

CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE¹

Chapter 322

Senate Bill No. 329

AN ACT to incorporate the Town of Covington, in Tipton County, Tennessee; to provide for the election of officers, prescribe their duties; to fix the boundaries of said corporation, and to define its rights and powers.

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¹Priv. Acts 1903, ch. 322, is the current basic charter act for the City of Covington, Tennessee. The text of the basic charter act set out herein includes all its amendments through the 2005 session of the Tennessee General Assembly. Sections of the charter which have been amended contain at the end of those sections the citation to the official act or acts constituting the amendment or amendments. Several amendments to the charter do not specifically amend any existing section of the charter. Some of these have been incorporated by the compiler in sections obviously amended by them. Others have been arbitrarily designated by the compiler as §§ 11A, 11B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 32A, 38A, 38B, and 52A. No other changes have been made to the charter except the addition of a table of contents to facilitate its use. A list of all the acts including the basic charter appears at the end of the charter.

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Incorporation, name, and general powers

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the inhabitants of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, within the boundaries herein set out, be, and the same are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate under and by the name and style of "The City of Covington, Tennessee" and by that name shall have perpetual succession and by said corporate name may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, grant, receive, purchase, and hold real estate, mixed and personal property, dispose of the same for the use and benefit of the said town, and use a common seal and change the same at pleasure, may implead and be impleaded in all the courts of law and equity and in all actions whatever, may purchase or hold real estate within or beyond the limits of the said corporation, to be used as a city cemetery, for the erection of waterworks, electric light and power plants, workhouse, house of correction, or any other corporation purpose, and may lease, sell, or dispose of such property¹ for the benefit of said corporation, and do all other things touching the same as a natural person may do.

¹A referendum is required before the light and water plant may be sold or leased. See § 25D in this charter.

All references in this chapter, and in ordinances, resolutions, contracts, bonds and the Covington Municipal Code, or either of them that refer to the "Town of Covington" shall be construed to mean the "City of Covington, Tennessee." The change of the corporate name to the "City of Covington, Tennessee" shall in no way affect the validity of any present provision of the charter, or ordinances, resolutions, contracts, bonds, and the Covington Municipal Code, or either of them, for the municipal corporation heretofore known as "The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington." [As amended by Priv. Acts 1975, ch. 139]

Corporate boundaries¹

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the boundaries of the said Town of Covington, Tennessee, shall be as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake 17 feet west of the southwest corner of Munford Cemetery; thence North $89 \frac{1}{4}$ degrees west 90 feet to an iron stake formerly Coat's northwest corner; thence south 16 degrees west (at 1353 feet passing an iron stake in Whitley's pasture) in all 3703 feet to a stake in C. J. Whitson's field; thence North $86 \frac{3}{4}$ degrees east at 200 feet crossing Jeff Davis Highway and in general following a power line and property line between Whitley and Yarbrough at 3175 feet passing the center line intersection of the Covington and Mt. Carmel gravel road with the center line of the Illinois Central Railroad property, in all 3237 feet to a stake in the southeast right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad property; thence with said Railroad right of way North $35 \frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 2460 feet to a stake in the east edge of the Covington and Mason Highway; thence with said highway south $29 \frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 94 feet to a stake in same; thence North $25 \frac{3}{4}$ degrees east 2153 feet to an iron stake in Tatlock's North boundary line; thence North $19 \frac{1}{4}$ degrees east 692 feet to an iron stake; thence North 7 degrees 7 minutes east 1970 feet to a stake in the North line of the Covington and Gift Road; thence North $7 \frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 3300 feet to a stake in Cook's field; thence North $78 \frac{1}{4}$ degrees west 780 feet to a stake; thence North 40 degrees west 1500 feet to a stake; thence North 83 degrees west 120 feet to a stake in the center of U. S. Highway No. 51, 53.5 feet south of the center of Town Creek Bridge on said Highway; thence North 83 degrees west 900 feet to a stake in W. C. Harris' field 53.5 feet south of center of Town Creek Drainage Canal; thence South 48 degrees west 4390 feet to a stake

¹The corporate limits as set out here have been extended by the following annexation ordinances of record in the recorder's office: Nos. 643, 665, 668, 674, 684, 771, 827, 838, 848, 850, 881, 965, 980, 1055, 1107, and 1136.

in south edge of the Covington and Leighs Chapel Road; thence south $\frac{3}{4}$ degrees east 2488 feet to an iron stake in Newman's field; thence North $87\frac{1}{4}$ degrees east 1265 feet to an iron stake in Cemetery Street extended; thence South 3 degrees 20 minutes east 2430 feet to point of beginning. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1929, ch. 381; Priv. Acts 1941, ch. 240; and Priv. Acts 1951, ch. 698]

Composition of board of mayor and aldermen

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That there shall be a mayor and six aldermen who shall constitute the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Covington; and they shall be elected by the qualified voters as hereinafter provided.

Elections for and terms of mayor and aldermen; appointment, term, and duties of recorder and treasurer

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That at the said election to be held on the first Tuesday of March, 1903, and every two years thereafter there shall be elected in addition to the six Aldermen above provided for a City Marshal and a Recorder and Treasurer and an Assistant Marshal; and all of said officers mentioned in the above section, and in this section, except as provided below for the position of mayor, shall hold office for a period of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed as hereinafter provided for. Beginning with the election held on the first Tuesday in March 2005, and every four years thereafter, the mayor shall hold office for a term of four years or until said mayor's successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed as hereinafter provided for.

A candidate for the office of city mayor must receive fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast for the office of city mayor, and if no candidate receives such fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast, then the run-off election shall be held four (4) weeks thereafter wherein the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office of city mayor shall be placed on the official ballot or voting machine, and the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in the run-off election shall be elected. [As replaced by Priv. Acts 1983, ch. 2, § 1; and amended by Priv. Acts 1983, ch. 142; and Priv. Acts 2004, ch. 80]

Officers and ordinances under old charter¹

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That all the officers of the said Town of Covington holding office under and during the existence of the amended charter

¹See also § 47.

of 1901, created by Chapter 428, Acts of 1901 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee shall hold over and remain in said offices, and shall have all the rights, powers, and duties connected with and pertaining to said offices, until their successors are elected and qualified; and all ordinances in force and existing under and during the existence of the said amended charter of 1901, created as aforesaid, shall remain in full force and effect under this charter until repealed or revoked by the said Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the said Town of Covington.

Transfers of public property to new corporation

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That all public buildings, squares, promenades, streets, highways, alleys, and all other property, real, and personal, the title to which was in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington at the date when the Act repealing the charter of said town of Covington was passed, being an Act of the General Assembly of 1903, are hereby transferred to the custody and control of the said corporation herein chartered, to remain public property for the uses to which said property has been hitherto applied.

Mayor and aldermen required to be residents

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That every person elected to the office of mayor or alderman shall have been a resident of the State of Tennessee for more than one year, a resident within the boundaries of Covington for not less than twelve months immediately preceding the election and shall continue to reside within the corporate limits during his term of office. In case of the removal of the mayor or either of the aldermen of the Town of Covington, their respective offices shall immediately become vacant. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1953, chs. 32 and 33]

Elections and voting

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That all elections for said Town of Covington shall be held by the Commissioners of Election for Tipton County under the laws of the State of Tennessee, governing elections or by such officer or officers in such manner as the laws of the State may prescribe. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1961, ch. 11; Priv. Acts 1963, ch. 231; and Priv. Acts 1983, ch. 2, § 2)

Voting Qualifications

Sec 9. Be if further enacted, That all persons who are qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of the State, and who have been actual bona

vide residents and citizens of the territory within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Covington for six months prior to the election, and all nonresidents, who are qualified voters of the State of Tennessee and Tipton County owning a taxable freehold in Covington, shall be entitled to vote in the election to be held on the first Tuesday in March, 1903, and at every subsequent municipal election.

Vacancies¹

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That if at any time a vacancy shall occur in the office of alderman or recorder and treasurer, either by death or resignation or otherwise, a majority of the board of mayor and aldermen may supply the same by the election of some qualified elector residing in that territory in which the vacancy exists. In the event there is a vacancy in the office of mayor, a majority of the aldermen at a regular or called meeting of the board shall elect one of their members to that office. Any person so elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1953, ch. 33]

Board to elect officers

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen of said town may, at any time they deem it necessary, elect as may officers as the board may deem it necessary, for such terms of office, under such rules and regulations, and for such compensation as may be prescribed by said board. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 24, § 1 and Priv. Acts 1953, ch. 33]

Department heads employed on a month-to-month basis

Sec. 11A. The department heads of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Covington shall be employed by said Board on a month-to-month basis to serve at will and pleasure of the said Board. [Priv. Acts 1969, ch. 94]

City attorney

Sec. 11B. Be it further enacted, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, shall have the authority to elect a city attorney to serve for two years, or such time as they may designate not in excess of two years, and to fix his salary, and said board may elect any attorney they deem best, but a member of the board of aldermen of said town may not be

¹See also § 29.

elected as such city attorney, and shall not be eligible for such office. [Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 440, § 2; as amended by Priv. Acts 1949, ch. 672]

Officers to take an oath

Sec. 12. Be it further enacted, That at said meeting in April every officer of the corporation whether elected by the people or by the board, shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, take an oath before some Justice of the Peace of Tipton County to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Tennessee and an oath of office.

Bonds of officers

Sec. 13. Be if further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen may be ordinance prescribe and require a bond or bonds of any officer elected by said board or by the people or voters of said town and fix the amount and terms thereof; and such bond shall be required of any and all officers charged with the collection of corporation revenue.

Salaries of officers

Sec. 14. Be if further enacted, That the salaries and compensation of all officers elected by the board of mayor and aldermen shall be fixed by ordinance of said board.

Salaries of mayor, aldermen, and recorder and treasurer

Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, The mayor and board of aldermen shall, by ordinance, establish the salary, benefits and reimbursement allowances for the mayor, aldermen, city officers, and officials and elected and appointed committee members. Such salaries, benefits and reimbursement allowances may be changed by ordinance at any time, but the salary, benefits, and reimbursement allowances of officials elected by the people may not be increased or diminished during the term of office for which such officials were elected. [As replaced by Priv. Acts 1993, ch. 10, § 1]

Salaries of officers to be paid monthly

Sec. 16. Be it further enacted, That the salaries of all officers shall be paid monthly out of the city treasury.

Board to have legislative powers

Sec. 17. Be it further enacted, That the legislative powers of the Town of Covington shall be invested in a board of mayor and aldermen, consisting as hereinbefore provided of the mayor and six aldermen.

Meetings of the board

Sec. 18. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each and every month at 7:30 o'clock P. M., but whenever in the opinion of the mayor, the welfare of the corporation demands it, he may call a special meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen, and if the mayor fails or refuses to call a special meeting of the said board any three aldermen may call such special meeting, and when the board is convened under such special call by three aldermen, a quorum of said board being present, if the mayor or vice-mayor be absent, or shall refuse to take part in the said meeting, the aldermen may elect one of their number to preside at such special meeting of the board. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1909, ch. 219, § 1(1); and Priv. Acts 1974, ch. 224]

Mayor pro tempore¹

Sec. 19. Be it further enacted, That if the mayor is absent at any regular or special meeting of the board, any member of the board may call the meeting to order, and the aldermen, a quorum being present, shall proceed to elect from their midst a mayor pro tempore who shall act as mayor for the time in the same manner and with the same power as the mayor.

Quorum of the board

Sec. 20. Be it further enacted, That four members of the board of aldermen shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

Board's rules of procedure

Sec. 21. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen may determine its own rules of procedure, except as herein provided, and may by ordinance, fix the punishment of members or other persons for disorderly conduct during the meeting of the board, and enforce the same, and the mayor shall have power to direct that any person not a member of the board who shall

¹See also § 27.

be guilty of boisterous or disorderly conduct as to disturb the session of the board, be ejected from the room where such meetings are held. For that purpose, the mayor may call to his aid, any member of the police force, and as many other persons as he may deem necessary; and the board may, by ordinance, provide proper penalties for the refusal of any persons to obey the orders of the mayor in such cases.

Recorder and treasurer to keep minute books and ordinance books;
adoption of ordinances and resolutions

Sec. 22. Be it further enacted, That all ordinances of Covington and a full and complete record of the proceedings of the board of mayor and aldermen shall be kept by the recorder and treasurer, who shall keep a minute book and also a separate book called the "Ordinance Book" in which shall be recorded all the ordinances passed by the board, with the date upon which they were passed. All ordinances and resolutions before being introduced and received and considered by the board shall be reduced to writing.

No ordinance shall be adopted without first having been passed on three separate readings and no more than one reading shall be had on one day. Any ordinance may be rejected on its first, second or third reading. No ordinance or resolution shall be adopted unless finally passed by a majority of all the members of the board of aldermen. However, it shall not be necessary to take any ayes and noes votes except on the third reading, and at which reading the names of the aldermen voting for and against the same shall be entered on the minutes. Any ordinance introduced may pass the first reading on the day on which it is introduced. The board of mayor and aldermen shall not suspend its rules so as to take up and pass an ordinance on more than one reading on the same day. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1931, ch. 598]

Form of ordinances

Sec. 23. Be it further enacted, That all ordinances of the said Town of Covington shall begin with an enacting clause as follows, to wit: "Be it enacted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Covington, " and shall conclude with a provision as follows: "This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the corporation demanding it." But this section shall not prevent the board of mayor and aldermen from substituting such time as they may desire in the concluding clause for the words "from and after its passage" and in such cases such ordinance shall take effect from and after the time stated.

Removal of officers elected by the people

Sec. 24. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall have the power to remove from office any officers elected by the people

under the provisions of this act for neglect of duty, misconduct in office or failure to obey the reasonable orders of said board of mayor and aldermen upon written charges being preferred against said officer by said mayor, any member of the board of aldermen or any citizen. In case such charges are preferred five days notice in writing, containing a copy of said charges, and giving such officer the date upon which the board will convene to hear and pass upon said charges shall be given said officer and at the time named in said notice said board shall meet and hear and determine said charge or charges and if said charges are sustained said Board shall have the power to remove or suspend such officer from office and pending the investigation of said charges the board shall have power to suspend said officer from pay and from the duties of his office and to fill the same by temporary appointment. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1919, ch. 402, § 3; and Priv. Acts 1953, ch. 33]

Miscellaneous powers enumerated

Sec. 25. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall have control of the finances of the corporation and all the property of the corporation, real, personal, and mixed, and shall have the power by ordinance.

(1) To levy and collect taxes upon all property, privileges, and polls in Covington, taxable under the laws for State purposes.

(2) To create such regular committees as may be necessary and define their duties and provide for their appointment, the mayor to be ex officio member of all regular committees; special committees not in conflict with those provided by ordinance may be created by resolution.

(3) To create offices and officers not provided for in the charter which are necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this charter and are not inconsistent herewith or in conflict with its provisions, and provide for election, appointment, and a compensation of officers to fill such offices and to define their duties.

(4) To license, tax, and regulate all lawful occupations, privileges, business places, amusements, and places of amusement, declared to be privileges by the laws of the State.

(5) To impose and collect fines, impose and enforce penalties and forfeitures for breaches and violations of the ordinances.

(6) To establish quarantine and sanitary regulations and laws to enforce the same within the corporation and within two miles thereof.

(7) To establish, maintain, and regulate hospitals and secure and provide for the general health of the inhabitants by any necessary means. To provide for the management and regulation of slaughter houses, to prevent or regulate the driving of stock through the corporation, to prohibit the erection of soap factories, stock yards, slaughter houses, pig pens, cow stables, dairies, and establishments of a like character, within prescribed limits; to move and regulate the same, to regulate the carrying on of any business which may be

dangerous or detrimental to the public health; to prevent the manufacture or vending of articles obnoxious to the health of the inhabitants; to declare, prevent, or abate nuisances on public or private property and and the cause thereof; to establish a system of sewerage.

To provide by ordinance that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington shall have a lien against real property in the Town for expenses incurred by the Board in abating health and housing and/or building code violations on such property, including the cutting of grass, weeds and noxious growths on unattended parcels, that the Board, its agents and employees, shall have the authority to go on to real property for such purposes, and to authorize the Board to declare expenses incurred in doing so to be a special tax to be collected as general taxes levied by the Board for the year in which such expenses are incurred.

(8) To establish fire limits, make and enforce such general regulations by ordinance for the prevention of and extinguishment of fires as the board may deem necessary and to organize, equip, maintain, and regulate fire companies.

(9) To regulate or prohibit the storing of illuminating oils, dynamite, gunpowder, tar, pitch, resin, and all other explosives or combustible materials and to regulate or prohibit the use of firearms and fireworks of all kinds, and to regulate, restrain, or prohibit the carrying on of manufactories dangerous and causing fires.

(10) To provide the corporation with water by contract or otherwise, construct wells, cisterns, and reservoirs, to erect pumps, cisterns, and hydrants, to bore or dig wells, to lay pipes for conducting and distributing of water over the corporation; to keep same in repair, to acquire and own waterworks for the purpose of supplying the corporation with water for domestic, irrigating, mechanical, and other purposes; to acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings under the general laws of the State, water rights and sites for public buildings and parks and rights of way between the corporation and the source from which the water is to be taken; to own, construct, or purchase waterworks for the use of the corporation and to enlarge their capacity from time to time, and to keep the same in repair, and generally do whatever may be needful and necessary to be done by contracting with water companies, or otherwise, in order to supply the corporations with water for irrigation, domestic, mechanical, and other purposes and to regulate the prices to be charged private consumers thereof.

(11) To provide for the temporary closing of wells, cisterns, ponds, and springs used by the public whenever the same may be injurious to health.

(12) To open, alter, widen, abolish, extend, establish, grade, pave, or sell, or otherwise improve and keep in repair the streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, drains, and sewers, and to erect, establish, and repair bridges and culverts and to provide for the lighting of the streets and public buildings and for the planting and protecting of shade trees upon the streets, avenues, and

parks or other public grounds; and for the erection of all buildings necessary for the public use of the corporation.

(13) To fix the rate of charge for the carriage of persons and the property within the corporation; and to the public works, parks, property, and cemeteries by licensed hackmen, omnibusmen, carriagemen, draymen, and expressmen.

(14) To provide all needful and proper rules and regulations for the organization, management, and control of a street force, a fire department, and a police force.

(15) To provide for the enclosing, improving, and regulating public parks and other public grounds of the corporation and to make all such provisions and regulation with regard to improvement, preservation, planting, and ornamenting any ground for waterworks, parks, a cemetery, or cemeteries, owned by the corporation, either within or without the boundaries of the corporation, they may deem proper.

(16) To provide for the construction or repair of sidewalks and foot pavements.

(17) To take and appropriate lands for widening streets or paths or parts of streets, or for laying out new streets, avenues, squares, parks, promenades, or other public grounds, whenever the public convenience or necessity requires it; and for this purpose they can also, if so advised, proceed or cause proceedings to be taken under the provisions of section 1325 to 1348 of the Code of Tennessee and amendments thereto.

(18) To take and appropriate in the manner hereinafter provided grounds adjacent to the corporation line for the purposes of waterworks, sites for pumping station or reservoir, right of way from water pipe to the city from pumping station or reservoir upon payment of damages; to exercise the power conferred in this subsection, the board of mayor and aldermen shall, by ordinance, designate the grounds and ways if so advised, instruct the city attorney to institute proceedings provided for in section 1325 to 1348 of the Code of Tennessee and amendments thereto.

(19) To grant the right of way over the streets, alleys, avenues, squares, and other places belonging to said corporation for the purpose of street railways, telephones, telegraphs, gas pipes, electric light lines, and such other purposes as the board may deem proper. But shall not grant the right of way to the use of streets and thoroughfares to any person or company or corporation for more than thirty years.

(20) To regulate the laying of railroad tracks of all kinds, to regulate the passage and speed of railroad engines, cars, and trains of cars within the corporate limits; to compel railroad companies to furnish such gates and watchmen as the public safety may require and to compel said companies to construct and maintain sufficient and substantial crossings and protections at the points where the streets, avenues, and thoroughfares of the corporation cross the tracks of the said companies.

(21) To regulate parapets and partition walls and to prevent the dangerous construction and condition of chimneys, flues, fire places, hearths, stove pipes, ovens, boilers, and all kinds of fire apparatus, and cause the same to be removed or placed in a safe or secure condition when considered dangerous, and to prevent the deposit of ashes and cinders in improper places.

(22) To regulate the size, number, and manner of construction of the doors and stairways of theaters, theater houses, audience rooms, and all buildings used for the gathering of a number of people whether built or to be built so that there may be a safe, convenient, and speedy exit in case of fire; and to compel owners of buildings to erect fire escapes when necessary for safety.

(23) To remove all the obstructions from the streets, avenues, alleys, and sidewalks within the corporation and to prevent and remove all encroachments upon or into the streets, avenues, alleys, and sidewalks.

(24) To compel all persons to keep snow, ice, and dirt from the sidewalk in front of the premises occupied by them; if not occupied, then to compel the same to be done by the owners or their agents.

(25) To regulate the running of horse cars or cars propelled by dummy engines or cable or electricity, the laying down of tracks for same, the form and the kind of tracks to be used and the transportation of passengers thereon, and to require all street railroads and railroad companies using the streets to lay their tracks at the official grade thereof; and to compel them to grade, pave, or macadamize and keep in repair the streets between the rails of their tracks and for the distance of two feet on either side of the same at their own expense.

(26) To restrain or prohibit cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, dogs, fowls, and all other animals from running at large within the corporation, and to authorize the summary sale or other disposition of all such animals when found so running at large.

(27) To provide for the cleaning out and the sprinkling of the streets, avenues, and other public grounds.

(28) To provide for the inspection of buildings, elevators, steam boilers, and fire escapes.

(29) To establish standard weights and measures to be used in the corporation and to appoint a keeper of weights and measures.

(30) To provide for the measurement and inspection of lumber and all other materials.

(31) To provide for and regulate the inspection of beef, pork, flour, meal, milk, butter, lard, and all other provisions; to restrain and punish the regrating and forestalling of provisions and to provide for and regulate the inspection of petroleum and other oils, whiskey, and all other spirits in barrels, hogsheads, or other vessels.

(32) To provide for an inspection and erection of market houses, establishing and inspecting markets and market places and regulating the government thereof.

(33) To provide for the inspection and weighing or measuring of coal, wood, and other fuel, and hay, corn, and other grains.

(34) To license, tax, and regulate billiard tables, bowling alleys, nine and tenpin alleys, shooting galleries, and other places of public resort.

(35) To license, tax, and regulate theatrical and other shows, exhibitions and amusements.

(36) To prohibit and suppress the sale or distribution of obscene books, paper prints, and pictures; the posting of obscene prints, pictures, or advertisements, opium joints, gambling houses, dealing in lottery tickets, prize fighting, dog fighting, brothels, bawdy houses, disorderly houses, houses of ill fame, assignation houses, or any place or resort for the practice of lewdness or notoriously reputed to be such whether kept by one or more persons, and to destroy the instruments of gambling.

(37) To prevent and restrain riots, noises, disturbances, disorderly assemblages in any streets, houses, or places within the corporation, breaches of the peace, fighting or disorderly conduct, drunkenness, Sabbath breaking, public profanity, and to make and enforce all such police regulations as may be necessary and proper for the protection and welfare of the citizens and the property within the town.

(38) To prohibit and punish the abuse and mistreatment of animals and horse racing and fast driving or riding within the streets.

(39) To control, regulate, or prohibit the use of steam whistles.

(40) To prevent or regulate the rolling of hoops or the playing of ball, flying of kits, or any other amusement having a tendency to annoy persons passing in the streets or to frighten teams or horses.

(41) To provide for the arrest and confinement and trial and a fine and imprisonment after trial of all riotous and disorderly persons and all persons violating any ordinance of the corporation by day or night.

(42) To establish, erect, and purchase or maintain a workhouse for the corporation and to provide for the committal to the said workhouse of persons convicted of offensive conduct against the ordinances of the corporation, who fail to pay or secure the fine and costs imposed upon them until such fine and costs shall be paid, by such person by labor or otherwise. Such person may be put to labor either within an or upon the streets or other public works under proper guard or secured by ball and chain at such wages¹ as the board may adopt by ordinance. In lieu of the establishment, erection and purchase or maintenance of a workhouse, the board of mayor and aldermen may contract with Tipton County, Tennessee, to keep such persons in the workhouse of said county, and to provide by contract and by ordinance for the commitment of such persons to the workhouse or county jail until such fine and costs shall be fully paid.

¹See also § 49 in this charter.

(43) To provide for enumeration of the inhabitants and scholastic population of the corporation, to regulate the burial of the dead, registration of births and deaths, the keeping and returning of bills of mortality and impose penalties on physicians, sextons, and others when in default of such duty.

(44) To appropriate money and provide for the payment and expenses of the corporation.

(45) To provide penalties for and a punishment of persons and corporations required to pay merchants' or privilege taxes who fail to apply for and take out license and who sell or do business, or exercise a privilege without first applying for and obtaining such license.

(46) To make all regulations and pass all ordinances necessary and proper for carrying into execution the provisions of this act which the board of mayor and aldermen may deem requisite for the good order, health, good government and general welfare of the population; and for the protection and preservation of life and property and to enforce the same by proper penalties.

(47) To provide by ordinance special funds for special purposes and make the same disbursable only for the purposes for which the fund was created.

(48) To grant franchise only by a majority vote of the full board of aldermen entitled to sit.

(48½) To establish districts or zones within the corporate limits of said town and to regulate within such districts or zones the location, height, bulk, size and nature of buildings and structures therein and the uses to which the land, buildings and structures therein may be put.

(49)¹ To compel all property owners owning property accessible to sewer mains to connect their houses or property with same.

(50)² To regulate or prohibit the use of dry closets in the Town of Covington, Tenn.

(51)¹ To prevent the emptying of waste water or slops into the public streets, squares, and alleys in said Town of Covington, Tenn.

(52)¹ The said board of mayor and aldermen shall have power to fix meter rates for all water used from the waterworks of said town, and shall have the right to have the subscribers who use said water to put in and maintain water meters.

¹Subsections (49) through (58) have been unofficially numbered as such by the compiler because the acts adding them to § 25 did not provide where they should be added or how they should be numbered.

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(53)¹ To pass an ordinance regulating wiring of buildings for the purpose of putting in electric lights, electric fans, etc., within the corporate limits of said town, and to provide for necessary inspection of same.

(54)¹ To compel by ordinance all parties using electric lights from the light plant or fans or motors run by electricity furnished by the light plant of said Town of Covington, Tenn., in residences, storehouses, shops, and all other buildings and places of business within the corporate limits of said town to put in electric lights or electric meters, and maintain the same.

(55)¹ To regulate, restrain, and prohibit the erection or removal of wooden buildings within the corporate limits of said town, and to provide for suitable inspection of all buildings within the corporate limits of said town.

(56)¹ To equip and maintain a proper fire department, and to levy taxes for maintaining a proper fire department and fire companies.

(57)¹ To regulate the running and operation of automobiles and motorcycles in and over the streets of Covington, and to provide a penalty for the violation of such ordinance or ordinances.

(58)¹ The board of mayor and aldermen shall have power and authority to elect a city tax assessor for such term as may be fixed by the board to assess all property within the corporate limits of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, in the same manner as the county assessors now assess property for state and county purposes and with all the powers and charged with all the duties required by law of county assessors. Said city assessor shall receive such fees or salary for his services as the board of mayor and aldermen may prescribe. But said board of mayor and aldermen may, if it deem best, elect the recorder and treasurer of said town to perform the duties of a city tax assessor without additional compensation, except the compensation received by him and fixed by the board for his services as recorder and treasurer.

Said board of mayor and aldermen shall, if they elect a city assessor, elect also a city board of equalization consisting of six members, and the members of said board of aldermen shall be eligible to be elected as such board of equalization, but said board of mayor and aldermen may elect other citizens and free holders of said town not members of the board of aldermen as members of said equalization board.

Said board of equalization shall meet in regular session at such time and places as may be prescribed by said board of mayor and aldermen and shall receive as compensation for their services such amount as may be fixed by the board of mayor and aldermen, but not to exceed \$5.00 per day and said board of equalization shall sit not longer than six days in any year. The city assessor or recorder and treasurer having charge of the assessment list or rolls shall deliver the same to said board of equalization at the first day's session of the board and said board of equalization shall have all power and authority and be charged with all the duties required of county board of equalization and it shall be the duty of said board to carefully examine, compare and equalize the municipal assessments, to eliminate from its list property exempt from taxation and to

hear any just complaint of any party or parties feeling aggrieved on account of excessive assessments of property and to reduce such assessments, if in their judgment it is assessed at more than its cash value. Said board shall have the power and it is hereby made its duty to increase or lower the entire assessment roll or any assessment contained therein so as to equalize the assessment of all property contained therein and to make such assessment conform to the actual cash value of the property described in the assessment. Provided that no assessment shall be increased by the city board of equalization until the property owner or owners affected thereby shall be notified and given an opportunity to be heard. Said board before entering upon their duties shall take substantially the same oath as required of members of the county board of equalization and said board shall have power to examine any person or persons as witnesses and to hear any proof that may be offered by any tax payer or by the municipality touching the value of any property described in the assessment roll and said board shall have all other power conferred by law upon county boards of equalization. Said city board of equalization shall, as soon as possible after the adjournment of its session, report to the mayor and aldermen the result of its findings with a tabulated statement of the changes made by it in the assessment roll delivered to it by the city assessor and return to the city assessor the assessment rolls delivered to it. Said report shall in all events be made by said board of equalization within thirty days after the adjournment of its regular session.

If the board should deem best not to elect a city tax assessor that the assessment made by the county assessor of the property within the corporate limits of said town shall be the basis or assessed value for the levy and collection of city taxes and the recorder or treasurer shall copy from the books as made out by the county assessor the property assessed by such county assessor and lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, including in the assessment both real and personal property and polls. [As amended by Acts 1909, ch. 219; Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 31, (E. S.); Priv. Acts 1919, ch. 402; Priv. Acts 1931, ch. 570; Priv. Acts 1933, ch. 747; Priv. Acts 1937, ch.297; and Priv. Acts 1975, ch. 140]

School system

Sec. 25A. Be it further enacted, That (1) . . . is amended so as to authorize the mayor and aldermen of Covington to establish and maintain a system of public schools for all children of scholastic age in said town.

(2) The mayor and aldermen of Covington, in an election to be held for that purpose, shall submit to the qualified voters of said town for determination, the question whether there shall be established and maintained at the public cost, public schools, to continue for at least nine months in each year. If two-thirds of the legal votes cast and counted in such election shall be for such public

schools, then it will be deemed and held to be lawfully determined in favor of the establishment and maintenance of such public schools.

(3) If, in said election, less than two-thirds of the legal votes cast and counted appear to be such public schools, it shall be held to be a determination against the establishment and maintenance of such schools, and no election shall be held for such purpose again until the lapse of one year, when the mayor and aldermen of said town shall resubmit the question, to again be determined by a like election.

(4) Said election shall be held in the same manner as the regular biennial elections are now provided by law to be held for mayor and aldermen of said town, and the duties of the officers appointed or required by law to hold such election, and the qualification of voters therein, shall be the same as now prescribed by law in said biennial election; and such officers and voters shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as are now prescribed by law; but the voters favoring such public schools in said election shall have plainly written or printed on their ballots the words, "For Public Schools," and those opposing shall have on their ballots, plainly written or printed, the words "Against Public Schools."

(5) Said election may be held at the same time as the biennial election in the year 1893, but twenty days' notice shall be given in some newspaper published in the Town of Covington, Tenn.; but if not held at said time, then the required notice shall be given, and said election shall be held not later than forty days after this act takes effect.

(6) The mayor and aldermen of Covington shall have power, and are authorized, in the event said election results in favor of the establishment and maintenance of public schools, to provide by ordinance for a system of such public schools, and to elect a board of education, to superintend, manage, and regulate the same; to levy and collect taxes on all the property, polls, and privileges and merchants taxable by the laws of the state, in order to organize, keep up, and maintain such schools. This shall be a special tax, and collected as the other revenues of said town are collected, but shall keep separate and apart from the other taxes and revenues, and shall be denominated "The City School Tax;" and the tax on each merchant and privilege shall bear the same ratio to that levied by the state as the rate of taxation levied by said mayor and aldermen of Covington on property bears to that levied by the state on property. Said mayor and aldermen of Covington are authorized and empowered, upon the written recommendation of the board of education, signed by a majority of them, and filed with said mayor and aldermen of Covington, to purchase and hold real estate, and erect thereon public school buildings, and improve the same or to rent, lease, and improve buildings already erected.

(7) If said election results in favor of public schools, as soon thereafter as practicable, said school-tax shall be levied, and at the same meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen there shall be elected by them a board of education of Covington, to be composed of six bona fide residents of said town

of Covington, who are not members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Covington, and the members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Covington, and the members of said board of education shall hold their office for the terms as hereinafter set out, or until their successors are elected and qualified, but ever afterwards, commencing March, 1895, said board of education of Covington shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Town of Covington at the regular biennial election of mayor and aldermen.

At the next regular election to be held under the provisions of this act, there shall be elected a board of education which shall consist of six members. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in said election shall serve for a term of six years; the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes cast in said election shall serve for a term of four years; and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes cast in said election shall serve for a term of two years, so that their terms of service shall be for six, four and two years respectively, depending upon the total number of votes which each candidate received.

That at the election held on the first Tuesday in March, 1983, or as soon thereafter as legal and practical, and each succeeding election held every two (2) years thereafter, one (1) position of the board of education shall be filled by a candidate chosen by the voters from District 1, one (1) position shall be filled by a candidate chosen by the voters from District 2, and one (1) position shall be filled by a candidate chosen by the voters in District 3. Candidates must reside in the district in which they run for office. The district boundaries shall be the same as those fixed by the board of mayor and aldermen for election of aldermen under Section 4 of the 1903 charter of the town of Covington, as amended. The three (3) candidates elected in the 1983 election and the three (3) candidates elected in each succeeding election held every two (2) years thereafter shall hold office for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed as hereinafter provided for. All present members of the board of education shall serve out their unexpired terms, but any vacancy on said board of education by death, resignation or otherwise of any present member of the board who was elected in an at-large election shall not be filled. Any vacancy on said board of education by death, resignation or otherwise of a member of said board who is elected in the 1983 election or thereafter, shall be filled by appointment to be made by the mayor and ratified by the board, and persons so appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the office for which he has been appointed or until the next city election, whichever is sooner, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and if the office is filled by such election to complete an unexpired term, the office and the candidate or candidates for such office shall be designated on the ballot.

(8) It shall be the duty of said Board of Education to organize by electing one of their members president and one other of their members, secretary, and they shall receive as compensation for their services the following salary, to wit:

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen shall by ordinance establish the salary of the board members.¹

The compensation herein fixed shall be payable to said officers and members of said board monthly, upon warrants drawn and signed by he president and secretary of said board as warrants for other expenditures are drawn and signed.

All payments of salary heretofore made to the officers and members of said board upon the basis of compensation herein fixed are hereby validated.

It shall be the duty of said Board of Education of Covington to keep in well-bound books a record of all their official acts, which books shall be open to the inspection of the voters and tax-payers of said town, at all reasonable hours. Said board of education is authorized and empowered to select the location of the public schools of said town, select sites for the public school buildings, to prepare or have prepared all plans of buildings, modifications, repairs, and improvements, and the furnishing of said school buildings, and to designate buildings to be rented, leased, and improved, and the manner thereof, all of which they shall recommend to the mayor and aldermen of Covington, in writing, setting forth location of site, plans, and specifications of buildings, material, costs, etc. Said board of education shall have the supervision and oversight of said public schools; shall employ such superintendent and teachers as may be necessary; make contracts with them; and said board of education may make with the school directors, or proper school authorities, contracts by consolidation with the schools kept up by state and county taxes, and to assist in keeping same up after such consolidation; do the same thing with the trustees or authorities of any private schools, or persons controlling and managing any private schools property, if in their judgment free tuition may be thus better assured to the scholastic population of the town entitled under the laws of the state to the benefit of free schools, and upon their recommendation, in writing, the mayor and aldermen of Covington are authorized to appropriate for said purpose any part of all the city school-tax, but payment to be made only upon the warrant of said board of education. Said board of education shall provide for the separate accommodation of white and colored pupils; and said board is authorized and empowered to receive pupils residing without the corporate limits of the Town of Covington, but residents within Tipton County, to attend the public schools of the town, by contract, upon the payment by, or for them of such compensation as may be determined by the board of education, and the

¹Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 155, § 2, states as follows:

This act shall in no way be construed to alter the salary of any member of the Board of Education prior to the end of the term for which such public officer was selected pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, Article XI, Section 9.

tuition fees or revenues so received shall go into the city school-tax, and become part thereof; and when any person living outside of the corporate limits of said town, and shall pay a school-tax on the same to said corporation, the board of education shall allow credit on the tuition account of such person to the extent of the school-tax paid by such person to the corporation the same year that such person shall send child, children, or ward to said school, but no credit shall be allowed to such person on any tuition account for school-taxes paid to said corporation any other year than that in which such person shall send his child, children, or wards to said school, and no credit or benefit shall be allowed any such person for taxes paid in excess of such person's tuition account to said board of education.

(9) The expenditure of city school-tax shall be paid upon the warrant of the board of education, signed by the president and secretary of said board, but the president and secretary of said board, shall not sign any warrant except upon authority so to do, as to each warrant, by order passed by said board of education, entered upon its minutes.

(10) The recorder of the town of Covington shall have the custody of the city school-tax and public school-revenues of every kind belonging to said Town of Covington, whether derived from taxes, loans, or otherwise, and he shall be required by said mayor and aldermen of Covington, at their first meeting after said election that may result in favor of free schools, to execute a bond in double the amount of the school-revenue, with proper conditions for the safe-keeping and disbursing of the same; and said recorder shall pay the warrants of said board of education only when the amount therefor has been appropriated by said mayor and aldermen of Covington by order entered upon their minutes.

However, the recorder and treasurer of said town may, and shall when directed by said board of mayor and aldermen by ordinance, pay over to the secretary of the city board of education of said town all school moneys coming into the hands of said recorder and treasurer for the maintenance and equipment of the city schools for said town, said funds to be disbursed by the secretary of said city board of education.

Said board of mayor and aldermen shall require a bond to be given by said secretary, in such amount as they may deem necessary, for the safe-keeping and proper disbursement of said funds; and said board may allow said secretary such additional compensation as they deem right and proper to be paid out of said funds for the additional duties herein imposed upon said secretary. Said funds shall be disbursed by said secretary under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said city board of education. [Acts 1893, ch. 171; as amended by Acts 1895, ch. 146; Acts 1909, ch. 482; Priv. Acts 1929, ch. 24, § 2; Priv. Acts 1959, ch. 144; Priv. Acts 1971, ch. 81; Priv. Acts 1974, ch. 225; Priv. Acts 1982, ch. 344; Priv Acts 1983, ch.2, § 3; and Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 155]

Board of health

Sec. 25B. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen are hereby authorized and empowered by ordinance to establish a board of health for the said Town of Covington which shall be independent of the county board of health and shall consist of three (3) members who shall be legal voters of the town and no one of whom shall be a member of the board of mayor and aldermen. One member of said board shall be a graduate physician of at least five years' experience in the actual practice of his profession and of skill and experience in public health duties; and said physician shall be the chairman of said board of health and also health officer of the town. He shall serve in said capacity exercising the powers and performing the duties usual and incident to such officers and shall receive such annual salary, if any, as the board of mayor and aldermen will fix and pay. The members of said board of health shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, and shall serve for a term of two years beginning the 2nd Tuesday of May in the year that they are appointed and serving until their successors are appointed and qualified in their stead, thereafter the three members of said board shall be appointed for a term of two years by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of mayor and aldermen at a regular session of the board of mayor and aldermen in May of each alternate year. All members appointed under the provision of this section may be removed by the mayor for just causes and vacancies filled by appointment of the mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen for the unexpired term. The board of mayor and aldermen shall provide such means for the maintenance and operation of said board of health as they may deem proper at any time.

Said board of health shall be empowered to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the operation of said board not in conflict with the ordinances of the town of Covington, and said board shall have the management of the general health of said town and shall institute such measures therefor as it may think best.

When contagious and epidemic diseases are either threatened or exist within the corporate limits of said town, said board of health is empowered to adopt and carry into effect such rules and regulations as it may deem proper in order to restrict and suppress such diseases, if necessary, prohibiting public assemblies within said town, including places of amusements, and such regulations shall be enforced by ordinance.

The board of mayor and aldermen may provide by ordinance for the enforcement of this act and of any ordinance and regulation made thereunder. A violation of this act or of such ordinance or regulation is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor, and such board of mayor and aldermen may provide for the punishment thereof by fine. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1929, ch. 459]

Public airports

Sec. 25C. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Covington is hereby authorized, empowered, and enabled to establish, construct, equip, improve, maintain and operate for said town one or more public airports or landing fields for the use of aeroplanes and other aircraft and to acquire by purchase, condemnation or lease for such purposes real property situate within said town or within five miles from the nearest boundary thereof to said airport or set apart and use for such purposes real property owned by the city and whether or not already set apart for other public uses, whether acquired by condemnation or purchase or otherwise.

The board of mayor and aldermen of said town shall have general charge and supervision of any and all municipal airports or landing fields constructed and owned or leased by the Town of Covington, and shall have power to make and promulgate rules and regulations by ordinance for the operation and management thereof, fix and collect landing, storage and other charges and fees for the use or occupancy of said airport or landing field, exercise police power and manage the property and facilities provided for said purposes and said board of mayor and aldermen shall have the right and power to contract with any person, firm or corporation or governmental agency with reference to any of the objects of its creation and in the furtherance of the duties imposed upon it, and may employ such engineers, superintendent and other help as may be required to perform the duties of their offices, and to regulate the number of such employees, their duties and liabilities, compensations and terms of employment and said board of mayor and aldermen shall also have the power to make leases, and license the use of portions of said airport for training and aviation schools and for commercial purposes, provided the same shall not interfere with public purposes for which said airport is established.

The board of mayor and aldermen of said town shall have the power and is hereby authorized to purchase, rent, lease or receive by gift or otherwise real property for the purpose of constructing such airports or landing fields and said board is specifically authorized to acquire by purchase or by condemnation in the manner provided by law under which said town is authorized to acquire property for public purposes, all real and personal property needed for the erection of one or more complete, modern, adequate municipal airports or landing fields. Said board of mayor and aldermen is also fully empowered and authorized to purchase, condemn and remove all obstructions, trees, wires, cables, posts, poles, signs, towers, derricks and all other obstacles or barriers interfering with or in the way of safe, convenient, proper and ready use of said municipal airports or landing fields as well as to forbid and prevent the placing or the erection of any poles, wires, cables, posts, signs, derricks, towers or any other obstructions adjacent to said municipal airports or landing fields that will hinder, retard, interfere with or make unsafe or inconvenient the approach to,

use of, and departure from said municipal airports or landing fields by air or otherwise.

The purchase price or award for property condemned, purchased, leased or otherwise acquired for said airports or landing fields may be paid for by appropriation of moneys out of the general fund of said town and said board of mayor and aldermen is also authorized and empowered to provide and appropriate out of the revenue of said town and not otherwise appropriated, sufficient funds to erect, equip, improve, maintain and operate said municipal airports or landing fields, and may contract with any private company or individual in the manner provided by law for the erection, equipment, improvement of said municipal airports or landing fields. [Priv. Acts 1931, ch. 600]

Referendum required for disposal of light and water plant

Sec. 25D. Be it further enacted, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, shall not sell, lease or dispose of the light and water plant, owned and operated by said town without first calling a legal election and leaving it to the vote of the qualified voters of said town at said election as to whether or not the said board of mayor and aldermen of said town shall sell, lease or dispose of said light and water plant.

Said election shall be advertised by publication in the weekly newspaper published in said town for at least four consecutive weeks prior to the date of said election, and said advertisement or notice shall state the purpose of the election and the substance of the contract of sale or lease of said light and water plant.

In such election the ballots shall be legal ballots and have printed thereon "For a sale or lease of the light and water plant," and "Against a sale or lease of the light and water plant," and the said board of mayor and aldermen of said town shall not sell, lease or dispose of the light and water plant of the Town of Covington without two-thirds of the legal votes cast in said election are in favor of a sale or lease of said light and water plant. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1931, ch. 601]

Mayor's powers and duties

Sec. 26. Be it further enacted, That the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and in case of a tie vote on questions before the board, shall vote, but not otherwise. He shall from time to time give the board of mayor and aldermen information relative to the financial and general condition of the corporation, and shall recommend to its consideration such measures as he may deem expedient. He shall have a general supervision of all officers of the corporation. He shall see to the enforcement of all laws and ordinances of the corporation, to the preservation

of its health and peace, and in case of emergency, is empowered to call to his aid every male inhabitant in the corporation for such enforcement, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may by ordinance, prescribe penalties for failure to obey such calls. The Mayor shall under such regulations as may be established by ordinance of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen draw warrants upon the Recorder and Treasurer for the payment of any moneys due from the corporation.

Vice-mayor¹

Sec. 27. Be it further enacted, That on the second Tuesday in April, 1935, and on the same day of every second year thereafter the board of mayor and aldermen shall elect a member of their board as vice-mayor during the absence, disability or vacancy in the office of the mayor, and his compensation, if any, shall be fixed by said board and the term of his office shall run concurrent with that of the mayor. For a period beginning from the passage of this Act until the second Tuesday in April, 1935, the board of mayor and aldermen is empowered and authorized to elect a vice-mayor, at any regular meeting of said board within said period. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1933, ch. 749]

Mayor and recorder to sign contracts and bonds

Sec. 28. Be it further enacted, That all contracts and bonds of the corporation shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the recorder under the seal of the corporation after such authority given by ordinance of the board of mayor and aldermen if the bond or contract binds the corporation or said board to an expenditure of \$100,000.00 or more; and that all contracts and bonds of the corporation that bind the corporation or said board to an expenditure of less than \$100,000.00 may be authorized by resolution of said board, provided further that such bonds and contracts shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the recorder after authorization is given by the said board. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1974, ch. 226]

Mayor's authority to fill vacancies²

Sec. 29. Be it further enacted, That the mayor shall have power to make pro tempore appointments to fill vacancies occasioned by sickness, absence, or other disability of any of the corporation officers elected by the board of mayor and aldermen, and to suspend any such officers for misconduct in office or for neglect of duty, reporting his action with his reason therefor in writing to the

¹See also § 19.

²See also § 10.

next regular meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen, and final action shall be taken thereon by said board.

General duties of recorder and treasurer; absence

Sec. 30. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the recorder and treasurer to be present at all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and to keep a full and accurate account of all business transacted by the same, to be preserved in a permanent book form, and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by this act or by ordinances and resolutions of the board of mayor and aldermen. In the event of the absence or disability of the recorder, the board may elect a recorder pro tempore.

Recorder and treasurer to keep financial records, etc.

Sec. 31. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the recorder and treasurer to keep a full and accurate system of accounts with each fiscal department of the corporate government showing the amount of receipts and expenditures of each of said departments, and he shall submit a statement of the same to the board of mayor and aldermen monthly.

Collection and dispersal of revenues by recorder and treasurer

Sec. 32. Be it further enacted, That the recorder and treasurer shall collect, receive, and receipt and account for the revenues of the corporation; but he shall not pay out any part of the same except on warrants previously authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen, signed by the mayor and attested by the recorder and treasurer under the seal of the corporation, and such warrants shall specify the particular fund against which same are drawn and shall be payable out of no other fund.

Official depository for city funds

Sec. 32A. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of said board of mayor and aldermen, at a regular or called meeting thereof, to designate by proper ordinance the depository of the moneys, funds, taxes collected and all receipts of said corporation from all sources. And it shall be the duty of the recorder and treasurer of said corporation to promptly deposit with such depository all money or funds that shall be collected by him by virtue of his office from such sources.

Said depository shall be selected by said board of mayor and aldermen every three years. [Priv. Acts 1933, ch. 795; as amended by Priv. Acts 1969, ch. 93]

Recorder to be custodian of public records

Sec. 33. Be it further enacted, That the recorder shall have the custody of the public records and of all contracts, deeds, and certificates relative to the title of any corporate property, all official indemnity or security bonds, except his own bond or bonds, and such other bonds, papers, and documents of value as are not required to be deposited with any other person. He shall certify under his hand and the corporate seal all copies of such original documents and records in his office as may be required by any other person; and charge therefor to the individuals such fees for the use of the corporation as may be provided by ordinance.

Mayor to be custodian of corporate seal

Sec. 34. Be it further enacted, That the mayor shall be the custodian of the corporate seal of Covington.

Authority for fire department and outside fire service

Sec. 35. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall have the power by ordinance to provide for the establishment and the appointment of officers and members of the fire department and may provide rules and regulations for the government of the same, and may, by ordinance, either place the fire department under direction or control of the board or of such officers as they may deem proper; the compensation of the officers and members of the fire department shall be fixed by the board of mayor and aldermen and by ordinance.

The board of mayor and aldermen are hereby authorized to contract with the persons, firms, or corporations who own and rent property outside the corporate limits of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, and its officers and employees shall be considered as acting in a governmental capacity and while engaged in any duty or activity in connection with the provisions of any such contract, the officers and employees of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, exemption, and immunities as if such duty or activity were performed within the corporate limits of the Town of Covington, Tennessee. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1963, ch. 230]

City court

Sec. 36. Be it further enacted, That a city court is provided for the Town of Covington, presided over by a city judge, who is hereby vested with full power and authority to try and determine all offenses for the violation of ordinances and laws of the said corporation, and impose and enforce and cause to be enforced penalties and punishments for the violation of the laws and ordinances

of Covington; and he is also hereby vested within the limits of the corporation with concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace in cases of the violation of the penal laws of the State of Tennessee; said court to have power and authority while in session to preserve order and decorum; and he shall be invested with the same powers to suppress disorder in the court room as are incident to the justice of the peace. The city judge shall have the power to remit fines and penalties, but only upon the written recommendation of at least four aldermen. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1967, ch. 406]

City judge; absence

Sec. 37. Be it further enacted, That immediately on this act becoming effective and on the second Tuesday of April of every odd year, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington shall elect a city judge, who shall hold office for two (2) years, or until his successor shall be elected and qualified; that the salary of the city judge shall be established by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington, Tennessee; that in the absence, incompetency, or other disability of the city judge, the mayor shall act as city judge, and the mayor shall be invested with the same powers as the city judge while so acting; that in the case of the death or resignation of the city judge, the mayor shall act as city judge and shall be invested with the same powers as the city judge while so acting, until a city judge is elected by the board of mayor and aldermen; and that all papers issuing from said city court shall run in the name of the State of Tennessee. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1967, ch. 406]

Appeal of city cases

Sec. 38. Be it further enacted, That in all cases in which a person is charged with a violation of the ordinances of Covington shall be tried in said mayor's court,¹ the accused or the corporation shall have the right to take two days after the trial to appeal from the judgment of the court to the Circuit Court of Tipton County; and from thence to the supreme court. The accused shall be entitled to appeal upon executing bonds for his appearance before the court to which an appeal is prayed.

Enforcement of fines and penalties by city court

Sec. 38A. Be it further enacted, That in addition to the power of the mayor and board of said aldermen to enforce the collection of fines and penalties, the city court of said town is hereby vested with the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace with respect to said fines and penalties and where an

¹City court now. See §§ 36 and 37, as amended.

offender has been found guilty and fined and the costs secured, it shall be competent and within the power of the city court to render judgment against the defendant and his surety for the amount of the fine and cost, and if the same be not paid within thirty days, or a designated time fixed by him, to issue an execution to be served and levied upon the property of said defendant and surety by any legal officer and to be satisfied in the same manner as nay judgment at law.

Said city court shall also have authority to accept a forfeit in lieu of bail bond for the appearance of defendants before him and in case of a non-appearance of said defendant, or defendants, to pay such forfeit or pledge into the treasury of the city.

In cases where a defendant has appealed from the assessment of a fine to the circuit court, and where the action of the city court in assessing the fine has been sustained, that said circuit court shall order the defendant turned over to the said town, that his fine and costs may be worked out, and in cases where the defendant has been convicted of an offense against the state when his fine and costs have been paid and jail sentence, if any, has expired, it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county to turn said defendant over to the mayor or aldermen of said town, so that his fine may be worked out upon the streets or secured. [Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 440, §§ 3 and 4; as amended by Priv. Acts 1953, ch. 33; and Priv. Acts 1967, ch. 406]

Police department

Sec. 38B. Be it further enacted, That there is hereby created a police department, consisting of a chief of police and such number of policemen as the board of mayor and aldermen shall from time to time fix.

The chief of police shall be thirty (30) years of age or older, have the equivalent of an elementary education, of good character and experience as a law enforcement officer. Said chief of police shall be elected by the board of mayor and aldermen on the second Tuesday in April, 1953 and every two years thereafter for a term of two years,¹ commencing on the date of his election and shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of chief of police because of his death, resignation, dismissal, prolonged absence or inability to serve as said chief of police, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of such official by appointment of the board of mayor and aldermen.

The salary of the chief of police shall be fixed by the board of mayor and aldermen at the time of his election on the second Tuesday in April, 1953 and

¹See § 11A in this charter for a later provision which provides that all department heads are employed on a month to month basis to serve at the will and pleasure of the board.

thereafter his salary will be fixed by said board at the time all other salaries of city officials are fixed under the provisions of the present charter.

Each member of the police force shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older and of good character. The chief of police shall appoint with the approval of the board of mayor and aldermen members of the Police Force and said policemen, so appointed, shall serve at the pleasure of said board and their salaries shall be fixed by said board as now provided by the present charter.

The mayor may, without the consent of the board, for disciplinary purposes, suspend without pay, any policeman provided for in this act for any length of time not to exceed thirty (30) days in any twelve (12) months period, provided, however, that the mayor shall report such action to the next regular meeting of the board at which time the board shall pass upon said suspension. If charges are not sustained, the board may, in its discretion, order the policeman reinstated and paid for the time suspended, or such part thereof as it may determine.

The chief of police for misconduct, insubordination, failure to properly perform his duties, or for disciplinary purposes be suspended or dismissed by the board of mayor and aldermen at any regular or called session and, in case of a dismissal, said board shall elect a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

The police department, and all members thereof, shall be charged to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, detect and arrest offenders, suppress riots, protect the rights of persons and property, guard the public health, preserve order at elections, and to enforce every law of the state and ordinances of the town relating to the suppression and punishment of crime and disorder or to the public health.

It shall be the duty of the police department to execute and return all processes, notices and orders of the mayor, the mayor's court,¹ and the recorder and treasurer, and to execute all other processes, notices and orders as may be provided by ordinance.

No members of the police department shall receive any fees for making arrests or serving process, fees accruing from such service to be paid into the treasury of the corporation, provided, however, nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent members of the police department from collecting witness fees for their appearance in any courts of this state, except the mayor's¹ court and the General Sessions Court of Tipton County, Tennessee, nor from accepting rewards. [Priv. Acts 1953, ch. 33]

Authority of police to make arrests and serve process

Sec. 39. Be it further enacted, That any person of the police force may arrest any person who in his presence may be guilty of a breach of the ordinance

¹City court now. See §§ 36 and 37, as amended.

of the corporation, or of a crime against the laws of the State of Tennessee; and they are empowered to serve processes of any kind or character issued by or out of the mayor's court¹; and to serve processes in criminal matters issued by any justice of the peace within the corporation, fees accruing from such service to be paid into the treasury of the corporation.

Poll tax

Sec. 40. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall have the power, by ordinance, to levy and collect a poll tax not exceeding for any year in amount the poll tax levy for Tipton County.

Privilege taxes and licenses

Sec. 41. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall have power, by ordinance, to levy and collect privilege tax upon each business calling and occupation declared to be a privilege or taxed as such by the laws of Tennessee. But the said board shall not be required to assess privileges at the same rates fixed by the state statutes. It shall be the duty of the recorder and treasurer to issue license to do privilege business and to receive payment for privilege taxes and to receipt for the same; and he is hereby vested with the same powers with relation thereto as are now or may be hereafter vested in the county court clerk in this state in case of collections of privilege taxes for state and county purposes; and for the issuance of such licenses the recorder and treasurer may charge therefor to individuals for the use of the corporation, the same fees as are now or may hereafter be allowed by law to county court clerks for like service.

Appropriations and expenditures

Sec. 42. Be it further enacted, That the board of mayor and aldermen shall by ordinance designate the purposes for which the taxes are levied and to which the municipal revenues from all sources shall be appropriated; and appropriations for each fiscal department shall be held and kept for the purposes of that department, shall under no circumstances be divested from such purposes. No payment shall be made out of the corporation treasury, except upon warrant drawn by the mayor and countersigned by the recorder and treasurer under the corporate seal, upon the prior authorization of the board of mayor and aldermen, and such warrants shall specify the purposes for which they are drawn, and shall be payable out of no other fund.

Assessment and collection of property taxes

Sec. 43. Be it further enacted, That all property, real and personal and mixed, which is subject to state taxes, shall be assessed and listed for taxation for corporation purposes in the name of the owner or reputed owner, and shall be assessed and collected at such time and in such manner as the board of mayor and aldermen may by ordinance designate.

The board of mayor and aldermen is hereby authorized and empowered to provide, by ordinance for the payment of installments of real estate and personalty taxes assessed and levied by said town on property situated therein, prescribe the terms, amounts and conditions under which payment of such taxes can be made and the dates on which payment of such taxes shall be due and payable and fix the amount of payments, the official receipts to be given to taxpayers and to do all other things necessary to enable and expedite the payment of all such taxes by installments.

The board of mayor and aldermen is further authorized and empowered to grant and allow by ordinance to taxpayers who pay said annual taxes in full at or before the expiration of the first installment payment, a discount, the amount of such discount to be fixed by said board from the total annual tax so paid, for and in consideration of the advance payments of said taxes in full.

The taxes aforesaid shall be due and payable on the first day of November of each year and shall be delinquent for nonpayment thereafter on and from such date as the board of mayor and aldermen may by ordinance fix and such taxes shall draw interest and penalty from date of delinquency, but said interest shall not exceed the amount of three quarters of one per cent for each month the taxes are delinquent and the penalty shall not exceed three quarters of one per cent for each month of such delinquency.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore approved and passed by the board of mayor and aldermen permitting or providing for installment payments of taxes upon the basis or terms authorized . . . herein be and the same are hereby validated. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1933, ch. 192; and Priv. Acts 1982, ch. 343]

Ordinance required for creating liability or paying out corporate funds

Sec. 44. Be it further enacted, That no member of the board of mayor and aldermen or any officer or employee or other person shall have the power to make any contracts for or create any liability on behalf of said board, or pay out any corporate funds except by express authority of the board conferred by ordinance.

Officers not to be interested in city contracts, etc.

Sec. 45. Be it further enacted, That no member of the board of mayor and aldermen or officers of the corporation shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract or any work of any kind whatever under its control and direction; and any contract in which any such person shall have an interest shall be void.

Subpoena power of mayor

Sec. 46. Be it further enacted, That to enable the board of mayor and aldermen to fully investigate charges against its own members or any other officers or agents of the corporation, or such other matters as they may deem proper, the mayor is hereby empowered to issue subpoena and other compulsory processes, to compel the attendance of persons and the production of books and papers before the board of mayor and aldermen or any committee of the same; and the board may by ordinance prescribe and enforce penalties for the failure or refusal to obey such process.

Officers to serve until successors elected; continuance of ordinances¹

Sec. 47. Be it further enacted, That all the officers of the Town of Covington shall continue to hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified; and all ordinances of said town shall continue and remain the same until repealed or modified by the board of mayor and aldermen, unless the same is in conflict with this act.

Salary of recorder and treasurer

Sec. 48. Be it further enacted, That the salary of the recorder and treasurer shall be paid out of the different funds collected by him and in such proportions as the board of mayor and aldermen may regulate.²

Workhouse pay

Sec. 49. Be it further enacted, That all persons working out fines and costs or fine and cost imposed upon them by the mayor under the provisions of

¹See also § 5.

²See also § 15.

this act, shall be allowed and credited with the sum of forty cents per day,¹ exclusive of board for each day of ten hours' labor performed, either in workhouse or on the public streets or other public works of said town.

Delinquent tax collector to be appointed

Sec. 50. Be it further enacted, That the said board of mayor and aldermen shall at its meeting in April, 1903, and every two years thereafter elect or appoint a delinquent tax collector who shall have the collection of delinquent revenue of said Town of Covington.

Delinquent tax attorney to enforce collection of delinquent taxes; fee to be fixed by court

Sec. 51. Be it further enacted, That said delinquent tax attorney after entering into bond as required by the said board of mayor and aldermen shall have the right to enforce the collection of all delinquent taxes and revenue of the said town by the prosecution of suit against the delinquent, and enforce collection of the same in any manner not contrary to the statutes of Tennessee in any of the courts of law and equity of Tipton County, Tennessee, and such delinquent tax collector shall be entitled to a reasonable fee therefor and in such amount as the court may deem proper.

Compensation of delinquent tax collector

Sec. 52. Be it further enacted, That at the time of the election of the said delinquent tax collector, said board of mayor and aldermen shall fix his compensation which is not to exceed fifteen per cent of the taxes collected.

Board may direct that suits be instituted for collection of delinquent property taxes, penalties, interest, etc.;
procedure and jurisdiction in such suits

Sec. 52A. Be it further enacted, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, shall have full authority to direct the city attorney, back tax attorney, or any attorney selected by them, to institute suits in the Chancery Courts of Tipton County, for the collection of any delinquent taxes upon real estate, together with the costs, penalties, and interest due as a result of said delinquency, and for the purpose of enforcing a lien upon the land against which the taxes were assessed. Said suits shall be brought at any time after said taxes become delinquent, and any number of defendants and pieces

¹See also § 25 (42).

of property, not to exceed twenty-five, may be joined in one suit without the same being considered multifarious.

Said suits shall be conducted in accordance with the practice of courts of chancery in this state, save that no copy of the bill shall be issued and served upon any defendant unless said defendant, or defendants, demand such copy, but the usual summons to answer shall be served upon the defendant.

Said courts have full authority to appoint a receiver to collect the rents and profits off of said property until a sufficient sum has been collected to pay all delinquent taxes upon said property, including all costs, penalties, and attorney's fees, and shall have further authority to enforce the lien for taxes by the sale of the property upon a credit of not less than six months and in bar of all equity of redemption.

Said chancery court shall have jurisdiction of all cases for the enforcement of delinquent taxes without regard to the amount involved or whether the amount due be in excess of fifty dollars, or less than said sum. This remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to all other remedies not prescribed by law for the collection of delinquent taxes. [Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 440, § 1]

Contracts, debts, etc., saved from repeal

Sec. 53. Be it further enacted, That so much of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, Acts of 1903 repealing the Charter of the Town of Covington, Tennessee, in so far as it relates to any outstanding valid contracts made and entered into during the existence and under and in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of 1901, Chapter 428, or any bonds issued by said Town of Covington, or any indebtedness by or in any manner existing against the said Town of Covington, as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby repealed, and all contracts so made and all bonds so issued and all indebtedness contracted as aforesaid, shall in all things continue in full force and effect; and the same are in all things renewed and revived as if the said repealing act had never been in effect.

Acts saved from repeal¹

Sec. 54. Be it further enacted, That the act repealing the Charter of the Town of Covington, being an Act of the General Assembly of 1903, in so far as the said Act repeals or in any way affects Chapters 106 and 171, Acts 1893, or any act amendatory thereto, or Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1899, or Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1901, is hereby repealed, and the said Chapters 106 and 171 of

¹All the acts enumerated in this section are bond authorization acts except Chapter 171, acts of 1893, as amended, which is incorporated in this unofficial compilation as § 25A.

Acts of 1893 and all Acts amendatory thereto, and Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1899 and Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1901, shall continue in full force and effect as if the said act repealing said Charter of said Town of Covington had not been passed.

Acts repealed

Sec. 55. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, but nothing in this Act shall be in any way construed as repealing Chapters 106 and 171 of the Acts of 1893, or any act amendatory thereto, or Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1899 or Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1901.

Date of effect

Sec. 56. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after April 15, 1903, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 19, 1903

ED T. SEAY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

L. D. TYSON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7th day of April 1903

JAMES B. FRAZIER
GOVERNOR

PRIVATE ACTS COMPRISING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1893	106* **	Authorized \$10,000 bond issue for schools.
1893	171	Authorized school system. (See § 25A in the charter)
1895	146*	Amends Priv. Acts 1893, ch. 171
1899	336* **	Authorized \$30,000 bond issue for water, lights, sewers, and streets.
1901	344* **	Authorized \$30,000 bond issue for water and lights.
1903	195**	Repealed old charter.
1903	322	New charter of incorporation.
1907	156**	Authorized \$15,000 bond issue for sewers.
1909	114**	Authorized \$15,000 bond issue for schools.
1909	219	Amends §§ 18 and 25 of charter.
1909	482	Amends Priv. Acts 1893, ch. 171, § 6.
1909	520**	Authorized \$25,000 bond issue for schools.

*This act was expressly saved from repeal by §§ 54 and 55 of the new charter, chapter 322, acts of 1903.

** Acts not having a continuing application, such as acts authorizing or validating special bond issues for particular purposes, etc., were not included in the foregoing unofficial compilation of the acts comprising the Covington Charter.

YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1913	13**	Authorized \$24,000 warrant issue for refunding debt.
1913	24	Miscellaneous amendments to charter. (See §§ 11 and 25A in the charter)
1913 (E.S.)	31	Amends § 25 of charter.
1913 (E.S.)	61**	Validated \$20,000 bond issue for streets.
1915	440	Miscellaneous amendments to charter. (See §§ 38A and 52A in the charter)
1917	445**	Authorized \$15,000 warrant issue for light and water plant.
1919	402	Amends §§ 24 and 25 of charter.
1919	708**	Authorized \$200,000 bond issue for streets.
1921	25**	Authorized \$50,000 warrant issue for refunding debt.
1921	111**	Validated two bond issues for streets.
1921	294***	Amends abutting property law. (Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 18, (E. S.))

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***This act has not been codified with the charter acts as set out hereinbefore because Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 18 (E. S.) has now been codified in the general law applicable to all cities as in the Tennessee Code Annotated, chapter 11, title 6.

YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1921	315**	Repealed Priv. Acts 1921, ch. 25.
1921	316**	Authorized \$50,000 bond issue for refunding debt.
1921	495**	Repealed Priv. Acts 1919, ch. 708.
1921	526***	Amends abutting property law. (Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 18, (E. S.))
1921	861***	Amends abutting property law. (Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 18, (E. S.))
1921	941***	Amends abutting property law. (Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 18, (E. S.))
1925	195**	Authorized \$25,000 bond issue for schools.
1927	517**	Authorized \$30,000 warrant issue for water, lights, and schools.
1927	671	Fixes compensation of board of education. (See § 25A in the charter)
1929	381	Amends § 2 of charter.
1929	382**	Authorized \$50,000 bond issue for schools.
1929	383	Amends Priv. Acts 1893, ch. 171.

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1929	459	Provides for a board of health, etc. (See § 25B in the charter)
1931	570	Amends § 25 (19) of charter.
1931	598	Amends § 22 of charter.
1931	600	Provides for municipal airport(s). (See § 25C in the charter)
1931	601	Restricts authority to dispose of light and water plant. (See § 25D in the charter)
1933	192	Amends § 43 of charter.
1933	747	Amends § 25 (42) of charter.
1933	749	Amends § 27 of charter.
1933	795	Requires designation of depository for funds. (See § 32A in the charter)
1937	297	Amends § 25 of charter.
1941	7**	Authorized \$45,000 bond issue for refunding debt.
1941	150**	Validated \$45,000 bond issue for refunding debt.
1941	240	Amends § 2 of charter.
1943	298**	Authorized \$100,000 bond issue for water and light plants.
1947	211**	Authorized \$100,000 bond issue for water and sewers.

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YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1947	212**	Authorized \$50,000 bond issue for streets.
1947	654**	Authorized \$75,000 bond issue for gymnasium.
1949	672	Amends Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 440.
1951	441**	Authorized \$500,000 bond issue for light and water plant.
1951	443**	Authorized \$50,000 bond issue for streets.
1951	698	Amends § 2 of charter.
1953	32	Provides for appointment of recorder and treasurer. (See § 4 in charter)
1953	33	Provides for a police department. (See particularly § 38B in the charter)
1959	144	Amends Priv. Acts 1893, ch. 171.
1961	11	Amends § 8 of charter.
1963	230	Amends § 35 of charter.
1963	231	Amends § 4 of charter.
1967-68	406	Amends §§ 36 and 37 of charter.
1969	93	Amends Priv. Acts 1933, ch. 795.
1969	94	Provides for department heads to be employed on a month-to-month basis.

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YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1971	81	Amends Priv. Acts 1929, ch. 383, § 1.
1974	224	Amends § 18 of charter.
1974	225	Amends Priv. Acts 1959, ch. 144.
1974	226	Amends § 28 of charter.
1975	139	Amends § 1 of charter.
1975	140	Amends § 25 (7) of charter.
1982	343	Amends § 43 of charter.
1982	344	Amends § 25A of charter.
1983	2	Amends §§ 4, 8, and 25A of charter.
1983	142	Amends § 4 of charter.
1992	155	Amends § 25A(8) of charter.
1993	10	Replaces § 15 of charter.
2004	80	Amends § 4, relative to elections.