## H.447 (Town of Springfield) and H.708 (City of Burlington)

## **Side by Side Comparisons for HGO**

H.447 – Side by Side

Section and Citation	As Passed by House	Senate Proposal of
		Amendment
Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A.	(b) Without limiting any of	(b) Without limiting any of
chapter 149,	the express or implied powers	the express or implied powers
§ 3(b)(1)(B)	granted by this charter, the	granted by this charter, the
	Town shall have the following	Town shall have the following
	additional specific authorities:	additional specific authorities:
	(1) To adopt and enforce	(1) To adopt and enforce
	ordinances relating to the	ordinances relating to the
	cleaning and repair of any	cleaning and repair of any
	premises when in a condition	premises when in a condition
	that:	that:
	(A) impairs the	(A) impairs the
	general appearance of the	general appearance of the
	Town;	Town;
	(B) may physically	(B) is injurious to
	injure other property in the	other property in the vicinity;
	vicinity; or	or
	(C) is a health	(C) is a health
	hazard.	hazard.
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Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A.	(3) Not less than 30 days	(3) Not less than 30 days
chapter 149, § 3(b)(3)	before any action taken under	before any action taken under
	this subsection (b), the Town	this subsection. the Town shall
	shall provide to the property	provide to the property owner
	owner and any lienholders a	and any recorded lienholders a
	notice of the Town's intent to	notice of the Town's intent to
	issue civil penalties, clean or	issue civil penalties, clean or
	repair the premises, or remove	repair the premises, or remove
	rubbish, waste, or	rubbish, waste, or
	objectionable material. The	objectionable material. The
	Town shall provide to the	Town shall provide to the
	property owner and any	property owner and any
	lienholders reasonable	recorded lienholders
	opportunity and resources to	reasonable opportunity and
	appeal the proposed action or	information to appeal the
	to clean or repair the premises	proposed action or to clean or
	before the Town takes any	repair the premises before the
	final action.	Town takes any final action.
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Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 149, § 11(c)

- (c) In addition to the procedure set forth above in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the charter may be revised or amended by the submission of a citizen initiative (petition) specifying the amendments or revisions desired and signed by 10 percent of the registered voters. The petition and subsequent action shall conform to the requirements of State statutes relating to charter amendment procedures, shall be subject to the determination of the Board of Selectmen as to whether or not they are comprehensive in nature, and shall be approved by a an annual Town meeting vote with at least 25 15 percent of voters participating. If a proposed amendment or revision under this subsection is voted down at the annual Town meeting, it or a substantially similar amendment may not be petitioned again for a period of one year.
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H.708 – Side by Side

Section and Citation	As Passed by House	Senate Proposal of
		Amendment
Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A.	<u>(C) The</u>	
chapter 3, § 48(66)(C)(ii)	ordinance shall include	<u>(C) The</u>
	provisions that:	ordinance shall include
		provisions that:
	***	
	(ii) provide for	***
	a one-year probational	(ii) provide for
	period after initial	a <mark>reasonable probationary</mark>
	occupancy;	period after initial
		occupancy;
	***	***