

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - OFFICIAL BALLOT

April 1st 2025

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote mark a cross (X) in the square below the following articles

Article 1: Shall the Charter of the Town of Montgomery, Acts of 2021, No.M-18, be amended to repeal Section 3 in its entirety, as follows:

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(b) A tax imposed under the authority of this section may be rescinded and shall be collected and administered pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, provided that the Town shall: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

Yes

No

Article 2: Shall the Charter of the Town of Montgomery, Acts of 2021, No.M-18, be further amended to add the following language as Section 4, and renumber the remaining sections as follows:

§ 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.

§ 4 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.

§ 5 6. Amendment

The amendment of this charter shall be as provided by law.

Yes

No