

WARNING

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 1st, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are hereby notified and warned of a special election to take place at the Montgomery Town Hall, located at 57 Main Street Montgomery Center, in said Town on Tuesday, the 1st day of April, 2025 AD, between 10 o'clock (10:00 AM) in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be open, and 7 o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business, offered by petition of at least five percent of the voters of Montgomery, that would amend the Town's charter, and offered and warned in compliance with 17 V.S.A., Chapters 51 & 55, to wit:

**Article I. Shall the voters of Montgomery adopt an amendment to the Town Charter that strikes, annuls and repeals Section 3 of the Town Charter in its entirety and rescinds the local options tax as it is set forth and stated herein. Section 3 of the Town Charter provides:**

~~§3. Local Option 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 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 (b) A tax imposed under the authority of this section may be rescinded and shall be collected and administered pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §138, provided that the Town shall: (1) receive on a quarterly basis not less than 70 percent of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 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 & 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.~~

**Article II. Shall the voters of Montgomery adopt an amendment to the Town Charter as follows:**

**By adding §4 as follows, and renumbering the existing §4 as §5, and §5 as §6.**

**§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.**

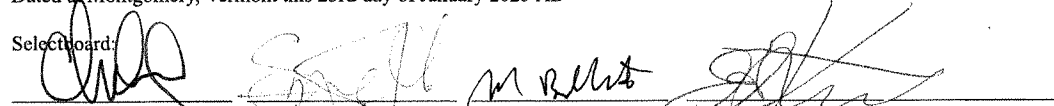
An official copy of the proposed charter amendments is on file and available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office at 86 Mountain Road, Montgomery Center, VT. Copies will be made available upon request. The Clerk's Office is open Monday-Wednesday, from 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m., Thursday from 9:00a.m.-2:30p.m,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

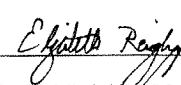
A copy of the proposed charter amendments can be found online here: <https://montgomeryvt.us/>

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said election shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 23rd day of January 2025 AD

Selectboard:

  
Charlie Hancock, Chair      Suzanne Dollois      Mark Brouillette      Emily Kimball, VC      Leanne Barnard

Attest:  Date: 1/29/2025  
Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery

\*Original signatures on file at Town Offices\*