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2 The Committee on Government Operations moves that the House concur in  
3 the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment by  
4 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the  
5 following:

6 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

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

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

11 CHAPTER 1. CITY OF BARRE

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13 § 104. GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS

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15 (b) The City may purchase real property, or interest in real property, within  
16 or without its corporate limits, for the public benefit. The City may acquire  
17 real property by gift, devise, lease, easement, or condemnation and may sell,  
18 lease, mortgage, hold, convey by easement, manage and control such property  
19 as its interest may require. Any acquisition or conveyance of property through  
20 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:

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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.

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18 Subchapter 4. City Officials

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20 § 407. APPOINTMENTS

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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.

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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.]~~

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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) the Inspector of Electrical Wiring; and

(3) ~~the Plumbing Inspector; [Repealed.]~~

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

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

Accordingly:

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

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

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

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3 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE