revisions to the Enfield Town Charter were published in the Hartford Courant on July 17, 2026, and are available at [Charter Revision Commission 2026 | Enfield, CT - Official Website](#) and in the Office of the Enfield Town Clerk. Copies shall be mailed free of charge upon request.