

# PROPOSED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD OAKLAND COUNTY MICH.

## PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan, under God, by virtue of the authority granted by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, in order to promote efficient self-government, do hereby ordain and establish this Home Rule Charter for the City of Southfield.

## CHAPTER 1

### Name and Boundaries

#### SECTION 1.1 NAME AND BOUNDARIES:

The municipal corporation heretofore created under the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, known as the "City of Southfield", is a body corporate, and shall continue a municipal corporation in perpetuity. Said municipal corporation shall embrace the following described territory in the Township of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, together with such territory as may from time to time be attached thereto, and less such territory as may from time to time be detached therefrom, in accordance with law:

"Town 1 North, Range 10 East, Southfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan," which Township is bounded on the north by Fourteen Mile Road, on the east by Greenfield Road, on the south by Eight Mile Road (also known as Baseline Road), and on the west by Inkster Road, excepting therefrom the following described territories:

(a) Those territories previously incorporated;

(b) All that part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 6 of said Township, lying north of the Fourteen Mile Road;

(c) Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 23 in said Township of Southfield described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section located due North from the East quarter Section corner 495 feet; thence West 202 feet; thence North 165 feet; thence East 202 feet; thence South 165 feet to the point of beginning;

(d) Part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, in said Township of Southfield, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section North 0 degrees 2' 30" East 222.0 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 14; thence North 89 degrees 59' 30" East 408.71 feet; thence North 0 degrees 2' 30" East 159.70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57' 30" West 228 feet; thence South 0 degrees 2' 30" West 20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57' 30" West 180 feet to the West line of Section 14; thence South along said West line to the point of beginning;

(e) Part of Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Town 1 North, Range 10 East, Southfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described as beginning at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 4; thence southerly along North and South one-quarter Section line to the South one-quarter corner of said Section 4 or North one-quarter corner of said Section 9; thence southerly along North and South one-quarter Section line to the center of said Section 9; thence easterly along the north line of Brooks Park Subdivision to the Northeast corner of said subdivision; thence southerly along the East line of said subdivision to the Southeast corner of Lot 13 of said subdivision; thence westerly along the South line of Lot 13 of said subdivision to the Southwest corner of said Lot 13; thence northerly 60 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 12 of said subdivision; thence westerly along the South line of Lots 12, 11, 10 and 9 of said subdivision to the southwest corner of Lot 9 of said subdivision; thence southerly 60 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 8; thence westerly along the South line of Lot 8 of said subdivision to the Southwest corner of Lot 8 of said subdivision; thence northerly along the West line of Lot 8 of said subdivision to the South line of "Franklin River Heights" subdivision; thence westerly along the southerly line of said "Franklin River Heights" subdivision to the Southwest corner of said subdivision; thence northerly along westerly line of said subdivision to Northwest corner of said "Franklin River Heights" subdivision located in East and West one-quarter Section line of said Section 9; thence westerly along East and West one-quarter Section line of said Sections 9 and 8 to the westerly line of the 150 ft. Telegraph Road; thence northerly along said westerly line of Telegraph Road to the northerly line of said Section 5; thence easterly along northerly line of said sections 5 and 4 to the point of beginning."

#### SECTION 1.2 METES AND BOUNDS:

The metes and bounds description of the City of Southfield, and representing the same property as hereinbefore described in Section 1.1 hereof, is as follows:

"Beginning at the intersection of Greenfield and 14 Mile Roads, being the N.E. corner of Section 1, Town 1 North, Range 10 East; thence westerly along the north line of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 4, being the center of 14 Mile Road; thence southerly along N. and S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section line to the S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 4 or N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 9; thence southerly along N. and S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section line to the center of Section 9; thence easterly along the north line of Brooks Park Subdivision to the N.E. corner of said subdivision; thence southerly along the east line of said subdivision to the S.E. corner of Lot 13 of said subdivision; thence westerly along the south line of lot 13 of said subdivision to the S.W. corner of said lot 13, thence northerly 60 feet to the S.E. corner of lot 12 of said subdivision; thence westerly along the south lines of lots 12, 11, 10 and 9 of said subdivision to the S.W. corner of lot 9 of said subdivision; thence southerly 60 feet to the S.E. corner of lot 8; thence westerly along the south line of lot 8 of said subdivision to the S.W. corner of lot 8 of said subdivision; thence northerly along the west line of Lot 8 of said subdivision to the south line of Franklin River Heights subdivision; thence westerly along the southerly line of said Franklin River Heights subdivision to S.W. corner of said subdivision; thence northerly along westerly line of said subdivision to N.W. corner of said Franklin River Heights subdivision located in E. and W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section line of Section 9; thence westerly along E. and W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section line of Sections 9, 8 and 7 to the W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 7; thence southerly along the W. line of Sections 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, being the center of Inkster Road, to the intersection of Inkster Road and Eight Mile Road, same being the S.W. corner of Section 31; thence easterly along the south line of sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 to the S.E. corner of Section 36, being the intersection of Eight Mile and Greenfield Road; thence northerly along center line of Greenfield Road, same being the East line of Sections 36, 25, 24, 13, 12 and 1 to place of beginning.

Except from above description beginning at north  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 14, Town 1 North, Range 10 East, thence No. 89° 55' 30" W. along north line of Section 14, being also the center line of Twelve Mile Road, a distance of 1292.58 feet, thence S. 0° 02' 30" E. 738.90 feet, thence N. 89° 54' W. 210.65 feet, thence S. 0° 10' E. 1903.46 feet, to E. and W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  line of Section 14, thence westerly along  $\frac{1}{4}$  line to the W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 14, thence southerly along west line of Section 14 to the S.W. corner of said Section 14, thence easterly along the south line of said section to the S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 14, thence southerly along N. and S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  line of Section 23 to the center of Section 23, thence easterly along the E. and W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  lines of Sections 23 and 24 to the S.E. corner of the W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 24, same being the S.E. corner of "Louise Lathrup's California Bungalow Subdivision No. 5" thence northerly along the N. and S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  lines of Sections 24 and 13, same being the easterly lines of "Louise Lathrup's California Bungalow Subdivision No. 5" and "Louise Lathrup's California Bungalow Subdivision No. 3," to the N.E. corner of W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 13, thence westerly along north lines of Sections 13 and 14 to the place of beginning."

## CHAPTER 2

### Municipal Powers and Authority

#### SECTION 2.1 GENERAL POWERS:

Unless otherwise provided or limited in this Charter, the city and its officers shall possess and be vested with any and all powers, privileges, and immunities, expressed or implied, which cities and their officers are, or hereafter may be, permitted to exercise or to provide for in their charters under the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan including all powers, privileges, and immunities which cities are, or may be permitted to provide in their charters by

Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, as fully and completely as though these powers, privileges, and immunities were specifically enumerated in and provided for in this Charter; and in no case shall any enumeration of particular powers, privileges, or immunities herein be held to be exclusive.

The city and its officers shall have power to exercise all municipal powers in the management and control of municipal property, and in the administration of the municipal government, whether such powers be expressly enumerated herein or not; to do any act to advance the interests of the city, the good government and prosperity of the municipality and its inhabitants, and through its regularly constituted authority, to pass and enforce all laws, ordinances, by-laws, orders, and resolutions relating to its municipal concerns, subject to the general laws of the state and the provisions of this charter.

## CHAPTER 3

### Registration, Nomination and Election

#### SECTION 3.1 WARDS AND PRECINCTS:

The City of Southfield shall consist of six (6) Wards, as follows:

- Ward 1 to consist of Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14
- Ward 2 to consist of Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 5, 16, and the northern half of 15
- Ward 3 to consist of Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 20 and 21
- Ward 4 to consist of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36
- Ward 5 to consist of Sections 22, 27, 28, 33, 34, and the southern half of 15
- Ward 6 to consist of Sections 19, 29, 30, 31, and 32

#### SECTION 3.2 REGISTRATION:

The registration of electors of the City of Southfield shall be conducted in accordance with the election laws of the State of Michigan, and no person shall be entitled to vote at any election held in the City of Southfield unless such person shall be a duly registered elector thereof.

#### SECTION 3.3 NOMINATION TO OFFICE:

Candidates for any elective office to be voted for at any municipal election held under the provisions of this Charter, except as hereinafter otherwise provided, shall be nominated at a primary election, and no other name shall be placed upon the election ballot for the election of such officers except those nominated in the manner hereinafter prescribed; provided, however, that whenever the number of candidates for nomination to any office does not exceed twice the number to be elected to that office, then in such case no primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office shall be held, and such candidates shall be deemed to be nominated to such office, and the names of such candidates for any such office shall be placed upon the election ballot, to be voted for at the next regular municipal election, the same in all respects as though the said candidates had been nominated at a primary election.

#### SECTION 3.4 NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION; WHEN HELD:

The first primary election for the nomination of candidates for elective office under the provisions of this Charter shall be held on the same day upon which the biennial spring primary election of the State of Michigan is held, being the third Monday in February, 1959, and thereafter on the third Monday in February of each odd-numbered year, provided, that, if the date of holding such biennial spring primary election shall be changed by statute, thereupon the date so fixed for holding such biennial spring primary election shall be used for holding the primary election for the nomination of candidates for city offices under the provisions of this Charter.

#### SECTION 3.5 PRIMARY ELECTION DISPENSED WITH FOR ELECTIVE OFFICERS INITIALLY PROVIDED BY CHARTER:

The initial elective officers provided for in this Charter shall be nominated by filing nominating petitions as hereinafter required, and only those persons who shall have the qualifications for elective offices, as hereinafter prescribed, shall have their names placed