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**City of St. Albans  
Proposed Charter Amendment  
December 24, 2019**

The City's Annual Meeting will occur on Tuesday March 3, 2020. The ballot will contain a question in substantially the following form:

**Shall the St. Albans City Charter be amended to authorize the imposition of a one percent (1%) tax on sales, meals and alcoholic beverages, and rooms?**

If adopted, this will replace the existing alcohol tax and is estimated to generate revenues of \$850,000 per year. The City Council has adopted the following priorities for these revenues:

- Local option revenues should reduce pressure on the property tax while continuing the City's record of public investment.
- At least 7.5 percent of annual local option revenues shall be utilized to reduce the cost and increase access to recreation programming for the disadvantaged and the elderly.
- At least 5 percent of annual local option revenues shall be saved and used to create a Rainy Day Fund or undesignated fund balance.
- At least 5 percent of annual local option revenues shall be directed to replenish the Redevelopment Fund.

This year local option revenues are proposed for the new Community Pool at Hard'ack and the Neighborhood Sidewalk Project.

Public hearings on the charter amendment are scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm; February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm, and February 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Additional information is available on the City's website ([www.stalbansvt.com](http://www.stalbansvt.com)) along with an official copy of the charter amendment. Both are available in the City Clerk's office as well.