

No. M-24. An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington.

(H.881)

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposal of amendment on March 5, 2024.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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§ 62. COUNCIL; SCHOOL BOARD; NOT TO PLEDGE CREDIT OF CITY;
EXCEPTIONS

(a) Except as otherwise provided, the credit of the City, except by temporary loans not exceeding during any quarter of any fiscal year 25 percent of the taxes assessed upon the entire grand list for ~~such~~ the fiscal year, and except by emergency loans as ~~hereinafter~~ provided in this section, shall not be pledged by the City Council, or by any officer of ~~said~~ the City, unless by vote of the legal voters of ~~said~~ the City, at a meeting ~~thereof~~ of the City duly called for that purpose; provided, however, that the Chief Administrative Officer, when authorized and directed by resolution of the City Council, may pledge the credit of the City by a temporary loan in anticipation of the receipt of revenue from the Airport Department, or the Traffic Division or the

Wastewater or Water Divisions of the Public Works Department for their ordinary running expenses during times in any fiscal year when there are not sufficient funds on hand to the credit of the Airport Department or the above-mentioned divisions for the payment of ~~such~~ the bills and accounts, or sufficient unappropriated funds in the City Treasury from which ~~such~~ the accounts may be paid pending the receipt of revenues of the division sufficient to pay ~~such~~ the bills and accounts; and provided further, that the Chief Administrative Officer, when authorized by the City Council, may pledge the credit of the City by temporary borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of revenue from the Electric Department not to exceed \$5 \$10 million outstanding at any time to provide working capital and liquidity for the Electric Department, with the Electric Department to repay the borrowing from available revenues. Temporary notes issued hereunder in anticipation of the receipt of the revenue from the Electric Department shall mature within two years from the date of issue, and may be renewed or refunded by the issue of other notes maturing within a similar period whenever such action is deemed expedient. Except as above provided, all temporary loans, except loans for the payment of bills and accounts of the Water Division of the Public Works Department and the Electric Department and except emergency loans, shall be paid by the Chief Administrative Officer from and out of the receipts from the collection of the installment of property taxes or other taxes next falling due after the making of the loan, and all monies received from ~~such~~ the temporary

loans, other than for the Water Division of the Public Works Department and the Electric Department and other than from emergency loans, shall be used to pay the current and ordinary expenses of the City, pending the collection of taxes. All ~~such~~ temporary loans made to pay the accounts and bills of the Water Division of the Public Works Department pending the receipt of revenue shall be paid during ~~said~~ the fiscal year from the revenues received by that Division. Temporary loans under this subsection for the Water Division and electric departments shall be general obligations of the City notwithstanding that they are primarily payable from the revenues or receipts of the respective Division and departments.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 29, 2024