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Representatives Anthony of Barre City, Colston of Winooski, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Gannon of Wilmington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Lefebvre of Orange, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mrowicki of Putney, and Vyhovsky of Essex move the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City of Barre as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of amendment on March 2, 2021 and March 1, 2022.

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

CHAPTER 1. CITY OF BARRE

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§ 104. GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS

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(b) The City may purchase real property, or interest in real property, within or without its corporate limits, for the public benefit. The City may acquire real property by gift, devise, lease, easement, or condemnation and may sell, lease, mortgage, hold, convey by easement, manage and control such property as its interest may require. Any acquisition or conveyance of property through the means listed in this section shall require approval of the council and shall

1 also be subject to notice as required by 24 V.S.A. § 1061 or any successor
2 provision.

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

6 § 105. ORDINANCES - SUBJECT MATTER

7 The general grant of ordinance promulgating authority in section 104 of this
8 charter shall include the authority:

9 * * *

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

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17 § 111. BONDING OF CITY OFFICIALS

18 The Mayor, councilors, members of the Police Department, City Manager,
19 ~~First Constable~~ Finance Director, Superintendent of Public Works, Tax
20 Collector, and Clerk and Treasurer shall annually be bonded by the City for the

1 faithful discharge of their respective duties, as provided by State statute, and
2 the expense of said bonds to be paid by the City.

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4 § 205. OFFICERS ELECTED

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

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8 § 307. POWERS OF CITY; POLICY MATTERS; APPOINTMENT OF
9 CERTAIN OFFICERS

10 All powers of the City and the determination of all matters of policy shall
11 be vested in the City Council except as otherwise provided by this charter or
12 by general law. The City Council shall annually appoint a City Attorney, a
13 ~~City Grand Juror~~, a Library Liaison, and may provide for any Planning Board,
14 Zoning Board of Adjustment, Recreation Board, or Personnel Board, and may
15 create commissions or other bodies with advisory powers and may appoint
16 personnel to serve on said boards or commissions.

17 * * *

18 Subchapter 4. City Officials

19 * * *

20 § 407. APPOINTMENTS

21 * * *

1 (b) There shall be appointed by the City Manager after the annual City
2 election in the manner as hereinafter provided a Superintendent of Streets, a
3 Superintendent of Waterworks, a Recreation Director, a City Engineer, a
4 Building Inspector, an Inspector of Electric Wiring, ~~an Inspector of Plumbing,~~
5 a Tree Warden, and three members of the Board of Health (see section 512 of
6 this charter, Board of Health). All officers shall hold their offices respectively
7 for one year or until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. The
8 City Manager may also appoint such other subordinate officers as may be
9 elected or appointed in towns. Members of the various boards shall be
10 appointed in the same manner, who shall hold office as otherwise herein
11 provided or until their successor shall be appointed and qualified.

12 * * *

13 § 409. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

14 (a) Preparation and submission. The Manager, after consultation with
15 department heads, shall submit a proposed five-year capital improvement plan
16 to the council at least three months prior to the annual meeting.

17 (b) Contents. The capital expenditure plan shall include:

18 (1) a clear narrative summary of needs;

19 (2) a list of all capital expenditures to be proposed for the next five years
20 with appropriate supporting data;

1 (3) actual cost estimates, proposed methods of financing, and necessary
2 time schedules for each improvement; and

3 (4) estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to
4 be constructed or acquired.

5 (c) Revision and update. The capital expenditure plan shall be revised and
6 extended each year to reflect progress or projects still pending.

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

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10 § 418. ~~DUTIES~~

11 ~~The City Constable shall have the same powers and be under the same~~
12 ~~duties and liabilities as are prescribed by State statutes for constables of towns.~~
13 [Repealed.]

14 * * *

15 § 501. CREATION AND ORGANIZATION

16 For the purpose of coordinating and integrating the inspection services and
17 allied services of the City, and to provide proper and effective administration
18 of building, electrical, ~~plumbing~~, fire prevention, housing, and zoning laws of
19 the City and State within the City, the City Council shall, by ordinance, create
20 a department to be designated the Department of Buildings and Housing, and
21 prescribe its powers, duties, and functions. Within the Department shall be:

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2 (2) the Inspector of Electrical Wiring; and

3 (3) ~~the Plumbing Inspector; [Repealed.]~~

4 * * *

5 § 605. LOCAL SALES, ROOMS, MEALS, AND ALCOHOLIC
6 BEVERAGES OPTION TAXES

7 Local option taxes are authorized under this section for the purpose of
8 affording the City an alternative method of raising municipal revenues.

9 Accordingly:

10 (1) The City Council may assess sales, rooms, meals, and alcohol taxes
11 of one percent.

12 * * *

13 (3) Revenues received through a tax imposed under this section shall be
14 designated solely for street and sidewalk reconstruction, capital equipment, and
15 capital improvement needs under section 406a of this charter.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.