

1 H.506

2 Introduced by Representative Waters Evans of Charlotte

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal charters; Town of

6 Charlotte; approval of adoption

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve the  
8 adoption of the charter of the Town of Charlotte and require that the approval,  
9 amendment, or repeal of Town bylaws be approved by the voters at an annual  
10 or special meeting warned for that purpose.

11 An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of  
12 Charlotte

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

14 Sec. 1. CHARTER ADOPTION APPROVAL

15 The General Assembly approves the adoption of the charter of the Town of  
16 Charlotte as set forth in this act. Voters approved the adoption of the charter  
17 on March 4, 2025.

1       Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 110 is added to read:

2                               CHAPTER 110. TOWN OF CHARLOTTE

3       § 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED

4               (a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly, there is  
5       hereby enacted a charter to govern the organization and operation of local  
6       government in the Town of Charlotte.

7               (b) The inhabitants of the Town, within the geographical limits as now  
8       established, shall continue to be a municipal corporation by the name of the  
9       Town of Charlotte.

10       § 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11              (a) Except when changed, enlarged, or modified by the provisions of this  
12       charter, all provisions of State statute relating to municipalities shall apply to  
13       the Town.

14              (b) The Town shall have all the powers granted to towns and municipal  
15       corporations by the Vermont Constitution, State law, and this charter, together  
16       with all implied powers necessary to carry into execution all of the powers  
17       granted. The Town may enact ordinances not inconsistent with the  
18       Constitution of the State or this charter and may impose penalties for the  
19       violation of those ordinances.

1       (c) In this charter, any mention of a particular power shall not be construed  
2       to restrict the scope of the powers that the Town would have if the particular  
3       power were not mentioned, unless this charter otherwise provides.

4       (d) Nothing in this charter shall be construed to in any way limit the powers  
5       and functions conferred on the Town, the Selectboard, or Town elected or  
6       appointed officers by general or special enactment of State statutes or  
7       regulations in force or effect or later enacted, and the powers and functions  
8       conferred by this charter shall be cumulative and in addition to the provisions  
9       of the general or special enactment unless this charter otherwise provides.

10       § 3. ROUTINE ADOPTION OF LAND USE BYLAWS

11       The Town shall adopt bylaws, as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 4303; bylaw  
12       amendments; or bylaw repeals by vote of the Town by Australian ballot at a  
13       special or regular meeting duly warned on the issue.

14       § 4. SEPARABILITY

15       If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the  
16       charter shall not be affected.

17       § 5. AMENDMENT

18       Amendment of this charter shall be as provided by Vermont law.

19       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

20       This act shall take effect on passage.