

1 H.902

2 Introduced by Representatives Boutin of Barre City and Waszazak of Barre

3 City

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal charters; City of Barre;

7 amendment

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve
9 amendments to the charter of the City of Barre to authorize the City Manager
10 or any councilor duly authorized by an action of the City Council to authorize
11 the sale of City property. This bill also proposes to amend City of Barre
12 charter provisions related to the City's undesignated fund balance.

13 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of
14 Barre

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

16 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

17 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City
18 of Barre as set forth in this act. The voters of the City approved the proposals
19 of amendment on May 13, 2025.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 1 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 1. CITY OF BARRE

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4 § 313. SALE OR LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY

5 The City Council may authorize the sale or lease of any real or personal
6 estate belonging to the City, and all conveyances, grants, or leases of such real
7 estate shall be signed by the Mayor, the City Manager, or any councilor duly
8 authorized by an action of the City Council.

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10 § 601. PAYMENT OF TAXES

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12 (b) At the close of the fiscal year audit, any unexpended funds remaining
13 from the City budget may be retained, if approved by vote of the City Council,
14 as an undesignated fund balance for future use. Any funds retained pursuant to
15 this provision shall be limited to an amount not greater than ~~five~~ 10 percent of
16 the City general fund budget expenses for the most recent voter-approved
17 fiscal year. Any amount remaining in excess of ~~five percent in the City budget~~
18 such amount must be used in the subsequent budget to ~~cut~~ reduce the tax rate.

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20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.