This Charter Enacted by the One-Hundred and Third Legislature and Adopted by the Voters of Gorham at a Special Town Election November 7, 1967

Amended

January 23, 1970
March 8, 1971
June 8, 1976
March 13, 1979
July 31, 1979
June 10, 1986
November 8, 1988
November 3, 1992
March 14, 1995
November 4, 1997
November 7, 2006
November 4, 2014
November 3, 2015
November 3, 2020
November 9, 2022

Sec. 203. <u>Enumeration of Powers.</u> Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council shall have the power to:

204.1 Appoint and remove the Town Manager and the Town Clerk; appoint the Board of Assessment review, the Board of Appeals and The Town Planning Board, and provide for the

204.11 Create a Personnel Board;

204.12 To enter into agreements with the Federal or State Government in connection with any monetary or aid programs they may have to offer;

204.13 Determine the annual budget;

204.14 Provide for an audit at least annually;

204.15 Provide for payment and pay reasonable expenses of Councilmen, not to exceed $1,000 per year in the aggregate. Such expense payments may be changed by ordinance;

204.16 Authorize and issue general obligation securities, provided that no such securities shall be issued to finance a proposed capital expenditure over $500,000[3] as adjusted for inflation in accordance with section 901, unless such proposed expenditure shall first have been approved by referendum vote pursuant to section 901;

204.17 Act as the legislative body of the Town and exercise all other powers now or hereafter given to inhabitants of Towns acting in Town meeting, subject to the provisions of Article IX.

Sec. 205. Compensation.

Sec. 210. Quorum. A majority of the Town Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time or may compel attendance of absent members. At least 24 hours' notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting shall be given

a final resolution of removal. By the preliminary resolution, the Council may suspend the Manager from duty, but the regular salary of the Manager shall continue to be paid to him during the period of suspension. If removal is voted, the Council shall cause to be paid to the Manager forthwith any unpaid balance of his salary and his salary for the next 2 calendar months.

Sec. 218. Council Not to Interfere in Appointments or Removals. Neither the Council nor any of its

fiscal year. The school budget shall include an itemized statement of revenue from sources other than municipal taxation together with comparative figures from the current and first preceding School budget year, and the budgeted and actual expenditures for the second preceding School year. The Town Council, after reviewing the proposed budget, may change the total appropriation prior to approving the final budget.[7]

ARTICLE V
BUDGET[8]

Sec. 501. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Town Government shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the Town Council.

Sec. 502.[9]

Sec. 505. Certification of Appropriations. As of the date of adoption of the budget, the appropriations therein shall be credited to the accounts of the several departments, offices and agencies. The Town Clerk shall certify two copies of the adopted budget, file one copy with the Town Treasurer, and the other with the Town Assessor.

Sec. 506. Transfer of Appropriations. Within the last three months of each fiscal year, on request of the Manager, the Council may transfer any unencumbered balance of an appropriation or portion thereof to another account, department, office, or agency of the Town, unless such funds were derived from income restricted to the specific purpose for which they were originally appropriated.

Sec. 507. Interim Expenditures.

If, within 14 days, excluding legal holidays and Sundays, after publication of any such ordinance, resolution or vote, a petition signed by not less than 10% of the registered voters of the Town of Gorham, as of the last previous annual Town election, and where each such signature to be counted is supported by the petition circulator's affidavit that he or she personally circulated the petition, that all such signatures were affixed in his or her presence and that he or she believes the signatures to be the genuine signatures of the voters they purport to be[15], is filed with the Town Clerk requesting its reference to a referendum, the Council shall fix the time and place of such referendum which shall be within 21 days after the filing of the petition, and notice thereof shall be given in the manner provi

Sec. 1003. Short Title. This Charter