

Proposed Southfield Charter

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Attorney must be qualified city elector.

EMPLOYEES under the manager shall receive compensation as fixed by the manager in accordance with budget appropriations and no pay plan adopted by the council. Manager appointments must be confirmed by council, but may be discharged by the manager without confirmation.

Department heads will hire and control the budget for their department, but any employee may petition the council within 10 days of his firing, for a hearing.

Compensation of the clerk, treasurer, assessor and attorney shall be determined by the council. City council will create, by ordinance, a city planning commission, and other commissions they deem necessary.

CHAPTER V—GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING CITY OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL:

To be eligible for elective office, a person must have been a resident for at least one year prior to the last day for filing nonpartisan petitions, and must be a qualified and registered elector of the city, and the owner of or having interest in real or personal property which is assessable for city taxes.

Justice and Associate Justice of the Peace shall, in addition, be an attorney admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court for three years preceding appointment or election to office.

NO PERSONS shall be eligible for any city office who is in default to the city or to any governmental unit of the state.

The council is sole judge of its members' qualifications. City board or commission members shall be city residents for one year and be qualified registered electors to be qualified for the post.

Administrative officers must be U. S. citizens.

EXCEPT in case of county board of supervisors members, no elective officer may be appointed to any city office, or be employed by the city during his term in office or for two years thereafter, except his term is appointed after the expiration of an independent board or commission, or to fill a council vacancy.

No expenditure of \$50 or more may be made in which a city officer or a member of his or her family has a financial interest. Those blood relatives or spouses of elective officials or spouses prohibited from holding office in any employment during the official term in office, unless the spouse or relative is employed before the official takes office.

CHAPTER VI—COUNCIL PROCEDURE POWERS AND DUTIES:

Two regular meetings per month are required, as well as a special meeting on the third Monday in April for organizational purposes at which time the mayor and mayor pro tem are selected.

The mayor, manager or two council members can call a special meeting by written request to each council member 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Such a meeting is approved if all council members are present or have waived notice of the meeting in writing.

BUSINESS at special meeting must be stated in the notice of meeting, but any business which might lawfully come before a regular meeting may be transacted at special meetings, if all members present consent. All absent members be written consent.

Three or more members of the council may, by vote request, a special attendance of its members and other city officers at any meeting. Anyone who fails to appear, unless excused, may be deemed guilty of misconduct in office.

THE CLERK will keep a journal of each council meeting and all voting upon ordinances and resolutions shall be recorded. No council member shall vote on any question in which he has a financial interest, other than the common public interest.

The council shall not assign the administration of any city department or agency to any council member or committee.

The council shall constitute the board of health.

The council, if authorized, representative may conduct investigations, and the council may order any records or evidence to be produced.

CHAPTER VII—LEGISLATION AND ORDINANCES:

All former township ordinances and regulations will continue in full force until changed or repealed by the city council.

Enactment, amendment, repeal and effective dates of ordinances are undertaken in a manner similar to other governmental units and as provided by state law.

Punishment for violation of an ordinance is \$500 maximum fine or 90 days in jail or both.

Any council member may reconsider his vote by filing with the clerk, within 24 hours, a written notice of reconsideration and the reasons. The action shall then be reconsidered at the next council meeting. This does not apply to emergency ordinances.

IT TAKES four council votes to create or abolish an office, to impose a tax or assessment, to vacate or abolish a public place, to dispose of real estate or other interests, to condemn private property to appropriate money, or to reconsider or rescind any vote of the council.

It is not necessary for a governmental or recognized organization to be a party to any ordinance or resolution.

Local code, regulations or law that is to be enacted as a part of a city ordinance, to be printed in full. Reference may be made to the code or law in the legal notice, and copies of the code or law, which it is to be part of, shall be placed in the clerk's office for distribution.

CHAPTER VIII—GENERAL FINANCE: BUDGET, AUDIT, PURCHASING:

The city manager prepares and submits the budget to the council at the first regular April meeting. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on the second Monday in May.

Special assessments or special assessments, or for other purposes not chargeable to budget appropriations, no money shall be drawn from the city treasury without an appropriation. The council may create any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, fund or agency to another; the council may make emergency appropriations.

A quarterly treasury statement shall be made up by the manager, at which time the council may reduce appropriations, if necessary. The council may not reduce appropriations unless they were anticipated.

ANY appropriation balance, unencumbered at the fiscal year end, will revert to the general fund. All independent appropriations made of all city accounts quarterly.

The city manager is responsible for the purchase of all city property. Competitive bids will be obtained for city purchases and public improvements, and purchases made from lowest competitive bidders.

FOR SALES or purchases above \$500, council approval is necessary. The council may, if obtained, terminate the council immunity, unless that to advantage to the city.

The council may authorize public improvements or performance of any other city work by any agency without competitive bidding.

Mark cemetery, or part thereof, will be sold unless approved by three-fifths of the electors.

CHAPTER IX—TAXATION:

The city's tax limit will not exceed one per cent of assessed value. The council may increase the rate of the city's tax, but not to exceed the rate of the state.

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The council will appoint a board of review, consisting of three qualified and registered voters. The board will review the form of each bill and compensation.

Each February the review board will review the bills and compensation. The review board will meet on the first Monday in March. They will meet on the first Monday in April and the first Monday in May. The review board will hear complaints, and by the first Monday in April, approve the bills as corrected. Taxes are due July 1. Taxes not paid by the following March will be declared delinquent.

CHAPTER X—BORROWING POWER:

The city is allowed the usual methods of going into debt, but it can borrow.

The net bond debt for all public purposes shall not exceed ten per cent of the assessed value of the city. The city may borrow \$25,000 in excess of ten mills of assessed value, even though it is above the 10 mill limitation.

The city may issue 10 mill limitation bonds for the purpose of financing special assessment payments, or for the purpose of securing or paying on public utility advances, or for the purpose of extending or paying on public utility advances, or for the purpose of extending or paying on public utility advances.

The council may also deduct interest on the amount of bonded indebtedness.

TOTAL amount of special assessment bonds, pledging the full faith and credit of the city, shall not exceed 12 mills, nor shall these bonds be issued in any year in excess of three mills of the assessed property values, unless authorized by a majority vote of the people.

Illegal for bonds, issued for one purpose, to be used for another, except when there is a change of use for the same money in setting bonds of such purpose.

Bonds not issued or sold within three years of the voters' authorization, shall be cancelled.

The council can contract for purchase of property or capital equipment on installments for a period not greater than one year. If the contract does not exceed \$10,000 in any fiscal year.

CHAPTER XI—SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

This chapter outlines the usual special assessment procedure, to vacate the types of work that may fall in this category.

Excess money raised shall go to the general fund, if it is five per cent or less. If greater than five per cent, a refund on a pro rata basis is made.

No judgment or court decree nor

into the city's treasury. Expenses incurred by them as board members shall be paid by the city.

CHAPTER XV—COURT:

There will be a justice and an associate justice of the peace to operate under the jurisdiction of the City of Southfield.

Compensation of justices shall be determined by a council ordinance, and the justices shall keep all justice fees in civil court matters.

The justice and associate justice elected at the charter election shall hold office until July 4, 1959 and thereafter shall be elected for four year periods.

COUNCIL will fix fees and costs which may be taxed by the court in all civil matters, in cases where no violation of charter or city ordinance and in criminal cases which will not be inconsistent with general state laws.

The city manager shall appoint one or more police officers as constables with like authority in civil and criminal matters and for service of process, and may also appoint and to serve process for breaches of city ordinances.

The council shall establish a collection bureau within the court, to collect prescribed fees on ordinance violations. Such a bureau shall operate so as to deprive any person of a full and impartial court hearing, if the person so chooses.

CHAPTER XVI—INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM:

Any ordinance proposed to be submitted to the council in a petition filed with the city clerk, and if the ordinance is not adopted, it shall be submitted to a vote of the city's electors.

Every ordinance adopted by the city council, and any action by council to expend general city funds in excess of \$500 shall be subject to referendum, provided that provisions here shall not apply to the annual appropriation.

INITIATORY or referendum petitions shall be signed by electors equal to 20 per cent of the total votes cast for councilman receiving the highest number of votes at the last general municipal election.

Link or indelible pencil is required by a signer to give his name, residence by street and number, and date of signature on the petition.

If a petition is found to be insufficient by the clerk, the petitioner's sponsor has 20 additional days to file supplemental petitions.

If the council fails to act as the initiatory or referendum petition dates, then the initiatory or referendum ordinance shall be submitted at the next regular city or state election, at a primary election, or special election called for any purpose, but not for the purpose shall be called solely to consider said ordinance.

Filing of a referendum petition suspends the ordinance or action until the electors have confirmed or ratified the council action, except where an insufficient petition has been filed.

CHAPTER XVII—RECALL:

Any elective officer may be recalled from office by the city's electors, in accordance with state statutes.

CHAPTER XVIII—REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

Council may remove any city official from office for any of the following:

Willful violation of a city ordinance or the charter.

Continued by act of competent jurisdiction of any offense under the charter or city ordinance or laws of the state or U. S.

Habitual intoxication to detriment of the city's best interests.

Incompetency to perform duties of office.

Willful neglect of duty.

Corrupt or willful misfeasance, malfeasance or non-feasance in office.

Willful misconduct to injury of public service.

REMOVAL proceedings may be initiated by any council member, or the mayor, or by 250 registered and qualified city electors, and are instituted by the filing of a written complaint to the council, giving cause for removal, and signed by those initiating the removal proceedings. An affidavit, asserting the truth of the charges, shall be attached to the petition.

Council shall hear charges, subpoena witnesses and take testimony. The council shall, after all proof is submitted, advise by majority vote, whether the charges will be sustained.

A hearing on removal shall be held within 20 days after charges are preferred and no officer shall be tried unless furnished with a copy of the charges in the petition, at least five days prior to the hearing, and shall be allowed to testify in his own behalf.

ANY appointive officer against whom charges have been preferred may be suspended from office by majority vote of council until such charges have been heard and determined.

A person removed from office shall not be eligible to appointive office or election to city office for two years after removal or resignation.

CHAPTER XIX—FIRE AND RETIREMENT:

Existing benefits to be continued and present board to be maintained.

CHAPTER XX—SCHEDULE:

Establishes the charter election date of Dec. 12, form of ballot, registration procedure and qualifications, polling places, effective date of charter.

CHAPTER XX—CONDEMNATION:

The city may condemn private property for public use according to Michigan statutes.

CHAPTER XXI—CIVIL SERVICE:

Provides for continuation of present benefits and service records, places police, firemen under state law protection, and for continuation of present township civil service commission.

CHAPTER XXII—MISCELLANEOUS:

Disclaims municipal liability after 90 days following any accident, sets up claim procedure. Vacancies to be filled by person or board responsible. Makes alimony records public and available at all reasonable times.

Defines certain terms used in the charter. Charter amendments to be made as provided by statute. Provides severability of charter provisions for an official city newspaper; publication of all notices, ordinances, and council proceedings.

Sets up July 1-June 30 fiscal year. Provides for council appointment of a city controller; continuation of present employee benefits and provision of old age and survivor's insurance, and permission to create additional pension and retirement benefits. May provide for a merit or civil service system for city employees.

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At first election, the three top vote-getting candidates will serve until April, 1957. First justice and associate justice to serve until April, 1959. Candidates have until Nov. 21 to file.

Appointed officers to serve during good behavior. Interim budget to be prepared expeditiously, not exceeding three months. Council can borrow up to \$100,000 in anticipation of the interim tax collections. Provide for continuation of present township planning commission, zoning board.

WINTERIZE ROADS

FRANKLIN—A road winterizing program, which will cost from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and which will handle scraping and general repair work, is expected to be undertaken here soon.

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