

**Allentown Referendum Questions
Plain English Statements
2021 General Election**

Ordinance No. 15708

Shall paragraph B of Section 101 of the City of Allentown Home Rule Charter be removed from the Charter?

The City's Home Rule Charter is like the City's constitution; it sets up the rules for City government.

Section 101(B) of the Charter states as follows: "English shall be the official language of the City of Allentown and the language in which City business shall be conducted, unless otherwise required by applicable state and/or federal law or regulation." If you vote "Yes" on this ballot question, it means that this provision will be deleted in its entirety, so that English is no longer the official language of the City.

Ordinance No. 15726

Shall Section 606 of the City Home Rule Charter, which requires Heads of Departments, Offices and Agencies to reside within the City of Allentown within one year of appointment, be amended to require such individuals to reside within five (5) miles of the City's borders within twelve (12) months of being appointed?

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The Charter currently permits Heads of City Departments, Offices, and Agencies to be non-residents of the City of Allentown at the time of their appointment but requires Heads of City Departments, Offices, and Agencies to reside within the City of Allentown within one (1) year of being appointed. If you vote "Yes" on this ballot question, it means that you want to change the City's Charter so that Heads of Departments, Offices, and Agencies no longer need to be City residents within one (1) year of being appointed but, instead, must reside within five (5) miles of the City's border within one (1) year of being appointed.