

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2                   The Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs to which  
3                   was referred House Bill No. 508 entitled “An act relating to approval of  
4                   amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington” respectfully reports that it  
5                   has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking  
6                   out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

8        The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City  
9        of Burlington as set forth in this act. Voters approved the proposals of  
10      amendment on March 4, 2025.

11 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

## CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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14 § 2. ELECTION BOUNDARIES

15 (a) ~~City districts described. For the annual meeting of 2024 and all City~~  
16 ~~elections thereafter, the City of Burlington is divided into four electoral~~  
17 ~~districts, constituted as follows:~~

1 the ~~Lower Winooski Falls and Salmon Hole~~; thence westerly in the centerline  
2 of said railroad tracks for 406.6 feet to a point where the ~~centerline of Intervale~~  
3 ~~Road extended northerly intersects said railroad track centerline~~  
4 (approximately ~~73.2028 longitude, 44.4911 latitude~~); thence southerly along  
5 the ~~extension of the centerline of Intervale Road, crossing Riverside Avenue~~  
6 until the ~~centerline intersects with that of the Archibald Street centerline~~  
7 ~~extended easterly; thence westerly along the Archibald Street centerline until~~  
8 ~~the intersection of the Archibald Street centerline and the North Willard Street~~  
9 ~~centerline; thence southerly along the North Willard Street Centerline until the~~  
10 ~~intersection of the North Willard Street centerline and the Pearl Street~~  
11 ~~Centerline; thence westerly along the Pearl Street centerline until intersecting~~  
12 ~~with the South Winooski Avenue centerline; thence southerly along the South~~  
13 ~~Winooski Avenue centerline until intersecting the Maple Street centerline;~~  
14 ~~thence easterly along the Maple Street centerline for 1573.5 feet to a point~~  
15 ~~where the eastern property boundary of 315 Maple Street extended northerly~~  
16 ~~intersects Maple Street (approximately ~~73.2064 longitude, 44.4739 latitude~~);~~  
17 ~~thence southerly along the eastern property boundary of 315 Maple Street for~~  
18 ~~276.5 feet (approximately ~~73.2064 longitude, 44.4734 latitude~~); thence 281.4~~  
19 ~~feet westerly to a point where the southern property boundary of 315 Maple~~  
20 ~~Street extended westerly intersect with the western boundary of 251 South~~  
21 ~~Willard Street extended northerly (approximately ~~73.2071 longitude, 44.4733~~~~

1       latitude), thence 723.7 feet 177° southerly to a point where it intersects the  
2       southern property boundary of 285 South Willard Street extended westerly  
3       (approximately 73.2071 longitude, 44.4719 latitude); thence easterly along the  
4       southern boundary of 285 South Willard Street for 696.5 feet until intersecting  
5       with the South Willard Street centerline (approximately 73.2051 longitude,  
6       44.472 latitude); thence northerly along the South Willard Street centerline for  
7       220.9 feet (approximately 73.2052 longitude, 44.4724 latitude); thence  
8       easterly along the southern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for  
9       557.6 feet (approximately 73.2037 longitude, 44.4725 latitude); thence  
10      northerly along the eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street for  
11      89.6 feet to a point where the Juniper Terrace centerline extended westerly  
12      intersects the eastern property boundary of 262 South Willard Street  
13      (approximately 73.2037 longitude, 44.4726 latitude); thence following the  
14      Juniper Terrace centerline easterly until intersecting with the Summit Street  
15      centerline (approximately 73.2021 longitude, 44.4727 latitude); thence  
16      northerly along the Summit Street centerline until reaching the centerline of  
17      Main Street thence following the Main Street centerline easterly 2339.6 feet  
18      (approximately 73.1964 longitude, 44.4753 latitude); thence southwesterly  
19      214° for 136.1 feet (approximately 73.1966 longitude, 44.4751 latitude);  
20      thence southeasterly 98.2 feet (approximately 73.1964 longitude, 44.4749  
21      latitude); thence southwesterly by 213° for 770 feet (approximately 73.1975

1       longitude, 44.4737 latitude); thence southeasterly by 123° for 477.4 feet until  
2       intersecting with the University Heights centerline (approximately 73.1964  
3       longitude, 44.4732 latitude); thence southerly along the centerline of  
4       University Heights Road 1221.65 feet until intersecting with the PFG Road  
5       centerline, thence westerly by 79° until intersecting with the common  
6       boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.

7           (2) Central District. The Central District shall include all that part of the  
8       City bounded as follows: On the east, beginning at the common boundary  
9       between the City of Burlington and Town of Colchester in the Winooski River  
10      at a point intersecting with the centerline of Institute Road extended  
11      northeasterly (approximately 73.2147 longitude, 44.5089 latitude); thence  
12      southerly along the common boundary between the City of Burlington and  
13      Town of Colchester in the Winooski River to a point beneath the Central  
14      Vermont Railway bridge downstream of the Lower Winooski Falls and  
15      Salmon Hole; thence westerly along the East District northern boundary for  
16      406.6 feet to its intersection with the westerly boundary of the East District;  
17      thence southerly along the westerly boundary of the East District to its  
18      intersection with the centerline of Archibald Street, then southerly along the  
19      East District western boundary to the intersection with the centerline of Pearl  
20      Street; thence westerly along the northern boundary of the East District to the  
21      intersection with the centerline of South Winooski Avenue; thence southerly

1       along the western boundary of the East District to the centerline of Maple  
2       Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Maple Street until its  
3       intersection with the centerline of South Champlain street; thence northerly  
4       along the South Champlain Street centerline until its intersection with the  
5       centerline of King Street; on the south along the centerline of King Street  
6       extended westerly to Lake Champlain; on the west by Lake Champlain; on the  
7       north, beginning at the intersection of the common property boundary between  
8       87 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake  
9       Champlain (approximately 73.2252 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence  
10       northeasterly along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue  
11       and 9 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central  
12       Vermont Railway railroad track (approximately 73.2239 longitude, 44.4837  
13       latitude); thence northerly and easterly along the centerline of the Central  
14       Vermont Railway railroad track, crossing North Avenue and the Burlington  
15       Beltline, to its intersection with the centerline of Spring Street extended  
16       northwesterly (approximately 73.2183 longitude, 44.4912 latitude); thence  
17       northwesterly along the extension of the centerline of Spring Street to its  
18       intersection with the centerline of Institute Road extended northeasterly  
19       (approximately 73.2281 longitude, 44.4995 latitude); thence northeasterly  
20       along the extension of the centerline of Institute Road extended to its  
21       intersection with the common boundary between the City of Burlington and

1      ~~Town of Colchester in the Winooski River (approximately 73.2139 longitude,~~  
2      ~~44.5077 latitude).~~

3            ~~(3) South District. The South District shall include all that part of the~~  
4      ~~City south of the southern boundaries of the East and Central Districts.~~

5            ~~(4) North District. The North District shall include all that part of the~~  
6      ~~City north of the northern boundary of the Central District.~~

7            ~~(b) Wards described. Each of the City of Burlington's four electoral~~  
8      ~~districts set forth in subsection (a) of this section hereby comprises two wards,~~  
9      ~~each of which is constituted as follows:~~

10           ~~(1) East District – Ward 1 and Ward 8.~~

11           ~~(A) The East District is divided into two wards by the following~~  
12      ~~boundary: Beginning at the center of the intersection of Brooks Avenue and~~  
13      ~~South Willard Street; thence easterly along the Brooks Avenue centerline until~~  
14      ~~intersecting with the centerline of North Prospect Street; thence southerly~~  
15      ~~along the centerline of North prospect Street to the intersection of the~~  
16      ~~centerline of Colchester Avenue to the intersection of the centerline of Mary~~  
17      ~~Fletcher Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of Mary Fletcher Drive~~  
18      ~~for 331.58 feet (approximately 73.196 longitude, 44.4802 latitude); thence~~  
19      ~~southerly along the western side and easterly along the southern side of the~~  
20      ~~UVM Medical Center building for 1854.5 feet until a point at the center of the~~  
21      ~~intersection of Beaumont Avenue and Mary Fletcher Drive (approximately~~

1       73.1932 longitude, 44.4788 latitude); thence south along the Beaumont  
2       Avenue centerline to the intersection of Carrigan Drive; thence following  
3       Carrigan Drive westerly for 199.1 feet (approximately 73.1932 longitude,  
4       55.5756 latitude); thence travelling southwesterly for 821.3 feet along the  
5       UVM service road on the eastern border of the southeastern wing of the UVM  
6       Jeffords Hall until a point at the intersection of the service road and the  
7       centerline of University Heights extended northeasterly (approximately  
8       73.1947 longitude, 44.4751 latitude); thence southwesterly along the centerline  
9       of University Heights 977.3 feet (approximately 73.1962 longitude, 44.4735  
10       latitude); thence continuing southeasterly along the centerline of the driveway  
11       bounding the western side of the UVM Living/Learning Commons for 404.3  
12       feet (approximately 73.1952 longitude, 44.4731 latitude); thence continuing  
13       south along the eastern side of UVM's University Heights dorms until  
14       intersecting with PFG Road; thence continuing easterly along the western  
15       extension of the PFG Road centerline for 601.2 feet until intersecting with the  
16       common boundary between the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington.  
17               (B) Ward 1 lies to the north and east of the boundary described in  
18       subdivision (A) of this subdivision (1), and Ward 8 lies to the south and west.  
19               (2) Central District – Ward 2 and Ward 3.  
20               (A) The Central District is divided into two wards by the following  
21       boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the common property boundary

1       between 85 North Avenue and 9 Lakeview Terrace extended westerly to Lake  
2       Champlain (approximately 73.2252 longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence  
3       northeasterly along the extended property boundary between 87 North Avenue  
4       and 9 Lakeview Terrace to its intersection with the centerline of the Central  
5       Vermont Railway railroad track (approximately 73.224 longitude, 44.4837  
6       latitude); thence southeasterly along the centerline of the Central Vermont  
7       Railway railroad track to a point intersecting with the northwestern property  
8       boundary of 300 Lake Street extended southwesterly (approximately 73.2234  
9       longitude, 44.4832 latitude); thence northeasterly to a point at the intersection  
10      of the northwestern property boundary of 300 Lake Street extended  
11      northeasterly with the centerline of Depot Street (approximately 73.2223  
12      longitude, 44.4837 latitude); thence northerly along the centerline of Depot  
13      Street to the intersection with the centerline of Lakeview Terrace; thence  
14      easterly along the centerline of Lakeview Terrace extended westerly until  
15      intersecting with the centerline of North Avenue; thence northerly along the  
16      centerline of North Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of North  
17      Street; thence easterly along the centerline of North Street until intersecting  
18      with the North Union Street centerline; thence southerly following the North  
19      Union Street centerline until intersecting with the Loomis Street centerline;  
20      thence easterly along the Loomis Street centerline to the intersection of the  
21      centerlines of Loomis Street and South Willard Avenue.

1 (B) Ward 2 lies to the north of the boundary described in subdivision

2 (A) of this subdivision (2), and Ward 3 lies to the south.

3 (3) South District Ward 5 and Ward 6.

4 (A) The South District is divided into two wards by the following

5 boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Maple Street and

6 Church Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Church Street to the

7 intersection with the centerline of Adams Street; thence westerly along the

centerline of Adams Street to the intersection with the centerline of Saint Paul

9 Street thence southerly along the Saint Paul Street centerline to its intersection

with the centerline of Shelburne Street; thence southerly along the centerline of

11 Shelburne Street to its intersection with the centerline of Flynn Avenue; thence

sector along the centerline of Flynn Avenue extended eastward to the common

(B) W = 15.41,  $t = 4.15$ ,  $t_f = 6.41$ ,  $h = 1.11$ ,  $h_f = 3.11$ ,  $h_{\text{min}} = 1.11$ ,  $h_{\text{max}} = 3.11$

15 (A) 6th and 11th; (2) 11th and 16th; (3) 11th and 17th.

#### (4) North District—Ward 4 and Ward 7

(A) The North District is divided into two wards by the following:

18 1 1 Position of the central line of Institute Building 111 and 1

18 [J. J. Johnson](#) and [J. C. G. R. Thompson](#), [A note on the solution of Laplace's Problem](#)

1       westerly along the centerline of Fairfield Drive to its intersection with the  
2       western property boundary of 39 Westward Drive extended southerly  
3       (approximately 73.2685 longitude, 44.5257 latitude); thence northerly along  
4       the western property boundary of 39 Westward Drive, until intersecting with  
5       the centerline of Westward Drive; thence southwesterly along the centerline of  
6       Westward Drive to the intersection with the Northshore Drive centerline;  
7       thence northerly along the Northshore Drive centerline until intersecting with  
8       the Clair Pointe Road centerline (point); thence westerly along the southern  
9       property boundary of the Claire Pointe condominium development  
10      (approximately 73.2686 longitude, 44.5286 latitude), and then extended to  
11      Lake Champlain.

12                   (B) Ward 4 lies to the west of the boundary described in subdivision  
13      (A) of this subdivision (4), and Ward 7 lies to the east.

14                   (5) Ward map reference. Reference is also made to a map entitled “Ward  
15      Redistricting, 8 Wards – 4 Districts, 12 Councilors, Approved Map  
16      (December 2 V1.3), Map Date: December 8, 2022 “ located in the Burlington  
17      Chief Administrative Officer’s office in further aid of the description of the  
18      wards set forth in this subsection.

19                   The election area boundaries established pursuant to 2023 Acts and  
20      Resolves No. M-7 shall remain in effect until changed by the City Council,  
21      which is authorized to make changes from time to time to the boundaries of the

1 election areas in order to provide an equal division of population among them  
2 in accordance with data produced by the U.S. Census Bureau. Election area  
3 changes shall not be made more frequently than once in five years. Changes  
4 shall be approved by the voters at an annual or special meeting of the City and  
5 shall become effective immediately upon approval unless a later date is  
6 established by the City meeting vote.

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8 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on passage.

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11 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

12 \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
14 FOR THE COMMITTEE