

election, regular municipal elections shall be held on the first Monday in October in each year beginning with the year 1927.

Section 2. Special elections may be called by resolution of the Commission, adopted at least twenty-one (21) days in advance thereof, which shall set forth the purpose and object thereof and the time when the same is to be held; provided, there shall be no more than two special elections held in one year, unless a greater number shall hereafter be permitted by general law.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner at least twenty-one (21) days before an election held under the provisions of this charter, to appoint a Board of Election Inspectors for each voting district in the village, consisting of five (5) members for each district, each of whom shall be a duly qualified elector; and if at the opening of the polls at any election any of the inspectors so appointed shall not be present, or perform the duties as such inspector, the electors present at any such voting place may choose, viva voce, such number of electors as with the inspector or inspectors present, shall constitute a board equal to the number fixed by the Commission, and such electors so chosen, shall be inspectors at the election during the continuance thereof. Each inspector of the election shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Commission. One or more gatekeepers shall be chosen, viva voce, at each voting place to serve during such election. Each gatekeeper shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Commission.

Section 4. The Inspectors of Election in each district shall choose one of their number chairman of the Board, and shall designate one of their number to act as vice chairman of the Board and such electors chosen or appointed as inspectors of election, and the gatekeepers appointed, shall take the constitutional oath of office, which oath may be administered by an inspector.

Section 5. Notice of the time and place of holding any election and of the officers to be elected, and the questions to be voted upon, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be given by the clerk, at least fourteen (14) days before the day of such election; by posting such notices in three (3) conspicuous public places in the village and by publishing a copy thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the village designated by the Commission, the same length of time before the election; and in case of a special election for the submission of any question or proposition the notices shall set forth a copy of the resolution appointing such election or submitting such proposition.

Section 6. On the day of elections the polls shall be opened at seven o'clock in the morning, prevailing Standard time, or as soon thereafter as may be, and shall be kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour they shall be finally closed, and no ballots shall be cast thereafter, except that all registered voters then inside the polls and waiting to vote shall be permitted to do so. The inspectors shall cause proclamation to be made of the closing of the polls, one hour, thirty minutes and fifteen minutes, respectively, before the closing thereof.

Section 7. Upon the official ballot the names of the candidates for the several offices shall be so printed and the ballots so numbered that upon successive ballots the names of the several candidates will alternately or successively appear in the several positions in the list of names. The names of the candidates for President shall first be placed on the ballot with a square at the left of each name, and immediately above the names, the words, "Vote for one." Following the names, likewise arranged, shall appear the names of the candidates for Commissioner, with a square at the left of each name and immediately above said names, the words "Vote for two," except that at the first election the words, "Vote for four" will appear. Following these names, likewise arranged, shall appear the names of the candidates for Clerk, with a square at the left of each name, and immediately above said names the words, "Vote for one."

Section 8. The Clerk shall prepare ballots for printing and copies of ballot shall be on file in the office of the Clerk at least twelve (12) days before election. The ballots shall be printed on plain substantial white paper, and shall be numbered, and perforated in accordance with the requirements of the general laws of the State governing the numbering of the election ballots, but they shall have no party mark, vignette or designation mark whatever.

Section 9. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form:
Official Ballot
Candidates for village offices of the Village of Bloomfield Hills at the regular election.
(Place a cross (X) in the square opposite the names of the persons for whom you desire to vote for this respective offices.)
For President (Vote for one)
Names of Candidates
For Commissioner (Vote for two)
Names of Candidates
For Village Clerk (Vote for one)

Section 10. Having caused said ballots to be printed, the said Village Clerk shall cause to be delivered to the Inspectors at the polling place a number of said ballots equal to the total number of voters registered plus twenty-five per cent. The Commission shall also provide, and cause to be kept by the Clerk, for use at all elections, suitable ballot boxes of the kind required by law to be kept and used in townships. Section 11. All elections in said Village shall be conducted as nearly as may be in the manner provided by law for holding general elections in the State, except as herein otherwise provided; and the inspectors of such election shall have the same powers and authority for the preservation of order and for enforcing obedience to their lawful commands during the time of holding the election and the canvass of the votes, as are conferred by law upon inspectors of general elections held in this State. Section 12. Immediately after closing the polls, the inspectors of election shall, without adjourning, publicly canvass the votes received by them, and declare the results and shall immediately thereafter make a statement, in writing setting forth in words at full length, the whole number of votes given for each office, the names of the persons for whom such votes for each office were given, and the number of votes so given for each person, and the whole number of votes given upon each question voted upon, and the number of votes for and against the same, which statement shall be certified under the hands of the inspectors to be correct, and they shall forthwith deposit such statement and certificate, together with said poll lists, and the register of electors, and the boxes containing said ballots, with the Village Clerk. The manner of canvassing votes at general elections held in this State, and the inspectors shall in all other respects, except as herein otherwise provided, conform as nearly as may be to the duties required of inspectors of election at general elections. Section 13. The Commission shall convene at eight o'clock of the afternoon on the second secular day succeeding each election, regular, special or primary, at their usual place of meeting and determine the result of the election upon each question and proposition voted upon, and what persons were duly elected or nominated at the said election to the several offices respectively; and thereupon the clerk shall make a certificate of such determination, showing the result of the election upon any question or proposition voted upon, and what persons were duly elected or nominated at the said election to the several offices respectively, which shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk; a duplicate of such certificate other than as to nominations at a primary shall be made and filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Oakland. Section 14. If there shall be no choice for any office by reason of two or more candidates having received an equal number of votes, the Commission shall at the meeting mentioned in the preceding section, determine by lot between such persons, who shall be considered elected to such office; provided that such determination shall not be made until a recount of the votes cast for such candidates shall have been made by the Commission. Section 15. Any candidate for office failing of election as shown by the returns of the Boards of Election Inspectors to the Village Clerk may have a recount of the votes cast for the candidates for such office at any election, provided, he shall file with the Village Clerk before eight o'clock of the afternoon of the second secular day following said election, a petition therefor addressed to the Commission. Upon receiving such petition for recount, the Commission shall on the same day, or as soon thereafter as may be, recount all votes cast for the candidates for the office on which a recount is petitioned for and shall enter the result of such recount in the journal of its proceedings and shall determine what person or persons are elected. The person requesting such recount shall deposit with the Village Clerk a sum sufficient to cover the cost of such recount, which sum shall be refunded in case he prevails at the recount. Section 16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, within one week after the meeting and determination of the Commission, as provided in this chapter, to notify each person elected in writing, of his election; and he shall also, within one week after the appointment of any person to any office, in like manner so notify such person of the appointment. Section 17. Within one week after the expiration of the time in which any official bond or oath of office is required to be filed, the Clerk shall report in writing to the Commission the names of all persons elected or appointed to any office, who shall have neglected to file such oath or bond. Section 18. No person shall hold any elective office under this Charter unless he shall be at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of said village and the territory now embraced in said village, for at least one year prior to his election. Section 19. No person shall be elected or appointed to any office in the village who has been or is a defaulter to the village or to any board or directors thereof, or to any school district, county or other municipal corporation of the State. All votes for or any appointment of any such defaulter shall be void. Section 20. Every officer elected or appointed in the village before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe an oath of office, which shall be filed and kept in the office of the Village Clerk, to support the

Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; to endeavor to secure and maintain an honest and efficient administration of the affairs of the village of Bloomfield Hills, free from partisan distinction or control, and to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability. In case of his failure to do so within seven days after receiving notice of his election or appointment, he shall be deemed to have declined the office, except that upon good cause shown, the Village Commission may in its discretion extend the time for taking such oath not to exceed thirty (30) days. Section 21. Every officer elected or appointed in the village before entering upon the duties of his office and within the time prescribed for filing his official oath, shall file with the village clerk, such bond or security as may be required by law or by any ordinance or resolution of the Commission, and with such sureties as shall be approved by the Commission, conditioned for the due performance of the duties of his office, except that the bond or security given by the Clerk shall be deposited with the Village Treasurer. CHAPTER V. Section 1. Any holder of an elective office may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified electors of Bloomfield Hills, in the manner now or which at any time hereafter may be provided by general law. Section 2. Any officer holding office by election by the electors may, if written charges shall be preferred against him with having convicted of a felony, be suspended from office by a four-fifths vote of the Commission until such charges shall be heard and determined, and any officer elected or appointed by the Commission, may, if written charges have been preferred against him, for any cause enumerated in Section 3 of this chapter, be in like manner suspended from office, and in the event of such suspension it shall be the duty of the Commission to proceed to a hearing of such charges at the next regular meeting, or an adjournment thereof, and to determine the matter at such meeting, and if such charges are sustained by the vote of a majority of said Commission, the said officer may be removed from office; but if such officer shall not be removed, he shall be entitled to resume his office and receive pay during the period of such suspension. Section 3. The Commission may remove from office any of its members, including the President, and may remove any other officers of the village, either elective or appointive for any of the following causes, to-wit: (a) Conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense under the Charter or ordinances or any law of this State or of the United States. (b) Willful violation of any provision of the charter or ordinances. (c) Intoxication or habitual drunkenness. (d) Incompetency to perform the duties of his office. (e) Willful neglect of duty. (f) Corrupt or willful malfeasance or misfeasance in office. (g) Willful misconduct to the injury of the public service. Said proceedings may be initiated by any member of said Commission or by any twenty-five electors as herein-after provided. Upon the filing with said Commission of a complaint in writing specifying any matter or thing made cause for removal under this charter, which complaint shall be signed by not less than twenty-five electors of said village and verified by the oath of at least one of said signers, the said Commission shall proceed to hear and determine said matter as herein provided. If said officer is found guilty by a majority of the Commission he shall be removed from office and the reason for such removal shall be entered upon the records of the Commission with the names and votes of the members voting on the question—no officer shall be removed unless first furnished with a copy of the charges and allowed to be heard in his defense with the aid of counsel; and for such purpose the Commission shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers by subpoena or written order. The Commission shall hear and determine said charges within ten days after service of a copy thereof on such officer, unless said proceedings shall be adjourned for cause to a time not exceeding thirty days in all; and the failure of such officer to appear at such meeting to answer said charges shall be deemed good cause for his removal. Any person refusing or neglecting to comply with the requirements of any subpoena or written order issued and served under this section shall be liable to a fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars, or confinement in the County Jail not to exceed sixty days on conviction of such refusal or neglect before any justice of the peace of said village or Township of Bloomfield. The violation of sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section, shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable as provided in this charter, and in case no punishment is otherwise provided, the person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction, be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. CHAPTER VI. ELECTIVE OFFICERS Who Are Section 1. There shall be elected at large in said village the following officers, viz: One President, four Commissioners, and one Clerk. Section 2. The President and Clerk shall each be elected for a term of one year. The Commissioners shall be elected for a term of two years. The term of office of all elective officers shall commence at twelve o'clock noon, prevailing Standard time, on the first day of January following their election; PROVIDED, however, that at the first election held under this Charter a President and Clerk shall be elected for a term to end on twelve o'clock noon, January 1, 1928, and four Commissioners shall be elected, the terms of the two Commissioners receiving the greatest number of votes to end on the first day of January,

1929, and the terms of the Commissioners receiving the next highest number of votes to end on the first day of January, 1928. After the first election aforesaid there shall be elected at each regular election a President, Clerk and two Commissioners. All officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified. Filling Vacancies in Elective Offices by Appointment. Section 3. If a vacancy occurs in any elective office, except by recall as provided in the general law pertaining thereto, the Commission shall appoint an eligible person to fill such vacancy until the next regular municipal election. Any vacancy shall then be filled by election for the unexpired term. Vacancy In Offices Section 4. Resignations of officers shall be made to the Commission. If any person elected or appointed to office shall fail to take and file the oath of office, or shall fail to give bond or security required for the due performance of the duties of his office within the time herebefore limited, after receiving his certificate of election, dies, resigns, is removed from office, removes from the village, absents himself continuously therefrom for more than ninety days, or is convicted of a felony, the Commission shall, at their next regular meeting thereafter, declare the office vacant, unless in the case of a failure to take and file such oath or to give such bond or security previously thereto he shall file the oath and give the requisite bond or security. COMPENSATION Compensation of Elective Officers Section 5. The President and the Commissioners shall each receive the sum of Five Dollars for each regular or special meeting of the Commission attended by them, but not to exceed Sixty Dollars each per year. Compensation of Appointive Officers Section 6. Every other officer, or employee of the village, except day laborers, or day employees shall receive such salary or compensation as the Commission shall by ordinance provide, payable in monthly or semi-monthly periods as shall be fixed by such ordinance. Commission to be Judge of Election and Qualification of Members Section 7. The Commission shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its own members, subject to review by the courts in cases of contests. Rules of Procedure of Commission Section 8. The Commission shall determine its own rules of procedure and may punish its members for disorderly conduct. A majority of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; a less number may adjourn from time to time, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner as shall be prescribed by ordinance or rules of the Commission; and all pending business and business notices set down for hearing at such meeting shall be taken up and heard at such adjourned meeting, or at the next regular meeting, without further notice. No office shall be created or abolished, street, alley or public ground be vacated, real estate or interest therein purchased, leased, sold or disposed of, or private property be taken for public use, unless by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of all the members of the Commission, which vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, nor shall any vote of the Commission be considered or rescinded at a special meeting, unless there be present as many members of the Commission as were present when such vote was taken. No ordinance shall be offered or introduced at other than a regular meeting, nor shall any ordinance be adopted within fourteen days after it shall have been introduced, provided, however, that such requirement may be waived in case of public necessity. Appropriation of Money Section 9. No money shall be appropriated except by ordinance or resolution, either of which shall be adopted by four-fifths yeas and may vote of all members of the Commission, nor shall any resolution be passed or adopted except by the vote of a majority of all the members of the Commission elected to office, except as herein otherwise provided. Meeting of Commission Section 10. The Village Commission shall by ordinance fix regular meetings to be held at least once in each month at such hour and place as it shall determine, for the transaction of business; Provided, that when any such day shall be a legal holiday, the regular meeting of the Commission shall be held at the same place and hour on the next succeeding secular day. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the general public and within fifteen days after any meeting of the Commission all proceedings had or taken at such meeting, together with the vote of the various members of the Commission shall be published in a newspaper printed or circulating in said village. The President or any two members of the Commission may appoint special meetings thereof, notice of which, in writing or verbally, shall be given to each Commissioner, or be left at his place of residence at least six hours before the meeting; provided, that if all the members of the Commission shall be present at any special meeting without proper notice, such notice shall be deemed to have been waived. Ordinances, Etc., to be Certified by President and Clerk Section 11. The Village Clerk shall be the Clerk of the Commission, and shall, with the President, sign and attest all ordinances, and the journal of record of the Commission proceedings shall be signed by the Village Clerk and approved in writing by the President. CONTRACTS Officers Shall Not Be Interested in Section 12. No member of the Commission, nor any elective or appointive officers of the village shall vote on any proposition for the granting of any franchise, entering into any contract or for any work or business, the expense, cost or consideration of which is to be paid from municipal moneys, if he has any interest in the person receiving such franchise, contract or money from the village of Bloomfield Hills.

Section 10. The Commission shall convene at eight o'clock of the afternoon on the second secular day succeeding each election, regular, special or primary, at their usual place of meeting and determine the result of the election upon each question and proposition voted upon, and what persons were duly elected or nominated at the said election to the several offices respectively; and thereupon the clerk shall make a certificate of such determination, showing the result of the election upon any question or proposition voted upon, and what persons were duly elected or nominated at the said election to the several offices respectively, which shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk; a duplicate of such certificate other than as to nominations at a primary shall be made and filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Oakland. Section 14. If there shall be no choice for any office by reason of two or more candidates having received an equal number of votes, the Commission shall at the meeting mentioned in the preceding section, determine by lot between such persons, who shall be considered elected to such office; provided that such determination shall not be made until a recount of the votes cast for such candidates shall have been made by the Commission. Section 15. Any candidate for office failing of election as shown by the returns of the Boards of Election Inspectors to the Village Clerk may have a recount of the votes cast for the candidates for such office at any election, provided, he shall file with the Village Clerk before eight o'clock of the afternoon of the second secular day following said election, a petition therefor addressed to the Commission. Upon receiving such petition for recount, the Commission shall on the same day, or as soon thereafter as may be, recount all votes cast for the candidates for the office on which a recount is petitioned for and shall enter the result of such recount in the journal of its proceedings and shall determine what person or persons are elected. The person requesting such recount shall deposit with the Village Clerk a sum sufficient to cover the cost of such recount, which sum shall be refunded in case he prevails at the recount. Section 16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, within one week after the meeting and determination of the Commission, as provided in this chapter, to notify each person elected in writing, of his election; and he shall also, within one week after the appointment of any person to any office, in like manner so notify such person of the appointment. Section 17. Within one week after the expiration of the time in which any official bond or oath of office is required to be filed, the Clerk shall report in writing to the Commission the names of all persons elected or appointed to any office, who shall have neglected to file such oath or bond. Section 18. No person shall hold any elective office under this Charter unless he shall be at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of said village and the territory now embraced in said village, for at least one year prior to his election. Section 19. No person shall be elected or appointed to any office in the village who has been or is a defaulter to the village or to any board or directors thereof, or to any school district, county or other municipal corporation of the State. All votes for or any appointment of any such defaulter shall be void. Section 20. Every officer elected or appointed in the village before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe an oath of office, which shall be filed and kept in the office of the Village Clerk, to support the