

# Saint Bernard Public Survey: Proposed Charter Amendments

This survey is expected to only take **3 minutes** to complete!

\* Required

## Introduction and Disclaimer

The research lead, Connor Moreton, will analyze and summarize responses into a public report to aid the draft of amendments to the Saint Bernard Village Charter. Sections of this summarized report may be presented to Saint Bernard Council and therefor made available to the public. Although your name will be sent with your answers, your specific responses will not be linked to you in any way once the survey is closed.

After your responses are validated and recorded, your name will be deleted from any records we may have. So, you will not be added to any mailing lists you didn't subscribe to nor will it be sold to a third party. Your name will NOT be included in the summarized report.

Going ahead to participate in this survey implies that you understand and agree to the provisions in this disclaimer.

1. What is your first and last name? \*

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2. Is your primary residence in Saint Bernard, Ohio? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

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3. Are you at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in Saint Bernard, Ohio? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

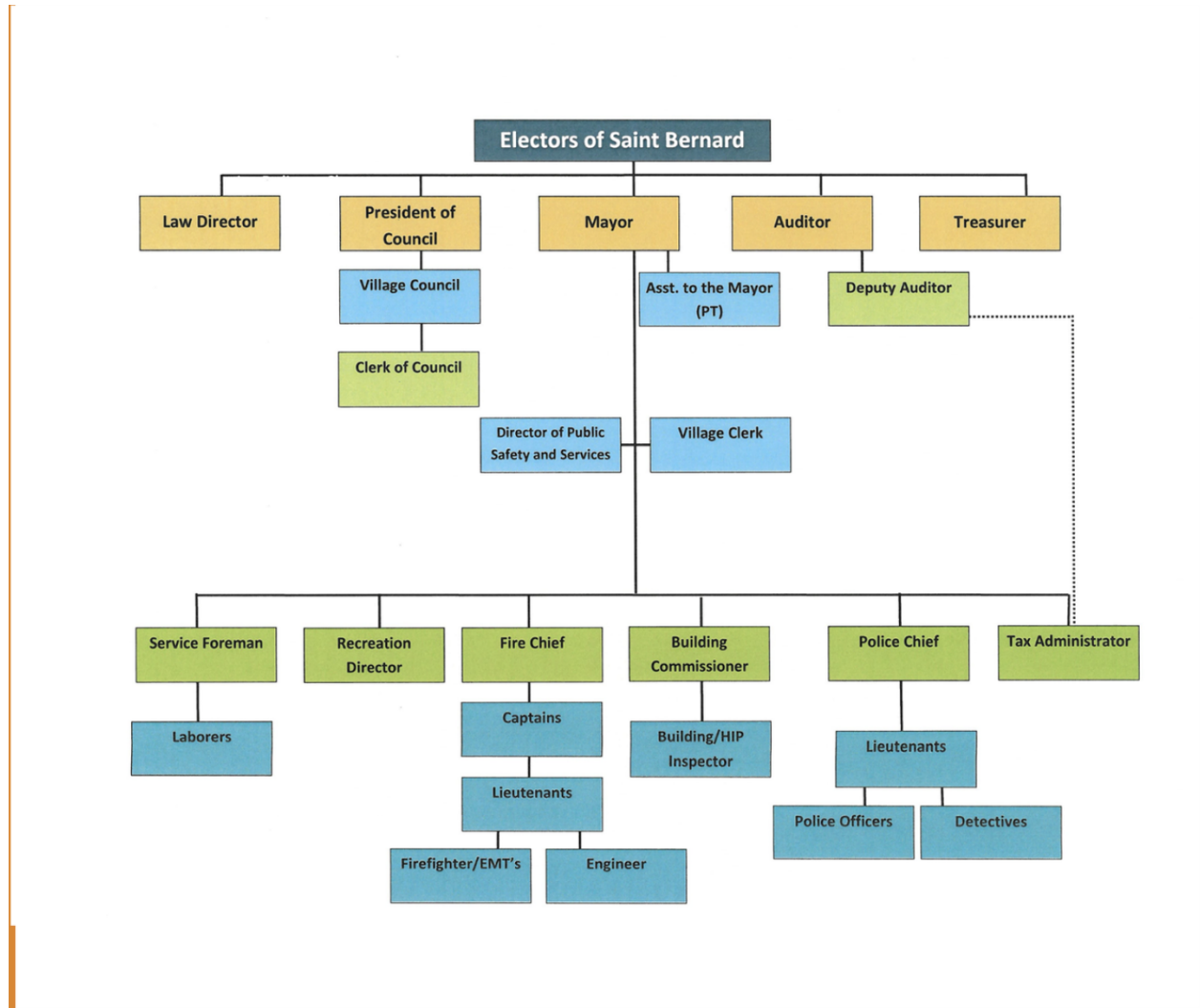
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Current  
Government  
Structure

Despite the adoption of a Charter in 2003, Saint Bernard continues to operate with a statutory model of government. Under this form, the Mayor is the chief elected official and the chief executive officer of the municipality but does not chair council meetings. This duty is reserved for the President of Council who, like the Mayor, is directly elected to the role. The number of Council members is typically determined by the population of the municipality. Finance duties are assigned to an elected Auditor and an elected Treasurer. An elected Law Director provides legal counsel to the municipality. Daily administration of the municipality is carried out by the Director of Public Safety and Service. The Auditor, Treasurer, and Law Director are accountable directly to the voters with no day-to-day obligations to the Mayor or the Council.

### Current Government Structure



4. After reading this summary, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: "I have a good understanding of Saint Bernard's Government Structure." \*

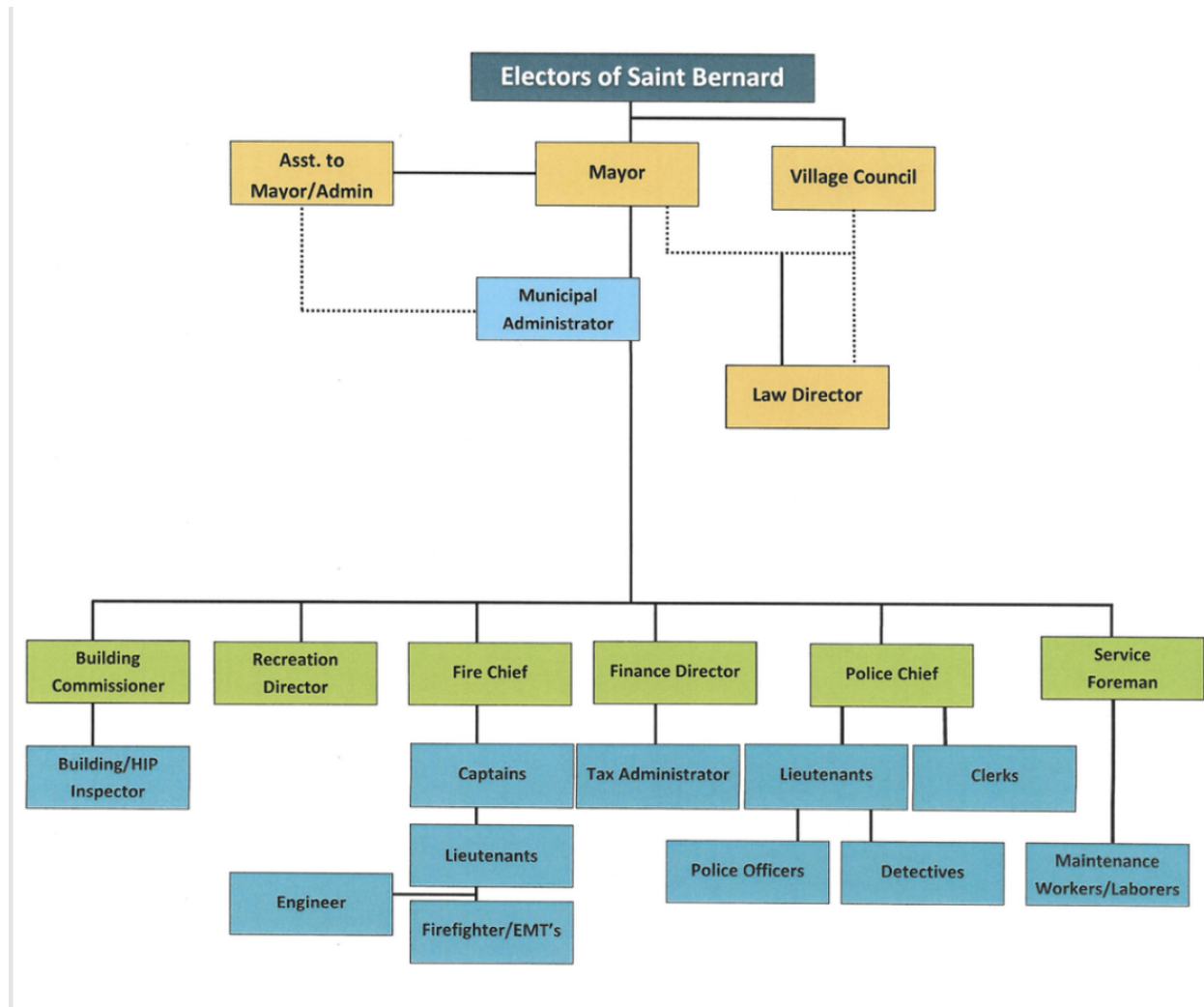
Mark only one oval.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Charter Amendment Question

The following questions will ask you about your opinion and understanding of the proposed amendments to the Saint Bernard Village Charter. Each section will explain the proposal for you to read prior to answering the corresponding questions. There will also be space near the end of this survey for you to share any additional thoughts.

Proposed Government Structure



**Proposition 1: Municipal Administrator**

The Director of Public Safety and Service will transition to a professional Municipal Administrator position to oversee the day-to-day operations of the village including the hiring of village staff with the consent of the Mayor. The Municipal administrator will be appointed by Council based on merit and professional credentials.

5. Please indicate your level of agreement with **Proposition 1: Municipal Administrator** \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

**Proposition 2: Finance Director**

The elected Auditor and Treasurer positions will be combined into an appointed, professional Finance Director position. The Finance Director will be appointed by Council based on their merit and professional experience with finances.

6. Please indicate your level of agreement with **Proposition 2: Finance Director** \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

**Proposition 3: Appointed Law Director**

The elected Law Director will transition to an appointed Law Director. The Law Director will be appointed by Council based on their expertise in Municipal Law.

7. Please indicate your level of agreement with **Proposition 3: Appointed Law Director** \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

#### **Proposition 4: Removal of Ward System**

All elected officials will be chosen by the total St. Bernard Municipality. Councilmembers will no longer be elected by their Ward - the Ward system will be removed - and will instead be elected at large.

8. Please indicate your level of agreement with **Proposition 4: Removal of the Ward System** \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

#### **Proposition 5: Staggered Councilmember Terms**

Instead of 2-year terms, Councilmembers will serve 4-year terms that are staggered from one another, where half of Council seats will be elected every four years after 2023 while the other half will be elected every four years after 2025.

9. Please indicate your level of agreement with **Proposition 5: Staggered Councilmember Terms** \*

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

10. Are there any comments you would like to be considered?

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Demographic and Identity Questions

11. Are you or a member of your household a member of St. Bernard Council or involved in the development of the previously mentioned changes to the Village Charter? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

12. How many full years have you lived in Saint Bernard? \*

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Voter  
Registration  
Information

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