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An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of  
Rutland

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

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City  
of Rutland as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of  
amendment on November 5, 2024 and March 4, 2025.

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

CHAPTER 9. CITY OF RUTLAND

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§ 5.3. VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

(a) The Board of Aldermen may provide penalties for the violation of any  
ordinance, regulation, or bylaw. In no case shall the penalty exceed  
~~imprisonment for one year or a fine of \$500.00, or both, per violation the~~  
maximum penalty allowed under 24 V.S.A. § 1974.

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§ 8.5. ASSESSMENT OF TAXES

The Board of Aldermen shall annually, during the first ~~twenty (20)~~ 20 days  
of July, assess upon the grand list of the City taxes sufficient to meet the  
following requirement:

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1 has been authorized by the legal voters of the City in a meeting warned for that  
2 purpose.

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4 § 17.3. REQUISITIONS

5 (a) All purchases made under section 17.1 of this charter shall be made  
6 upon written requisitions therefor upon the Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing  
7 Agent shall immediately proceed to purchase under the provisions of the  
8 ordinances the property so required and to distribute it accordingly taking a  
9 receipt therefor upon the original requisition. The Purchasing Agent shall then  
10 forward the requisition to the City Clerk. Purchases in excess of ~~\$3,000.00~~ the  
11 amount identified in the City's Purchasing Policy shall be awarded upon bids  
12 as ~~hereinafter~~ set forth in this subchapter.

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14 § 36.5. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; COMPOSITION

15 (a) The administration, management, and supervision of the Authority shall  
16 be vested in a Board of Commissioners, except as provided otherwise herein.  
17 The Board shall consist of ~~nine members, all of whom shall be residents of the~~  
18 ~~City of Rutland for their respective terms of office. One member of the Board~~  
19 ~~shall be the City Treasurer, and one member will be appointed from the Board~~  
20 ~~of Aldermen for a one year term. The remaining seven members of the Board~~  
21 ~~shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen~~

~~pursuant to the charter of the City of Rutland. All members appointed except  
for members appointed for creation of this Board shall serve for periods of  
three years. Upon creation, three members shall be appointed for a term to  
expire on April 1 of the third calendar year after appointment; two members  
shall be appointed for a term to expire April 1 of the second calendar year after  
appointment; and two members shall be appointed for a term to expire on April  
1 of the first calendar year after appointment. All terms shall thereafter expire  
on April 1 of the third calendar year following appointment. A person  
appointed to fill an unexpired term shall serve to the end of that term. At the  
creation of the Commission, the appointments may only be denied by a  
majority vote of the Board of Aldermen and then thereafter, all appointments  
will be made pursuant to the charter of the City:~~

(1) the City Treasurer;

(2) one member, appointed by the Board of Aldermen for a one-year  
term;

(3) six members, who shall be residents of the City for their respective  
terms of office, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of  
Aldermen pursuant to this charter; and

(4) one member, who shall be a property owner within the City and a  
resident of Rutland County, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the  
Board of Aldermen pursuant to this charter.

1       (b) Except for members appointed for the creation of the Board, members  
2       shall serve for three-year terms.

3       (c) Upon creation, three members shall be appointed for a term to expire on  
4       April 1 of the third year after appointment, two members shall be appointed for  
5       a term to expire April 1 of the second year after appointment, and two  
6       members shall be appointed for a term to expire on April 1 of the first year  
7       after appointment. All terms shall thereafter expire on April 1 of the third  
8       calendar year following appointment. A person appointed to fill an unexpired  
9       term shall serve to the end of that term. At the creation of the Commission, the  
10       appointments may only be denied by a majority vote of the Board of  
11       Aldermen, and thereafter all appointments shall be made pursuant to this  
12       charter.

13       (d) Annually the Board shall elect a Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk whose  
14       names shall be certified to the City Clerk.

15       ~~(e)~~(e) If any commissioner or employee of an Authority owns or controls  
16       an interest, direct or indirect, in any property included or planned to be  
17       included in any project, ~~he or she~~ the commissioner or employee immediately  
18       shall disclose the same in writing to the Authority and such disclosure shall be  
19       entered upon the minutes of the Authority, and that person ~~will~~ shall refrain  
20       from any participation in that matter, but ~~will~~ shall not be precluded from  
21       involvement in any other matters.

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Sec. 2a. REDESIGNATION

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24 App. V.S.A. chapter 155E (Town of West Rutland) is redesignated as

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24 App. V.S.A. chapter 162.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on passage.