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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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(2) Taxes required for general City purposes, which shall not exceed ~~\$.85~~ \$0.85 upon the dollar of the grand list except if a larger sum has been authorized by the legal voters of the City in a meeting warned for that purpose; but the tax for general City purposes shall not include the tax annually assessed on the grand list for the support of the schools in the City.

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(5) Taxes required for the replacement for fire equipment, which shall not exceed ~~\$.0175~~ \$0.0225 on the dollar of the grand list, except if a larger sum has been authorized by the legal voters of the City in a meeting warned for that purpose.

(6) Taxes required for the municipal employees pension fund, which shall not exceed ~~\$.06~~ \$0.06 on the dollar of the grand list, except if a larger sum has been authorized by the legal voters of the City in a meeting warned for that purpose.

(7) Taxes required for the replacement of public works, ~~police,~~ and recreation equipment, which shall not exceed ~~\$.012~~ \$0.012 on the dollar of the grand list, except if a larger sum has been authorized by the legal voters of the City in a meeting warned for that purpose.

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1 ~~of Aldermen for a one year term. The remaining seven members of the Board~~  
2 ~~shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen~~  
3 ~~pursuant to the charter of the City of Rutland. All members appointed except~~  
4 ~~for members appointed for creation of this Board shall serve for periods of~~  
5 ~~three years. Upon creation, three members shall be appointed for a term to~~  
6 ~~expire on April 1 of the third calendar year after appointment; two members~~  
7 ~~shall be appointed for a term to expire April 1 of the second calendar year after~~  
8 ~~appointment; and two members shall be appointed for a term to expire on April~~  
9 ~~1 of the first calendar year after appointment. All terms shall thereafter expire~~  
10 ~~on April 1 of the third calendar year following appointment. A person~~  
11 ~~appointed to fill an unexpired term shall serve to the end of that term. At the~~  
12 ~~creation of the Commission, the appointments may only be denied by a~~  
13 ~~majority vote of the Board of Aldermen and then thereafter, all appointments~~  
14 ~~will be made pursuant to the charter of the City;~~

15 (1) the City Treasurer;

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

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

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

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

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

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

18          ~~(e)~~(e) If any commissioner or employee of an Authority owns or controls  
19          an interest, direct or indirect, in any property included or planned to be  
20          included in any project, he or she the commissioner or employee immediately  
21          shall disclose the same in writing to the Authority and such disclosure shall be

1 entered upon the minutes of the Authority, and that person ~~will~~ shall refrain  
2 from any participation in that matter, but ~~will~~ shall not be precluded from  
3 involvement in any other matters.

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5 Sec. 2a. REDESIGNATION

6 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 155E (Town of West Rutland) is redesignated as 24  
7 App. V.S.A. chapter 162.

8 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on passage.