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2 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of  
3 Springfield

4 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

5 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

6 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town  
7 of Springfield as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of  
8 amendment on November 3, 2020.

9 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 149 is amended to read:

10 CHAPTER 149. TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD

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12 § 5. ORDINANCES

13 \* \* \*

14 (c) Ordinance adoption procedure, other than zoning and subdivision  
15 bylaws.

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17 (2) There shall be five categories of action as follows:

18 \* \* \*

19 (D) minor amendment—minor adjustment in meaning, procedure, or  
20 definition; and

1 (E) emergency ordinance as defined herein in subsection (f) of this  
2 section;

3 ~~(F) changes in the Town's zoning and subdivision bylaws.~~

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5 § 11. PROCEDURES FOR CHARTER REVISION AND AMENDMENT

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7 (b) The procedure for charter amendment shall be as follows:

8 (1) The Selectboard shall appoint a Charter Review Committee of not  
9 less than 11 members, which shall include two representatives from the  
10 Selectboard and two representatives from the administration, one of which  
11 must be the Town Clerk, with the majority from the community at large. All  
12 voting members must be registered voters of the Town.

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14 § 22. TOWN MEETING; ELECTIONS

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16 (b) Meetings and Elections.

17 \* \* \*

18 (5) Presiding officials at Town meeting and elections.

19 \* \* \*

20 (F) In the absence of the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk,  
21 should it occur before an election, the Board of Civil Authority shall, upon

1 notice, immediately meet and designate an Acting Clerk for the duration of the  
2 election. Should the absence occur on election day, the Board of Civil  
3 Authority members present at the election shall designate an Acting Clerk to  
4 preside for the duration of the election.

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6 § 23. LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

7 \* \* \*

8 (c) Elected officers, duties, responsibilities, and conduct.

9 (1) Selectboard.

10 \* \* \*

11 (E) Meetings. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with  
12 Vermont's Open Meeting Law, 1 V.S.A. chapter 5, subchapter 2.

13 \* \* \*

14 (iv) Quorums; votes.

15 \* \* \*

16 (II) ~~All voting shall be by individual roll call vote~~ The minutes  
17 of the meeting will record the vote of each Selectboard member.

18 \* \* \*

19 § 34. ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY FUNCTIONS PRESCRIBED BY  
20 CHARTER

21 \* \* \*

1 (b) Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Attorney.

2 (1) The Selectboard shall appoint and remove, on the basis of  
3 qualifications and performance alone, a Town Clerk, ~~Grand Juror~~, Town  
4 Treasurer, and Town Attorney.

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6 § 42. TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET TIMETABLE AND  
7 PREPARATION

8 \* \* \*

9 (d) Drafting of annual budget.

10 (1) Unified administrative request. The Town Manager shall, after  
11 consultation with department heads, submit to the Selectboard and the Budget  
12 Advisory Committee a single budget request from the administration for all  
13 departments.

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15 § 44. RESERVE FUNDS

16 (a) The Selectboard may raise and appropriate money for the establishment  
17 of ~~capital~~ reserve or equipment reserve funds for the financing of all or part of:

18 \* \* \*

19 § 49. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND TOWN BUDGET

20 (a) Finance Director.

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