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An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of St. Albans

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER ADOPTION APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the adoption of and codifies the charter of the Town of St. Albans as set forth in this act. Proposals of charter adoption were approved by the voters on March 5, 2013.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 150 is added to read:

CHAPTER 150. TOWN OF ST. ALBANS

§ 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED

The inhabitants of the Town of St. Albans, within the corporate limits now established, shall continue to be a municipal corporation by the name of the Town of St. Albans.

§ 2. GENERAL LAW; APPLICATION

The Town of St. Albans shall have all the powers granted to towns and municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of this State and this charter, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all the powers therein granted.

§ 3. LOCAL OPTION TAX

(a) If the Selectboard of the Town of St. Albans by a majority vote recommends, the voters of the Town may, at an annual or special meeting

warned for the purpose, by a majority vote of those present and voting, assess any or all of the following:

- (1) a one-percent sales tax;
- (2) a one-percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax;
- (3) a one-percent rooms tax.

(b) Any local option tax assessed under subsection (a) of this section shall be collected and administered and may be rescinded as provided by the general laws of this State.

§ 4. PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS; APPOINTMENT

(a) Members of the Planning Commission shall be appointed and any vacancy filled by the Selectboard in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4323(a).

(b) The length of term of the Planning Commission members shall be determined by the Selectboard.

(c) Any Planning Commission member may be removed at any time by unanimous vote of the Selectboard.

(d) Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.

§ 5. RECALL

Any elected officer of the Town may be recalled from office as follows:

(1) A petition signed by not less than 15 percent of the registered voters shall be filed with the Selectboard requesting a vote on whether the elected officer shall be removed from office.

(2) The Selectboard shall call a special town meeting to be held within 45 days of receiving the petition to vote on whether the elected officer shall be removed.

(3) The vote shall be by Australian ballot.

(4) The official shall be removed only if at least as many registered voters of the Town vote as voted in the election wherein the officer was elected, or at least one-third of the registered voters of the Town vote, whichever is greater, and a majority of that number vote for removal.

(5) If the Town votes for removal of an elected officer, the office shall thereupon become vacant and the Selectboard shall call a special meeting to be held within 45 days of the vote for removal to fill the vacancy until the term of the officer so removed expires.

Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS PLANNING COMMISSION

On July 1, 2013, the terms of the elected members of the Town of St. Albans Planning Commission in office on that date shall expire. Thereafter, members shall be appointed to the Planning Commission as provided in Sec. 2 of this act in 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 150, § 4.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.