



Charter Committee Update

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What is Home Rule?

- Community with population of 5,000+ with a locally adopted charter that must be approved in an election
- Shenandoah can transition to Home Rule when population reaches 5,000
- Right of citizens at grassroots level to manage their own affairs with minimal interference from the state



Home Rule Powers

Inherent powers of Home Rule include:

- Cities have independent annexation power
- Voters can repeal existing ordinances by referendum
- Citizens can elect council members at large, by single member districts, or by place
- Citizens set terms of office for city council members



Population Study

CITY OF SHENANDOAH – AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD POPULATION

NEIGHBORHOOD	AVERAGE # PER HOUSEHOLD	# OF HOMES/UNITS	TOTAL
Single Family Homes			
Shenandoah Valley	3.5		
Tuscany Woods	4		
Silverwood	4		
Grogans Forest	3		
Malaga Forest	3.5		
Marion	4		
Lily	4		
Reserve at Grogans Mill	3		
Boulevard Green	2.5		
Parkgate	4		
Wellman Manor	3.5		
Palmetto	3.5		
Subtotal			0
Multi-Family			
Sunningdale	2		
Park at Woodmoor	3		
Oak Haven	2		
Avanti			
Woodlofts			
Subtotal			0
GRAND TOTAL			0

* Estimates as of 03/2016

What is a Charter?

A Charter establishes the following:

- City's governmental powers
- City's governmental structure (mayor-council, council-manager)
- Organizational structure of administration, means to finance operations
- Procedures for city council, advisory boards, assessing/collecting taxes, annexations, etc.
- Controls over city government (elections, initiative, recall)
- Procedures for amending the Charter

Charter Committee

Committee of residents to assist in drafting Charter

- Led by City Attorney and City Administrator
- Committee works independently and makes recommendations to Council

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Questions?