

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NEW MARKET PROPOSED CHARTER**

The Town of New Market will conduct a public hearing on a proposed new Town Charter (the "Charter") on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building located at 9418 John Sevier Road, New Market, VA 22844. Members of the public are invited to attend and present comments on the proposed Charter.

The Town's existing charter was adopted by the Virginia General Assembly in 1972. The proposed new Charter provides updates by enabling the Town to take more actions related to financial powers, including accepting conditional gifts, contractual powers, including establishing markets and the acceptance of gifts and grants, utilities including requiring certain utilities to be placed underground, powers related to streets, certain powers related to the abatement of nuisances, police powers, including those related to the protection of the Town's water supply, powers related to the operation of government including the establishment of a temporary presiding officer if the mayor and vice mayor are unavailable, and amending the powers, responsibilities and qualifications of the town manager, among other things, The new Charter will not amend the Town's boundaries.

A copy of the proposed Charter is on file at the Town of New Market Municipal Office, 9418 John Sevier Road, New Market, VA 22844 and is available for review Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, and at [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com).

Any person requiring special accommodations in attending or participating in the public hearing should contact Nathan Garrison, Town Manager at (540)740-3432 at least five days prior to the public hearing.