MUNICIPAL OFFICERS' CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL TEXT OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE
[30-A M.R.S.A. § 3002(2)]

To Katrina Oakes, Clerk:

We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text of an ordinance entitled "Amend Town Charter, Article I, Section IV, Part C and Article VI," which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration at a secret ballot referendum to be held on June 14, 2016.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the ordinance as a public record and make other copies available for distribution to the voters, and you will ensure that copies are available at the town meeting/polling places on the day of the vote.

Dated: April 19, 2016

Town of Camden Select Board

Charter Amendments: Single Assessor

Summary: The following amendments serve to shift responsibility for property tax assessment in Camden from a Board of Assessors to a single appointed Assessor.

Text:

Article I, Section 4(d)

d) At such meetings as provided in Article 1, Sec. 4, the voters shall choose by ballot those persons not exceeding five in number to be Select Board, overseers~~*, tax assessors~~ and wastewater commissioners as provided in Article 11, Sections 1 and 3.

Article IV, Part C Assessment Administration

Section 1 Assessors

~~Assessors shall be the Select Board.~~

~~State Law Reference: 30 MRSA, Sec. 2060~~

The Town shall have a single assessor as set forth in 30-A MRSA, Sec. 2526(5)(A), who shall be appointed by the Select Board, at its discretion, for a period of one to three years. The Select Board may, without further action required by town meeting, choose to execute an agreement with one or more municipalities to share the services of a single assessor.

~~**Section 2 Assessors' Agent**~~

~~The Select Board may appoint an assessors' agent.~~

Section ~~3~~ 2 Board of Assessment Review; Appointments; Vacancies

[Remainder of section unchanged]

Section 4 3 Board of Assessment Review; Powers; Duties

The board of assessment review shall have the power to:

a. review, on complaint of property owners, and revise assessments for the purpose of taxation of real and personal property within the town limits made by the ~~board of assessors~~ assessor, in accordance with 36 MRSA, Sec. 843.

b. administer oaths;

c. take testimony;

d. hold hearings; and

e. adopt regulations regarding the procedure of assessment review.

Article VI, Section 6(d)(3)

(3) A copy of the budget as finally adopted shall be certified by the Select Board and filed by them with the ~~board of assessors~~ assessor, whose duty it shall be to levy such taxes for the corresponding tax year.