

Email from Jason Botkins on December 20, 2017 after comments during the last Council meeting:

Bryan:

I'm not sure I can provide a reliable quote for a few code chapters in the abstract because the amount of work needed on each chapter will vary significantly. For instance, review and revision to Chapter 22 (Aviation) would likely take 20 minutes or so whereas Chapter 86 (Utilities) might take ten times as long. I would encourage you to make a list of the Code chapters in order of priority with respect to review and revision. Once you have that list, I should be able to give you a quote for the first few chapters on the list.

With respect to the Charter, I would estimate fees of about \$2,000 from start to finish. The largest variables that may change the cost are (a) the number and scope of revisions after a first draft is finished; and (b) whether we hit any snags in the General Assembly. For instance, the last charter I worked on required additional legwork when the Chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee of the House nearly tabled and killed the bill at the last minute due to his personal belief that local elections should occur in May.

If the Town decides to move forward on the Charter, I would encourage you to look at as many charters as possible for other Towns and Cities at <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/charters> for ideas on content that you see as a good fit for the Town. You will see a lot of provisions in common among Town Charters. That will allow me to hit the ground running once I receive the assignment.

Thanks,  
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