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Introduced by Representatives Dodge of Essex, Black of Essex, and Garofano
of Essex

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Essex;
amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
charter of the Town of Essex to authorize the Town Selectboard to adopt
ordinances governing eviction without just cause, allow the Town to adopt fees
for certain licenses, establish a procedure for the recall of Selectboard
members, replace the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Development
Review Board, and generally reorganize the charter.

An act relating to the approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of
Essex

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

Sec. 1. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 117 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 117. TOWN OF ESSEX

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1 § 103. POWERS OF THE TOWN

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3 (e) The Selectboard shall have the power to provide, by ordinance,
4 protections for residential tenants, as defined in 9 V.S.A. chapter 137, from
5 eviction without just cause.

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7 § 107. LICENSE FEES

8 In addition to powers otherwise conferred upon the Town by law and this
9 charter, the Town is authorized to adopt and enforce ordinances for the purpose
10 of regulating, licensing, and fixing reasonable and necessary fees for the
11 following:

12 (1) places of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement,
13 whether indoor or outdoor;

14 (2) places dispensing food and drink to the public, such as restaurants,
15 bars, or inns;

16 (3) theaters;

17 (4) displays of fireworks;

18 (5) public dances and musical performances;

19 (6) itinerant vendors;

20 (7) the exclusive occupancy of any specified portion of a public street or
21 right-of-way;

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Sec. 5. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

On or before January 1, 2025, the Zoning Board of Adjustment in the Town of Essex shall be replaced by the Development Review Board appointed by the Town Selectboard pursuant to 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 117, § 208.

Sec. 6. REPEAL

24 App V.S.A. chapter 117, § 208(a)(1) (appointments by Selectboard; Zoning Board of Adjustment) is repealed on January 1, 2025.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.