

1 H.444

2 Introduced by Representatives Walz of Barre City and Anthony of Barre City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Barre;

6 amendments

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve

8 amendments to the charter of the City of Barre to:

9 (1) enumerate the flags that the City may fly;

10 (2) authorize the City to adopt an ordinance that establishes a speed

11 limit of less than 25 miles per hour on City streets; and

12 (3) eliminate certain references to the office of First Constable.

13 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of  
14 Barre

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

16 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

17 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City

18 of Barre as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of

19 amendment on March 2, 2021.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 1 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 1. CITY OF BARRE

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4 § 104. GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS

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6 (d) The City of Barre shall fly only the City, State, United States, and  
7 POW/MIA flags.

8 § 105. ORDINANCES - SUBJECT MATTER

9 The general grant of ordinance promulgating authority in section 104 shall  
10 include the authority:

11 \* \* \*

12 (g) ~~To adopt and enforce ordinances relating to the mediation of landlord~~  
13 ~~tenant issues by the Housing Board of Review~~ Notwithstanding any contrary  
14 provision of general law, to adopt and enforce ordinances establishing a speed  
15 limit of less than 25 miles per hour on specified City streets, or sections  
16 thereof, within City boundaries as may be required for the safety and general  
17 welfare of the City.

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19 § 111. BONDING OF CITY OFFICIALS

20 The Mayor, councilors, members of the Police Department, City Manager,  
21 ~~First Constable~~ Finance Director, Superintendent of Public Works, Tax

1 Collector, and Clerk and Treasurer shall annually be bonded by the City for the  
2 faithful discharge of their respective duties, as provided by State statute, and  
3 the expense of said bonds to be paid by the City.

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5 § 205. OFFICERS ELECTED

6 (a)(1) The legal voters shall elect biennially a Mayor, ~~a First Constable,~~ and  
7 one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer.

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9 Subchapter 4. City Officials

10 \* \* \*

11 ARTICLE 8. ~~CONSTABLE~~ [Repealed.]

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13 § 418. ~~DUTIES~~

14 ~~The City Constable shall have the same powers and be under the same~~  
15 ~~duties and liabilities as are prescribed by State statutes for constables of towns.~~

16 [Repealed.]

17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on passage.