

## **CHAPTER I. PREAMBLE AND ADOPTION OF CHARTER**

### **Sec. 1.1 Preamble.**

- 1.1.1 This Charter is the fundamental law of the Town of Groton (hereinafter referred to as the “Town”) providing for the administration of its local affairs.
- 1.1.2 Matters of administration of local affairs not provided for by this Charter, or by lawful ordinance, shall be governed by the Connecticut General Statutes (hereinafter referred to as “CGS”) including the Home Rule Statute and any Special Acts of the State of Connecticut applicable to the Town.

### **Sec. 1.2 Approval of the Charter.**

This Charter was originally submitted for approval to the electors of the Town of Groton on June 4, 1957. Voting was in accordance with the laws applicable to general or special elections in the Town, other than with respect to absentee voting, being duly warned and held for that purpose within thirty (30) days from the date of passage of Special Act No. 251 (1957) An Act Concerning a Charter for the Town of Groton.

### **Sec. 1.3 Effective Date.**

This Charter became effective immediately upon approval by the state legislature on May 10, 1957, for the purpose of nominating and electing members of the Town Council (hereinafter referred to as “Council”), a Town Clerk and members of the Representative Town Meeting (hereinafter referred to as “RTM”) who were elected on the first Monday of October 1957 and upon the election of said members for all other purposes when the Charter was approved on June 4, 1957, by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon. A certified copy of such Charter was filed in the office of the Town Clerk and three (3) such certified copies were filed in the office of the Secretary of the State.