

**The Indian Hill Charter Review Committee’s  
Executive Summary for the Reorganization and Revisions to  
the Charter for the City of the Village of Indian Hill  
as of October 2019**

The Charter for the City of the Village of Indian Hill (the “Village”) was adopted in 1941 and has been amended five times with the most recent amendment being approved in 1999.

Village Council recently established a charter review committee (the “Committee”) to review the Charter and consider recommended revisions to the Charter. The Committee met on several occasions and discussed numerous proposed changes to the Charter. The four primary goals of the Committee were:

- (1) to make the Charter easier to understand and use;
- (2) to eliminate discrepancies and clarify confusing language within the Charter;
- (3) to highlight home rule authority which allows the Village, rather than the State, to determine practices that best fit the community; and
- (4) to bring the Charter in line with current best practices.

To meet these goals, the Charter required revision and reorganization throughout with a significant portion of the changes being stylistic in nature.

Below is a summary of the changes suggested by the Committee:

- Insertion of Article and Section headings, addition of a table of contents, and reorganization throughout to make the Charter easier to use.
- Removal or replacement of gender specific pronouns with gender neutral references.
- Ensure consistency in naming, numbering, and capitalization throughout. Remove obsolete provisions referring to position of Treasurer, which the Village eliminated and combined with the Clerk/Comptroller position several decades ago.
- Reduce the timeframe for ordinances to become effective to 30 days unless passed as an emergency. This proposal is to assist the Village in running more efficiently as an Ordinance, with three readings, currently take 5 1/2 months to become effective. - **Sections 3.2 and 4.1.**
- Clarify the involvement of the County Board of Elections in the petition initiative and referendum processes. - **Article 4**
- Update to account for the current population of the Village. - **Article 5**
- Allow the Village to establish the circumstances which are best for the community to go out to bid before purchasing. - **Section 6.4**
- Increase threshold contract amounts within the Charter and clarify certain provisions within the budgeting, purchasing, and contract processes so that the operations of the Village may continue to run smoothly with increased efficiency. - **Sections 6.3-6.5**

- Permit a supermajority of Council to dispose of real property outside the public bid process so that the Village may better control how, to whom, and on what terms real property may be transferred from the Village. - **Section 6.5**
- Reaffirm the authority of the Village to establish or contract with an entity to provide police and fire services, acknowledging that the entity providing police services shall always be known as the Indian Hill Rangers. - **Article 9**