

WARD 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL CITY MEETING
BARRE CITY, VERMONT
MAY 13, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #1" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

**COUNCILOR
(2 YEARS)**

Vote for not more than ONE

JEFF BERGERON ☐

(Write-in) ☐

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- a. TO VOTE FOR the article, fill in the oval to the right of the word "YES".
- b. TO VOTE AGAINST the article, fill in the oval to the right of the word "NO".
- c. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

ARTICLE I

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of \$1,800,720 of which an amount not to exceed \$16,762,686 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE II

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$600,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE III

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to make the Clerk an appointee of the City Council (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

(a) (1) The legal voters shall elect annually a Mayor and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer.

Sec. 30. Governing body.

(1) The City Council shall consist of the Mayor and two (2) councilors for each ward who shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

(2) Within the limitations of the foregoing, the [council] **Council** shall have the power:

(e) **Appoint and remove at Council's pleasure the Clerk, who may or may not be the same individual as the Treasurer.**

(4) All **full- or part-time** City employees[, to include full-time and part-time.] are prohibited from holding the office of councilor or mayor.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE IV

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to authorize the Manager and City Councilors so authorized by an action of the City Council to sign conveyances, grants or leases of any such real estate sale or leases (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 313. {Sale or lease of City property.}

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

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ARTICLE V

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to authorize the City to retain an amount equal to one month's worth of general fund expenses as an undesignated fund balance (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 601. Payment of taxes.

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE VI

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$105,200 to be allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?

Barre Area Senior Center	\$7,500
Barre Partnership - Heritage Festival	\$5,000
Capstone Community Action, Inc. (FKA C/CAC)	\$2,500
Central VT Adult Education	\$7,700
Barre Learning Center	\$18,000
Central VT Council on Aging/RSVP	\$28,000
Central VT Home Health & Hospice	
Circle (formerly Battered Women's Shelter & Services)	\$2,000
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$1,500
Elevate Youth Services (formerly WashCo Youth Services Bureau)	\$5,000
Family Center of Washington County	\$3,500
Good Samaritan Haven	\$1,500
Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	\$2,500
OUR House of Central VT	\$500
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$3,000
Rainbow Bridge Community Center	\$3,000
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$1,000
Washington County Diversion Program	\$2,500
Washington County Mental Health	\$10,000

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE VII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$15,000 for the Vermont Granite Museum?

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE VIII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for Youth First Mentoring?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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