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

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

5 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

6 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town
7 of Essex as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of
8 amendment on March 7, 2023.

9 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 117 is amended to read:

10 CHAPTER 117. TOWN OF ESSEX

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12 § 107. LICENSE FEES

13 In addition to powers otherwise conferred upon the Town by law and this
14 charter, the Town is authorized to adopt and enforce ordinances for the purpose
15 of regulating, licensing, and fixing reasonable and necessary fees for the
16 following:

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

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

21 (3) theaters;

1 whichever is greater, and a majority of that number vote for removal. The
2 Selectboard member or members shall be removed from office immediately,
3 and the Selectboard shall then name a successor in accordance with the
4 replacement provisions of this charter.

5 (d) A recall petition shall not be brought against an individual more than
6 once within 12 months.

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8 Subchapter 3. ~~Town Meeting~~ Amendment of Charter Ordinances

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10 Subchapter 4. ~~Planning~~ Town Manager

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12 Subchapter 5. ~~Department of Real Estate Appraisal Personnel~~

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14 Subchapter 6. ~~Town Manager Meeting;~~ Amendment of Charter

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16 § 701. FISCAL YEAR

17 The fiscal year of the Town shall begin on the first day of July and end on
18 the last day of June of each calendar year. The fiscal year shall constitute the
19 budget and accounting year as used in this charter. ~~In the event of a~~
20 ~~consolidation between the Essex Town School District and the Village of~~

1 ~~Essex Junction Graded School District, the consolidated entity shall adopt the~~
2 ~~same fiscal year as the Town.~~

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4 Subchapter 9. Personnel Planning

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6 Subchapter 10. ~~Amendment of Charter~~ Department of Real Estate Appraisal

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8 Subchapter 11. ~~Severability~~ Amendment of Charter

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10 Subchapter 12. Severability

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12 Sec. 3. REDESIGNATIONS

13 In 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 117, §§ 106 (introduction), 107 (Effective date),
14 108 (filing), 109 (annual Town report), 110 (reservation of powers to the
15 Town), 203 (organization), 204 (meetings), 205 (record of proceedings), 207
16 (jurisdiction over other officers or employees), 208 (compensation of
17 Selectboard), 209 (powers and duties), 301 (application of general law), 302
18 (time of holding), 303 (budget), 401 (Board established), 501 (creation of
19 Department), 502 (appraisal of property), 503 (appraisal of business personal
20 property), 504 (duties of Department), 505 (purpose), 601 (appointment of
21 Manager), 602 (officials appointed by Manager), 703 (Town Meeting warning

1 and budget), 901 (appointment and removal), 902 (personnel rules and
2 regulations), 903 (prohibitions), 1001 (laws governing), and 1101
3 (severability) are redesignated to be §§ 301, 302, 303, 602, 105, 204, 205, 206,
4 209, 203, 207, 601, 604, 703, 901, 1001, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1002, 401, 402,
5 603, 501, 502, 503, 1101, and 1201 respectively.

6 Sec. 4. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 117, § 105 is redesignated and amended to
7 read:

8 § ~~105~~ 106. ORDINANCES—METHOD OF ADOPTION AND
9 ENFORCEMENT

10 (a) The Selectboard may provide penalties for the breach of any ordinance
11 authorized by general law or this charter, may prosecute any person violating
12 the same through the Town Grand Juror or police officers who for such
13 purposes shall be informing officers, and may maintain actions to restrain
14 actual or threatened violations of the same; the establishment of any fine or
15 penalty shall be by ordinance.

16 (b) Ordinance-making authority granted to the Town by this charter and
17 general law shall be exercised pursuant to the provisions of ~~sections 106~~
18 ~~through 109~~ subchapter 3 of this charter.

