

## **ARTICLE II GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### **2-1 DEFINITIONS**

#### **A. APPARENT MEANING**

Unless another meaning is clearly apparent from the manner in which the word is used, the words used in this Charter shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2-1 (B).

#### **B. SPECIFIC MEANING**

##### **(1) Certified**

The word "certified" shall mean the completing of the Election procedure by the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk as defined but not limited by RSA 669 including any provisions for recount.

##### **(2) Charter**

The word "Charter" shall mean this Charter and any amendments to it made through any of the methods provided under RSA 49-B.

##### **(3) Council**

The word "council" shall mean the Town Council as promulgated in Article IV of this Charter.

##### **(4) Days**

The word "days" shall refer to calendar days.

##### **(5) Deadline/Due Date**

When a "deadline" or "due date" falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or other day or date when no business is transacted due to a closure occasioned by a federal, state or Council declaration, the Deadline or Due Date shall be the next regular business day of the Town.

##### **(6) Emergency**

The word "emergency" shall mean a sudden, unexpected, unforeseen happening, occurrence or condition which necessitates immediate action.

##### **(7) Ex Officio**

The words "ex officio" shall mean a Town official serving as a member of a board, committee, or commission. This member shall have all the rights of regular members of such board, committee, or commission, except the right to hold an office (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, etc.) on such board, committee, or commission.

##### **(8) Initiative Measure**

The words "initiative measure" shall mean a measure proposed by initiative procedures under this Charter, but excluding:

- a. Matters relative to the organization or operation of the Town Council;
- b. An emergency measure passed in conformity with this Charter;
- c. The Town budget;
- d. Tax anticipation notes;
- e. Any appropriation for the payment of the Town debts or obligations;

- f. Any appropriation of funds necessary to implement a duly adopted collective bargaining agreement;
- g. Any proceeding, or part thereof, relating to the election, employment, appointment, suspension, transfer, demotion, removal or discharge of any Town officer or employee;
- h. Any proceeding repealing or rescinding a measure, or a part thereof, which is protested by referendum procedures.

**(9) Measure**

The word "measure" refers to a specific act, or proposal. The specific act or proposal may be a resolution, an ordinance, a referendum vote to be taken, or other proposed action, depending on the matter to be acted on.

**(10) Multiple Member Body**

The words "multiple member body" shall mean any body consisting of two (2) or more persons, whether elected, appointed, or otherwise constituted.

**(11) Number and Gender**

The singular number may be extended and applied to several persons or things; words imparting the plural number may include the singular; words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender; and words imparting the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender.

**(12) Referendum Measure**

The words "referendum measure" shall mean:

- a. A measure protested by referendum procedures under this Charter, including a specific item in the Town budget, but excluding items a through g listed in the definition (8) Initiative Measures, or;
- b. Any proceeding of the Town Council providing for the submission or referral of a matter to the voters at an election.

**(13) RSA**

The acronym "RSA" refers to the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated.

**(14) State Law**

The words "state law" shall mean New Hampshire State Law as embodied in the Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) and rules adopted under law.

**(15) Town**

The word "Town" shall mean the "Town of Merrimack".

**(16) Town Agency**

The words "Town agency" shall mean any board, commission, committee, department, or office of the Town government.

**(17) Voters**

The word "voters" shall mean registered voters of the Town of Merrimack.