

**REQUIREMENTS FOR FILLING
VACANCIES ON CITY/TOWN COUNCIL**

BARRINGTON	Sec.2-1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- unexpired term by vote of electors- town council calls special election if vacancy occurs more than 9 months prior to next election
BRISTOL	Sec.204	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- town clerk calls special election- town council fills vacancy if less than 6 months remains in term
BURRILLVILLE	Sec.3.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- filled by qualified candidate with next highest vote total in last election- voters fill unexpired term at next general election
CENTRAL FALLS	Sec.6-104	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if more than 180 days before next regular election, Board of Canvassers shall call a special election
CHARLESTOWN	Sec.C-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if more than 1 year prior to next election, council shall call a special election- filled at discretion of council for unexpired term
COVENTRY	Sec.3.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if 6 months or more prior to next regular election, town clerk calls special election; if clerk fails to call, the Board of Canvassers must call- if less than 6 months before next election, council fills
CRANSTON	Sec.2.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if vacancy occurs in first 6 months of term, Board of Canvassers calls special election- if vacancy occurs after first 6 months, council fills with member of same political party
CUMBERLAND	Sec.403	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if vacancy occurs 12 months or more prior to next regular election, town clerk calls a special election- if vacancy occurs less than 12 months before next election, vacancy is filled by remaining members of council
EAST GREENWICH	Sec.3160	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if vacancy occurs 1 year or less prior to regular election, council fills- if vacancy occurs more than one year prior to regular election, council calls a special election

EAST PROVIDENCE	Sec.2-6	- unexpired term filled by vote of electors - if vacancy occurs more than 9 months prior to an election, council calls a special election
EXETER	Sec.406	- filled by candidate with next highest vote from last election - if no qualified candidate council appoints a qualified elector
FOSTER	Sec.2.06	- if vacancy occurs more than 6 months prior to an election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs less than 6 months prior to an election, council fills
GLOCESTER	Art IV Sec.3	- filled by candidate with next highest vote from last election - if no qualified candidate council appoints a qualified elector
HOPKINTON	Sec. 3160	- if vacancy occurs 1 year or less prior to regular election, council fills - if vacancy occurs more than one year prior to regular election, council calls a special election
JAMESTOWN	Sec.212	- remaining members of council appoint next highest vote getter
JOHNSTON	Sec.3.2	- if vacancy occurs 90 days or more prior to next election in "district" from which elected, town clerk calls special election
LINCOLN	Sec.5.3	- if vacancy occurs before first date allowable for filing declarations of candidacy for next election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs on or after first date allowable for filing council fills with member from the same district as retired incumbent
LITTLE COMPTON	Sec.406	- filled by candidate with highest number of votes from most most recent election for such office - if above person is unavailable council fills position
MIDDLETOWN	Sec.209	- council members select a member until next scheduled state or town election , at which time electors shall elect member to complete unexpired portion of term
NARRAGANSETT	Sec.2-1-5	- if vacancy occurs more than 1 year prior to an election, council calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 1 year or less prior to an election, council has the discretion to fill the vacancy

NEW SHOREHAM	Sec.403	- remaining members of the council fill vacancy with a qualified elector of town within 45 days
NEWPORT	Sec.2-3	- vacancy filled by candidate who received next highest vote total for ward / at-large seat vacated - absent such a candidate vacancy filled by 4 affirmative votes of remaining members of council
NORTH KINGSTOWN	Sec.306	- vacancy filled by council candidate who received most votes in the last election - if above method fails council appoints a qualified elector - if both above methods fail council directs town clerk to call a special election
NORTH PROVIDENCE	Sec.2-1-5	- if vacancy occurs with less than 180 days left in term, council appoints member from same political party - if vacancy occurs with 180 days or more left in term, council calls a special election
NORTH SMITHFIELD	Art IV Sec.3	- if vacancy occurs more than 1 year prior to next election, council calls a special election - council has discretion to fill vacancy for unexpired term
PAWTUCKET	Sec.6-105	- if vacancy occurs more than 180 days before next municipal election, Board of Canvassers calls a special election which may coincide with other city/state election
PORTSMOUTH	Sec.209	- remaining members of council select a qualified elector to fill vacancy until next regular election
PROVIDENCE	Sec.206	- if vacancy occurs more than 180 days before next election, council calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 180 days or less before next election, council calls a special election on written demand of at least 1/3 members of council
RICHMOND	Art 2 Sec.5	- if vacancy occurs during first 3 years, Board of Canvassers conducts a special election - if vacancy occurs during the fourth year, council appoints the candidate with greatest number of votes from most recent election - if no appointee is available, council appoints a qualified elector
SMITHFIELD	Sec.207	- if vacancy occurs 1 year or more prior to regular election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs less than 1 year prior to regular election, council fills with member of same political party

SOUTH KINGSTOWN	Sec.3111	- if vacancy occurs more than 1 year prior to next election, council calls a special election - otherwise council may fill for unexpired term
TIVERTON	Sec.403	- council fills with candidate with next highest vote total - if above method fails council appoints qualified elector for a maximum of 6 months to serve
WARREN	Sec.3.17	- if unexpired term exceeds 6 months council calls a special election - if unexpired term is less than 6 months seat remains vacant
WARWICK	Sec.2-4	- if vacancy occurs more than 180 days before next general election, Canvassing Authority calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 180 days or less before next general election, council has discretion to direct Canvassing Authority to call a special election
WEST GREENWICH	Sec.406	- if vacancy occurs during first year of term , Board of Canvassers calls a special election - if vacancy occurs during second year of term, council appoints a qualified elector
WEST WARWICK	Sec.403	- if vacancy occurs 1 year or more prior to election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs less than 1 year prior to election, council must fill with member of same political party
WESTERLY	Sec.2-1-3	- council fills until next regular election - if vacancies create lack of a quorum town clerk calls a special election
WOONSOCKET	Ch. II Sec.5	- if vacancy occurs more than 240 days prior to next regular election, Canvassing Authority calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 240 days or less prior to next regular election, council, in its discretion, may direct Canvassing Authority to call a special election

