



What are the fundamental concepts of Home Rule?

1. Preserving Eagle's character and controlling our future "local concern"

Examples:

- Modifying enactment of local ordinances
- Modifying the process for awarding public projects and disposal of public property
- Establish local zoning and other land use procedures unique to Eagle
- Local collection of sales tax

2. Citizen driven rule and regulations

Examples:

- Broadened ability to enact voter approved tax changes
- Facilitate special improvement districts
- Clarify, simplify or otherwise revise budget process
- Establish voter approval requirements for utility franchises
- Define land use regulatory authority
- Voter approved Charter and elected Charter Committee
- Minimal State intervention in Town policies and issues

What Home Rule could potentially change for the Town?

Examples:

- Change our land use noticing procedures to be more efficient and effective
- Provide certain economic development incentives – share backs, certain recapture arrangements, tax abatements, tax rebates
- Add additional safety regulations to our traffic codes
- Allow for certain revenues for the Town that are currently off limits like an event admission tax, occupational tax and excise taxes (like other municipalities) – all taxes must be approved by voters regardless of government structure
- Allow flexibility for to hold regular elections in November – creating alignment with other jurisdictions to increase participation
- Establish our own variance criteria and board of adjustment procedures
- Modify our subdivision plat approval procedures
- Conduct audits of businesses for sales tax enforcement separate from the State of Colorado
- More easily change speed limits zones
- Currently and treasurer report to the Board of Trustees but the town manager is responsible for them – changing this would ease internal operations





What is the process?

1. Town Board adopts Ordinance to set Ballot and create Charter Commission for the November election.
2. Those interested in being on the Charter Commission complete a nomination petition and submit to appear on the November ballot.
3. If the ballot passes, the Charter Commission meets and begins creating the Charter and submits to the Town Board.
4. April 2020 General Municipal Election includes adopting the Town Charter.

How is Home Rule Structured?

A Home Rule community operates under a Charter written by local citizens elected to a Charter Commission. Home Rule municipalities have the power to make relevant legislature and exercise control over issues of “local concern” with minimal state intervention. Federal and state laws that address matters beyond local concern still apply, including Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). Home Rule still gives the Town Board of Trustees flexibility and control to address and maintain Eagle’s unique values, culture, and character.

What is a Charter?

A Charter establishes the Town's form of government and specifies certain rights and responsibilities. As an independent body, the **Charter Commission** represents citizen viewpoints and considers and recommends appropriate revisions to the Charter, balancing the interests of Town government and the citizen.

How does it impact the Town of Eagle Departments?

The Town would have ability and autonomy to adopt regulations, for example:

- Administration – licensing and permits
- Elections – process and scheduling
- Finance – taxes and budget
- Municipal Court – process and procedures
- Public Works – streets, traffic management, and ROW
- Police – fees, fines and traffic
- Board of Trustees – structure and terms
- Community Development – zoning and land use processes

Why are 93% citizens in CO in a Home Rule city?

- Home Rule is the embodiment of the principle that the best government is the one that is the closest to the people
- By empowering local citizens more directly, Home Rule enhances citizen control, interest, involvement in their municipal government
- Authority to legislate on all matters of local concern.

