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Charter of Village of Bloomfield Hills

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PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Village of Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, pursuant to the authority and by virtue of the Constitution and general laws of the State of Michigan, do ordain and establish this Charter for the said Village of Bloomfield Hills.

CHAPTER I. Boundaries

Section 1. The Village of Bloomfield Hills shall include all the land described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 22 in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, being the corner of the Quarton Road and the Lasher or Lasher Road, also called the Redford or Nicolet Road, thence running North along the West boundary of Sections 22, 15 and 10 to the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 10, being corner of the Lasher or Lasher Road, also called the Redford or Nicolet Road and Hickory Grove Road; thence East along the Hickory Grove Road, so-called, being the North line of the South half of said section 10 to the East line of Section 10; thence East along the North line of the South half of Section 11 to the East line of Section 11, thence South along the East line of Sections 11, 14 and 23 to the Southeast corner of Section 23; thence West along the South line of Sections 23 and 22, being the Quarton Road, so-called, to the place of beginning, containing approximately five square miles.

CHAPTER II. General Powers, Rights and Liabilities

Section 1. Under the name and style of "Bloomfield Hills," said village may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, complain and defend in all courts of competent jurisdiction, contract and be contracted with, acquire and hold real and personal property, have a common seal and change the same at pleasure, and exercise all the powers in this charter conferred, together with such other powers as are now or may hereafter be conferred upon or granted to villages by the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, as fully and completely as though said powers were specifically enumerated herein, subject, however, to the limitations and restrictions in said Constitution and Laws contained, and together with such implied and incidental powers as are necessary to the exercise of the powers herein conferred. Said village may do any act to advance the interest of the village, the safety, order, good government, general welfare and prosperity of the municipality and its inhabitants, and may enact and enforce any and all laws, ordinances and resolutions necessary for carrying into execution the powers herein conferred.

Section 2. Said village shall have and is hereby given the right and power to acquire, construct, own, lease, operate, repair, maintain and regulate water works, ice plants, coal yards, electric light plants, gas works, power and heating plants, telephone and telegraph systems and lines, conduits, bridges, viaducts, tunnels, subways, markets and market houses, abattoirs, plants and equipment for the collection, disposal of reduction of garbage, ashes or refuse, sewage disposal plants, motor buses, electric or gasoline railroads, aeroplanes, aviation fields or any other public utility, enterprise or service in connection with the public health, welfare or safety. The village may sell any such service to the inhabitants thereof or to other municipalities, or private corporations or individuals, and shall have the power to purchase or lease any property, real or personal, necessary or proper for the operation of any such utility, or may contract with other municipalities, private corporations or individuals for the furnishing of any such service to the inhabitants of the village.

Section 3. The village may assess, levy and collect taxes for general and special purposes, on all the subjects and objects which the State law permits, and may provide for the issuance of the bonds of the village for the purpose of providing the first cost of installation and connection of sewers and water works, on and to property, when such installation and connection shall have been ordered by the proper health authorities, and may provide for a lien on such property for the moneys so used; may borrow money on the faith and credit of the village by the issue and sale of bonds of the village; may appropriate the money of the village for any and all lawful purposes; may create, provide for, construct, regulate and maintain all things in the nature of public works and improvements, including the building, repair and maintenance of sidewalks and cross walks, the paving, repaving, maintenance and repair of streets; may levy and collect assessments for local improvements, including water mains extensions and street lighting systems; may provide for the election or appointment of and fix the salaries and compensation of all officers and employees, except as herein otherwise provided; may provide for taking a census of the village; may regulate and control the use for whatever purpose, of the streets, alleys, and other public places; may regulate all vehicular traffic within the village; may own, acquire and maintain public parks and playgrounds, for the village; may establish and maintain a police force for the good government of the village and for the protection of the persons and property of the inhabitants thereof; may enact

ordinances and resolutions and establish and enforce regulations to guard against the occurrence of fire and to protect the property and persons of the inhabitants against damage and accident resulting therefrom and for this purpose may provide for or establish and maintain a fire department, including officers, employees, equipment, apparatus and buildings necessary therefor; may construct, maintain and regulate fountains and public drinking places, including watering troughs; may do any and all things needful, necessary and proper to furnish, supply, control and regulate water supply, sewage, sewage disposal, sanitation and sanitary control within or without the boundaries of the village, upon such terms and conditions as the Commission shall decide; may build and equip or acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest or agreement, hospitals and provide for the management, operation and maintenance of the same; may acquire property in fee simple or lesser interest or estate by purchase, gift, bequest, devise, condemnation, appropriation or lease with privilege to purchase, for any municipal purpose, including ways, public parking grounds, parks, aviation fields, recreational grounds, which shall be deemed to include the use of such grounds for amusements and all athletic sports and educational activities; may sell, lease, hold, manage and control such property and may make any and all rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution which may be deemed proper or which may be required to properly regulate and control all property used for public or any of the aforesaid purposes; or to carry out fully the provisions of any conveyance, deed, or will, in relation to any gift, devise or bequest or the provision of any lease by which it acquired property or according to the judgment of any Court, in the condemnation of property for any purpose; may take all needful and necessary steps for the care and relief of the poor and indigent, delinquent and juvenile offenders, those mentally or physically deficient, and the removal and remedying of the causes thereof, and may regulate, control and prohibit the bringing to the village from any other place of any pauper or other person likely to become a charge upon the village.

Section 4. The village may adopt a village plan; may provide a plan of streets and alleys and require that all streets, courts and alleys, dedicated to the public, shall conform therewith; may provide for the restriction or exclusion of business from certain districts of the village; may regulate, restrict and limit the number and location of oil and gasoline stations; may prescribe the limits of districts in the village within which wooden buildings and structures shall not be erected, placed, enlarged, or repaired and may direct the manner of constructing buildings within such districts with respect to protection against fire and to the materials of which the walls, floors, partitions and roofs shall be constructed; may establish the building line of lots with relation to streets, the width and depth of houses, and the amount of air space around houses; may regulate and control the construction and size of partition fences; may enact a building and house code and may require building permits for all buildings and structures erected in the village; may regulate the planting and setting of trees, shrubs, flowers and plants and the care thereof and may exercise jurisdiction over and may abate all diseased or noxious trees, shrubs and plants in the village; may provide for the cutting of weeds and grass; may regulate the construction and the materials used in all buildings and the maintenance thereof; may regulate, license or prohibit the construction, locality, size, height and the materials used in all bill-boards or signs and the maintenance and use of the same; may regulate and control the construction of cellars and basements insofar as the same, in any manner, affects the public health; may regulate and enforce local police and sanitary regulations; may provide for the approval of all plats of land subject to such terms and conditions as may be deemed best; may provide for, regulate and control the disposition and handling of garbage, ashes, dead animals and any other article or thing detrimental to public health or good sanitation; may regulate and control food supplies and food products; may maintain, operate, license, own and control public fuel supplies and markets of every kind; may regulate, control or prohibit the exhibition of fireworks and the storing, handling, disposition and sale of explosives of every character, including fireworks, firecrackers and firearms; may provide for the inspection, regulation and control of all weights and measures and the use thereof; may regulate, license, control or prohibit transient traders, auctioneers, the sale, at auction of live or domestic animals in the streets, alleys and public places of the village, auctions and sale at auctions and peddlers, hawkers and pawnbrokers; may regulate, license and control cab drivers, draymen, teamsters, taxicabs, jitneys, street cars and other forms of public conveyances, hotels, rooming houses, boarding houses, restaurants, candy and soft drink manufacturers and distributors, either wholesale or retail and other business and occupations; may license dogs and other animals; may regulate the location of and licenses for telegraph, telephone and electric light poles within the village; may license and impose a license fee on street cars, telephones, gas meters, electric meters, water meters or any other device for measuring service, also telephone, telegraph, electric light and power poles, provided that all of said license fees shall be exclusive of and in addition to other lawful taxes upon such property or the holder thereof.

Section 5. The village may define, prohibit, abate, suppress, regulate or prevent all things detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the village and all nuisances and causes thereof and may pass such ordinances and adopt such resolutions as may be expedient or necessary to maintain and promote the peace, good government and welfare of the village and for the performance of the functions thereof.

CHAPTER III.

Registration Nomination and Election

Section 1. There shall be one election district in said village which shall include the entire village. Said village may also be divided into two or more election districts in the manner provided by the general election laws of the State of Michigan.

Qualifications of Electors

Section 2. Each person who has the constitutional qualifications of an elector or who will have such qualifications at the next ensuing general, special or primary election, shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the voting district in which he resides. The inspectors of election at any general, special or primary election held in the village, shall not receive the vote of any person whose name is not registered in the registration book of the district in which he offers to vote.

Registration

Section 3. The village clerk shall be in full and complete charge of the registering of electors in the village and he shall in making and completing any registration, proceed in the manner set forth in the general election laws of the State of Michigan, and residents of the village may apply for registration and become registered in accordance with the provisions of said laws.

Nominations

Section 4. Candidates for the office of President, Commissioners and Clerk to be voted for at any municipal election under the provisions of this Charter, shall be nominated by petition and no other name shall be printed on the ballot for election of such officers except those selected in the manner hereinafter prescribed. Such petition shall be substantially in the following form:

Form of Petition

Section 5. We, the undersigned, being duly qualified electors of the village of Bloomfield Hills and residing at the place set opposite our respective names hereto, do hereby request that the name of (name of candidate) be placed on the ballot as a candidate for (name of office) at the election to be held in said village on _____ the _____ day of _____ 19____. We further state that we know him to be a qualified elector of said village and that he has resided in said village for one year next preceding the date hereof, and that he is a person of good moral character and qualified in our judgment for the duties of such office.

Names of qualified electors.	Number	Street	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

It shall be unlawful for any person to sign more than one such nominating petition for the same office except where there are two or more candidates to be elected for the same office, when he may sign as many petitions as there are persons to be elected for said office. Any signatures contrary hereto shall not be counted upon said petition.

The village Clerk shall prepare and keep on hand blank forms of the nomination petitions above described, for the use of the voters and candidates in said village.

Such petitions shall be without any mark or designation showing the party affiliation of the person being so nominated. The persons circulating a nominating petition shall, before the acceptance of such petition by the Village Clerk, subscribe the following oath:

STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss.
County of Oakland }
_____ being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures; that the signatures appended thereto were made in his presence and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, and that all of said signers are qualified electors of said village.

Signed _____
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19____

Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan.
My commission expires _____

Filing of Petition

Section 6. All petitions filed with the village clerk in behalf of any candidate shall be signed by not less than twenty and not more than fifty qualified electors requesting that the name of such candidate be placed upon the ballot to be used at said election. All nominating petitions shall be filed with the Village Clerk on or before four o'clock P. M. prevailing Standard Time on the fifth Saturday prior to any regular or special election at which any officer or officers of the village is or are to be elected.

Verification of Petition

Section 7. The village clerk shall forthwith examine such petitions and if satisfied that the required number of electors has signed the same, he shall endorse thereon the word "APPROVED" with the date of filing the same; but should he find that the said petition does not contain the required number of names of the electors as herein provided, he shall immediately return such petition to the person offering the same for filing, with a written statement of the additional number of names of electors required.

Acceptance of Nomination

Section 8. When any petition shall be found to contain the required number of names of electors, the Village Clerk shall forthwith, in writing, notify the person therein placed in nomination. Such person shall, thereupon and within not less than fourteen (14) days preceding such election, file with the Village Clerk his written acceptance of such nomination, which may be in the following form:

Form of Acceptance

STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss.
County of Oakland }
Village of Bloomfield Hills. }
I, _____, hereby accept the nomination for the office of _____ in said village.

Dated, _____
Signature _____

Public Inspection of Petition

Section 9. All such petitions shall be open to public inspection after being filed in the office of the Village Clerk, in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by him.

Nominations to Fill Vacancy in Elective Offices

Section 10. Whenever it shall be necessary at any municipal election to elect an officer to fill a vacancy such fact shall be stated in the petition filed in support of the same and the Board shall distinguish thereon the candidates for unexpired term from candidates for the regular full term.

Notices of Primary Election

Section 11. Immediately upon the expiration of the time for filing the statement and petitions for candidates, if there shall be more than two times as many candidates for any office as there are persons to be elected to such office, the said Village Clerk shall cause a notice to be given calling a primary election for the third Monday preceding such election for selecting candidates for each office for which there may be more than two times as many candidates as there are persons to be elected; such notice to be given in all respects the same as prescribed by Section 5 of Chapter IV, and the said Village Clerk shall thereupon cause primary ballots to be printed.

Primary Election Ballot, Form and Printing of

Section 12. The ballot at such primary election shall be in the same general form as the ballot for regular municipal elections, so far as applicable.

Hours and Officers

Section 13. The inspectors of election appointed for the municipal election shall be the inspectors of the primary election. The primary election shall be held at the same place as far as possible, and the polls shall be opened and closed at the same hours, with the same clerks as are required for such municipal election.

Results of Primary

Section 14. The results of such primary election shall be determined as in Sections 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Chapter IV provided. The candidates at the regular election whose names shall be printed on the official ballot, shall be the persons (in number two times the number of persons to be elected to such office) who receive the highest number of votes for such office at such primary election.

In case of a tie vote or if a recount of the vote cast at the primary election is desired, the same proceeding shall be had and as provided for in such case in Sections 14 and 15 of Chapter IV, relative to elections.

The persons who are qualified to vote at the regular municipal election shall be qualified to vote at such primary elections, and the law applicable to challenges made at a regular municipal election shall be applicable to challenges made at such primary election.

Nominations to Fill Vacancy in Elective Office

Section 15. Whenever it shall be necessary at any municipal election to elect an officer to fill a vacancy, candidates for the nomination to such office shall designate such fact in their statement of candidacy and both the candidates and election ballots shall distinguish thereon the candidates for the unexpired term from the candidates for the regular full term. Immediately preceding the names of the candidates for the unexpired term on the ballot shall appear the words "Vote for One." The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the primary election for any office, for the unexpired term, and no others, shall be placed upon the election ballot at the municipal election as candidates for such office for such term, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for such office at the municipal election shall be declared elected thereto.

CHAPTER IV. ELECTION

General Municipal Elections

Section 1. The first election under this charter shall be held on Monday, January 24th, 1927. After the first