



OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT
ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 14, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters approve an annual General Fund Budget in the amount of \$12,921,469 for fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, \$11,891,682 of which is to be levied in taxes against the City Grand List?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 2. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the City of Essex Junction in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$13,960,000.00) be issued under Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, payable from the City's general fund, derived from the taxation of real property for a period not to exceed thirty years, and subject to reduction by available grants-in-aid or other funding sources, be issued to finance the cost of constructing a public works facility (the Project)?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 3. Should the compensation paid to the City Council members change from \$2,500.00 a year to \$3,600.00 a year starting July 1, 2027.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters approve an amendment to the City of Essex Junction Charter that changes the City Council President's annual compensation to be twenty-five percent (25%) more than the annual compensation paid to the other City Council members? (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition):

Subchapter 2: Governance Structure
Section 205. Compensation -
(a)(1) The President of the Council shall be paid an annual compensation that is twenty-five percent (25%) more than the annual compensation paid to the other Council members.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters approve an amendment to the City of Essex Junction Charter where compensation paid to the City Council members adjusts annually, effective July 1 of each year, in a manner consistent with any percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the most recent calendar year? (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition):

Subchapter 2: Governance Structure
Section 205. Compensation
(a) Compensation paid to the Council members shall be set by the voters at the annual meeting, adjusted annually, effective July 1 of each year, by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the most recent calendar year, with a minimum of . . . .

YES
NO

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters approve an amendment to the City of Essex Junction Charter that states that the City Council shall appoint a Charter Review Committee, at least once every 12 years, to conduct a comprehensive review of the City of Essex Junction Charter? (strikethrough represents a deletion, and underline represents an addition):

Subchapter 12: AMENDMENT OF CHARTER AND INITIATIVES
Section 1202. Charter Review Committee
The City Council shall appoint a Charter Review Committee at least once every twelve (12) years for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of this charter. A majority of the Committee's members shall be residents of the City who are not members of the City Council.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters authorize a planning loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for a project in the Water Enterprise Fund to be used for service line material identification and nonlead service line validation as required by federal drinking water regulations in an amount not to exceed \$892,771 to be financed over a period not to exceed ten years?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 8. Shall the City of Essex Junction voters approve a one-cent Social Services Contributions tax to support social service organizations, such amount being reasonably necessary and for the support of programs to benefit City of Essex Junction residents?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in equal installments on March 15 and September 15 by physical delivery or electronic payment to the tax collector by close of business on that date?

YES
NO

FOR CITY COUNCIL
(3 YEAR TERM)

Vote for not more than TWO

- MARCUS CERTA
RAJ CHAWLA
BETHANY CLARK
(Write-in)
(Write-in)

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE
(5 YEAR TERM)

Vote for not more than ONE

- LINDA HASAN
(Write-in)