

In New Haven's last charter revision, there was also a proposal to allow non-citizens to serve on the board. Below is some sample language that the previous charter revision proposed before the commission opted to not bring it up. It is copied directly from the first draft of the 2013 charter. This language did not ultimately make it into the charter.

- 'C. Minimum Qualification for Membership. Except as otherwise required by law, no person may serve on a Board or Commission unless such person is an (1) Elector; or (2) resident of the City is, at least, eighteen years of age and who is a (i) citizen; (ii) lawful permanent resident; (iii) refugee and asylees; or, (iv) a person in possession of an identification card issued by the City to all residents of the City ("resident card"). If any such person who is a member of a board shall move from the City or no longer possess the legal status or resident card as set forth herein, such person's membership on such Board or Commission shall be immediately terminated."

Some additional framing language - a potential idea is to express that anyone who is a "bona-fide resident of New Haven" can serve on a board or commission. Below is how CT state statute defines bona-fide residency with regards to voting. We can take inspiration from this or come up with a similar definition (i.e maybe using Elm City ID card as one). Additionally, this may be worth exploring if/after certain boards and commissions are moved to the code of ordinances. It is important to acknowledge certain boards and commissions would likely be ineligible for this to apply to.

Sec. 9-12. Who may be admitted. (a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years, **and who is a bona fide resident of the town** to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen, as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to have attained the age of eighteen years on the day of the person's eighteenth birthday **and a person shall be deemed to be a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector if such person's dwelling unit is located within the geographic boundaries of such town.**

**Boards and Commissions that would potentially not be eligible for non-citizens to serve on based on CT General Statute (Commissions/Boards specifically outlined in CT General Stat). Counsel can likely review which commissions, boards, and authorities are clearly outlined in state statute.**