



HOUSE BILL 268: City of Belmont Charter Revisions.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 268 revises and consolidates the City of Belmont Charter.*

CURRENT LAW: The City of Belmont was incorporated in 1895. Since that time, the Charter has been modified by three dozen acts of the General Assembly. The Charter has not been consolidated and updated into one document since 1895.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 268 consolidates and updates the Charter of the City of Belmont.

Specifically, the Bill:

- Repeals the initial Charter, and replaces it with standard modern Charter provisions setting out the City's basic powers and name.
- Repeals street and sidewalk improvement and assessment Charter provisions unique to Belmont, substituting general State law.
- Repeals a force account limit in the Charter, substituting general State law.
- Repeals unique Charter provisions concerning implementation of the council-manager form of government.
- Incorporates by reference in the Charter *existing City powers* granted by various session laws concerning: the City's ETJ boundary, water and sewer and street lighting special assessment procedure, the City's occupancy tax, and its exemption from the 10% area limitation on voluntary satellite annexation.
- Repeals local acts on elections, police authority, and boxing that have been superseded by State law.
- Repeals obsolete local acts describing the City's boundaries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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