

## OFFICIAL NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The Montgomery Selectboard will hold two (2) public hearings regarding a petition to vote, by Australian ballot, on articles to amend the Town Charter. The meetings will take place at Town Hall, 57 Main St, on the following dates/times:

**Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:00pm**

**Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:00pm**

An official copy of the full text of the Proposal is on file and available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office at 86 Mountain Road, Montgomery Center, VT. Copies will be made available upon request. The Clerk's Office is open Monday-Wednesday, from 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m., Thursday from 9:00a.m.-2:30p.m, and Friday from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m | Also available online on the Town Website:

[www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us)

### **\*Proposed Amendments\***

**(24 App. V.S.A. ch. 129B)**

#### **§ 1. Statement of purpose**

Under the authority granted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, this charter establishes certain guidelines with respect to organization and functioning of local Town government in the Town of Montgomery. (Added 2021, No. M-18 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 7, 2022.)

#### **§ 2. General law; application**

Except when changed by the provisions of this charter, all provisions of the statutes of the State of Vermont relating to municipalities shall apply to the Town of Montgomery. (Added 2021, No. M-18 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 7, 2022.)

#### **§ 3. Local options tax**

~~(a) The Selectboard is authorized to impose a one percent sales tax, a one percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax, and a one percent rooms tax upon the sales within the Town that are subject to the State of Vermont tax on sales, meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms.~~

~~(b) A tax imposed under the authority of this section may be rescinded and shall be collected and administered pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, provided that the Town shall:~~

~~(1) receive on a quarterly basis not less than 70 percent of the tax collected, less the per return fee; and~~

~~(2) pay not more than 70 percent of the per return fee.~~

~~(c) The tax to be paid to the Town shall be set aside in the Sewer Reserve Fund to assist in the repayment of debt~~

~~obligations related to the construction of a Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center and Village.~~

~~(d) The taxes authorized by this section shall expire 90 days after the date that the Town has fully repaid the debt obligations related to the construction of the Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center and Village. (Added 2021, No. M-18 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 7, 2022.)~~

**§ 4. Municipal Wastewater Connection. Any owner of a property that is serviced by a wastewater system not deemed to be failed as defined by 10 V.S.A §1972(5), can opt out of connecting to any Municipal Wastewater System, and in so doing, the owner of said property shall remain responsible for only the same costs, taxes, assessments, levies, fees, and alike, attributable to properties that are not served by any Municipal Wastewater System. Notice of opting out is satisfied by delivering a simple written notice to the Town Clerk.**

#### **§ 5. Separability**

If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the charter shall not be affected by that holding. If the application of the charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the application of this charter and its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by that holding. (Added 2021, No. M-18 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 7, 2022.)

- **§ 6. Amendment**

The amendment of this charter shall be as provided by law. (Added 2021, No. M-18 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 7, 2022.)

#### **Zoom Links:**

[In person attendance is strongly encouraged due to Town Hall's limited audio capabilities]

Topic: Charter Amendment Hearing #1  
Time: Feb 27, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89974074792?pwd=3MyDukdXGLWynaj448XCa7km00N83q.1>

Meeting ID: 899 7407 4792  
Passcode: 710027

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Topic: Charter Amendment Hearing #2  
Time: Mar 6, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88513542526?pwd=E4cgaG6cCBCTFgbNq1ivm8HvO44Ila.1>

Meeting ID: 885 1354 2526  
Passcode: 85530