

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House  
3 Bill No. 745 entitled “An act relating to the approval of the adoption of the  
4 charter of the Town of Montgomery” respectfully reports that it has considered  
5 the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the  
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. CHARTER ADOPTION APPROVAL

8 The General Assembly approves the adoption of the charter of the Town of  
9 Montgomery as set forth in this act. The voters approved the adoption of the  
10 charter on March 1, 2022.

11 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 129B is added to read:

12 CHAPTER 129B. TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

13 § 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

14 Under the authority granted by the General Assembly of the State of  
15 Vermont, this charter establishes certain guidelines with respect to  
16 organization and functioning of local Town government in the Town of  
17 Montgomery.

18 § 2. GENERAL LAW; APPLICATION

19 Except when changed by the provisions of this charter, all provisions of the  
20 State of Vermont relating to municipalities shall apply to the Town of  
21 Montgomery.

1       § 3. LOCAL OPTIONS TAX

2           (a) The Selectboard is authorized to impose a one percent sales tax, a one  
3       percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax, and a one percent rooms tax upon  
4       the sales within the Town that are subject to the State of Vermont tax on sales,  
5       meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms.

6           (b) A tax imposed under the authority of this section may be rescinded and  
7       shall be collected and administered pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, provided that  
8       the Town shall:

9           (1) receive on a quarterly basis not less than 70 percent of the tax  
10       collected, less the per-return fee; and

11           (2) pay not more than 70 percent of the per-return fee.

12           (c) The tax to be paid to the Town shall be set aside in the Sewer Reserve  
13       Fund to assist in the repayment of debt obligations related to the construction  
14       of a Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center and Village.

15       § 4. SEPARABILITY

16           If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the  
17       charter shall not be affected by that holding. If the application of the charter or  
18       any of its provisions to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the  
19       application of this charter and its provisions to other persons or circumstances  
20       shall not be affected by that holding.

21       § 5. AMENDMENT

1        The amendment of this charter shall be as provided by law.

2        Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

3        This act shall take effect on passage.

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11        (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE