

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING A CHARTER PROPOSAL
RELATING TO FLUORIDE**

As passed by the Board of Aldermen on January 16, 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.2 of the City of Rutland's (the "City") Charter and 17 V.S.A. §2645(a)(1), the Mayor has received a petition (the "Petition") from not less than five percent of the legal voters of the City to include the question stated in Appendix A (the "Charter Proposal");

WHEREAS, the City Clerk validated the petition on December 5, 2023 and filed an official copy of the Charter Proposal in the City Clerk's Office, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2645(a)(2);

WHEREAS, the City Clerk certified the date on which she received the official copy of the charter proposal, and has made dated copies thereof available to members of the public upon request, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2645(a)(2);

WHEREAS, 17 V.S.A. §2645 outlines additional procedural steps for the City;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen (the "Board"):

1. To set two (2) public hearings related to the Charter Proposal, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2645(a)(3), for:


5:30PM on Monday, January 29, 2024 in the Chambers

5:30PM on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 in the Chambers

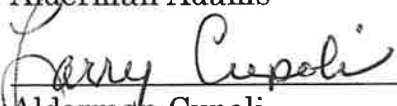
2. To direct the City Clerk to warn each public hearing, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2645(a)(6), by (A) posting a warning and notice in at least two (2) public places within each voting district and in or near the City Clerk's Office and (B) publishing the warning and notice in the *Rutland Herald* at least five (5) days before the hearing.
3. To direct the City Clerk to record minutes for each public hearing, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2645(b)(2)(D).
4. To petition the Mayor to call a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with Section 4.3(a) of the City's Charter, for 5:35PM on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 in the Chambers, for the purpose of making technical corrections to the Charter Proposal, if any are needed, as allowed by 17 V.S.A. §2645(a)(5)(B).

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5. To direct the City Clerk to notice such special meeting, in accordance with the City's Charter and applicable state statutes.
6. To direct the City Clerk to include the Charter Proposal in the form found in Appendix A (or any such version containing technical corrections made by the Board pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2645(a)(5)(B)) (the "Final Charter Proposal Language") on the ballot for the March 5, 2024 city election, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2645(a)(7)(B).
7. To direct the City Clerk to post an official copy of the Final Charter Proposal Language conspicuously in each ballot booth for inspection by the voters during balloting, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2645(a)(7)(C).
8. To direct the City Clerk to announce and post the results of the vote immediately after the vote is counted, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2645(b)(1).
9. To direct the City Clerk to, within 10 days after the day of the election, certify to the Secretary of State the Charter Proposal, showing the facts as to its origin and the procedure followed, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2645(b)(2), including the certification of all documentation required by such subsection.
10. To direct the City Clerk to ensure compliance with all requirements of 17 V.S.A. § 2645, whether or not outlined in this resolution, relating to the Charter Proposal.

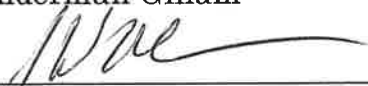


 Alderman Adams




 Alderman Cupoli

 Alderman Gillam



 Alderman McCann



 Alderwoman Savage

ABSENT

 Alderman Barbagallo

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 Alderwoman Davis



 Alderwoman Hooker



 Alderwoman McClure



 Alderwoman Tadio

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APPENDIX A

Shall the voters amend the City of Rutland Charter, Subchapter 24: Department of Public Works, §9-24.4 Commissioner; control of water supply, as follows? (~~striketrough~~ material deleted; underlined material added):

(a) The Commissioner of Public Works shall have the exclusive general management and supervision of the City water works and may make and enforce regulations regarding the use and control of water. He or she shall have authority to enforce beyond the limits of the City such regulations as may be necessary for the care, protection, preservation, management, and control of the City water works and water supply, in the same manner and to the same extent as within the City. Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, no fluoride, or any chemical containing fluoride, shall be added to the City of Rutland water supply.

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