

ORDINANCE NO. 123
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CHARTER COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDOR IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 12 DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1967, THAT:

The City Council of the City of Vidor finds that an informal request has been made for the adoption of a City Charter for the City of Vidor, and that all facts and conditions exist which would authorize the City of Vidor to operate under the Home Rule Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas and Statutes passed pursuant thereto, upon a Charter being adopted by the qualified electors as provided by law; that, therefore, it is for the best interest of the City of Vidor that a Charter Commission be appointed and an election ordered.

The City Council, therefore, appoints and designates as a Charter Commission for the City of Vidor the following qualified electors:

Larry O'Brien	Ray Pace	Carl Webster	Donald Chesser
J. M. Ball	W. C. Quinn	Jim McGlothin	John Thomas Hill
Willard Cady	Tommie Rainbolt	H. L. Hanchey	Hugh Haley
LeRoy Cash	Everett W. Jones	Robert C. Watts	

Said Charter Commission shall elect its own officers and adopt its own rules of procedure and shall frame a Charter and make its report to the City Council of the City of Vidor as soon as the work of preparing a Charter has been completed.

In its report to the City Council, the Charter Commission shall name an election date not less than forty (40) days, nor more than ninety (90) days from the filing of said report with the City Council.

With the report of the Charter Commission, there shall be filed with the City Council a sufficient number of printed copies of the proposed Charter so that one copy may be mailed to each qualified elector as provided by Article 1167, R.C.S.

Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such election, the City Secretary shall mail a copy of the proposed Charter to each qualified voter in the City of Vidor as appears in the Tax Collector's Rolls for the year ending January 31 of the preceding year.

Said Charter Election shall be ordered by the City Council of the City of Vidor and Notice is given as provided by law, and officials appointed and appropriation for expenses made by the City Council as provided by law in the case of other elections.

PASSED and APPROVED this 12 day of October, A. D. 1967.

/S/ Julian P. Greer
Mayor Julian P. Greer
City of Vidor, Texas

ATTEST:
Alice Guidry, City Secretary
City of Vidor, Texas.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF VIDOR TO APPOINT MRS. GRACE FORD TO THE
CITY CHARTER COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VIDOR.**

WHEREAS, John T. Hill, a member of the Charter Commission is now deceased, and it is necessary to appoint a new member to the Charter Commission,

AND Mrs. Grace Ford is an elector and voter of the City of Vidor, and is not disqualified to serve,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Vidor that Mrs. Grace Ford be, and she is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Charter Commission of the City of Vidor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of April, 1969.

/S/ Julian P. Greer

Julian P. Greer, Mayor
City of Vidor

ATTEST:

/S/ Mrs. Alice Dewitt
Mrs. Alice Dewitt,
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 919

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING THE
RESULTS OF THE CHARTER CHANGE ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CHANGING THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS CHARTER ON THE 8 DAY OF
AUGUST, 1998

Section 1. That the tabulation of votes cast in the Charter Change election held on the 8th day of August, made and certified to by the Election Judge of the City of Vidor, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official tabulation of the votes cast at said election and that said tabulation be filed and recorded in the official records of the City of Vidor and the official canvass of said election.

Section 2. That the results of said election as set forth herein and in the attachments to this ordinance are hereby in all things accepted and officially declared to be the results of said election.

Charter Amendment No. 1	(Yes) 100	(No) 54
Charter Amendment No. 2	(Yes) 96	(No) 60
Charter Amendment No. 3	(Yes) 103	(No) 50
Charter Amendment No. 4	(Yes) 105	(No) 48
Charter Amendment No. 5	(Yes) 99	(No) 50
Charter Amendment No. 6	(Yes) 106	(No) 46
Charter Amendment No. 7	(Yes) 103	(No) 47
Charter Amendment No. 8	(Yes) 113	(No) 36
Charter Amendment No. 9	(Yes) 85	(No) 62
Charter Amendment No. 10	(Yes) 108	(No) 41

Charter Amendment No. 11	(Yes) 85	(No) 64
Charter Amendment No. 12	(Yes) 80	(No) 65
Charter Amendment No. 13	(Yes) 104	(No) 45
Charter Amendment No. 14	(Yes) 113	(No) 25
Charter Amendment No. 15	(Yes) 109	(No) 38
Charter Amendment No. 16	(Yes) 91	(No) 60
Charter Amendment No. 17	(Yes) 117	(No) 35
Charter Amendment No. 18	(Yes) 105	(No) 45
Charter Amendment No. 19	(Yes) 91	(No) 60
Charter Amendment No. 20	(Yes) 93	(No) 54
Charter Amendment No. 21	(Yes) 104	(No) 43
Charter Amendment No. 22	(Yes) 97	(No) 51

Total votes cast in the Charter Change Election 155

Section 2. That the results of said election as set forth herein and in the attachments to this ordinance are hereby in all things accepted and officially declared to be the results of said election.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 1998.

(s)Lamech Wright, Mayor
City of Vidor, Texas

ATTEST:

(s)Rosalie Bean, City Secretary
City of Vidor, Texas

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REPORT OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VIDOR

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VIDOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDOR:

The Charter Commission heretofore constituted and organized under a City Ordinance of the City of Vidor, dated the 12th day of October, 1967, herewith submits its report, in writing unanimously recommending that the citizens of the City of Vidor shall adopt a Home Rule Charter in accordance with the provisions of the Home Rule Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, and the statutes passed pursuant thereto, and the Commission submits to the Council a form of charter which has been prepared by the Charter Commission, in accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas, and the ordinance of the City of Vidor appointing the Charter Commission.

The Charter Commission unanimously recommends that this Charter be adopted.

In accordance with the Ordinance establishing the Charter Commission, and with applicable State Law, the Commission hereby recommends to the City Council that a public election shall be held for the adoption of this Charter not more than ninety (90) days after the date of this report, and in accordance with law, that appropriate notices with copies of the Charter shall be posted to each voter of the City of Vidor at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such election.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of August, A.D. 1969.

LARRY O'BRIEN, Chairman,
Charter Commission, City of Vidor.

**REPORT OF THE VIDOR CHARTER
CHANGE COMMISSION**

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VIDOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF VIDOR:

The Charter Change Commission appointed December 11, 1997 submits its report in writing believing that the City of Vidor will be better served by the charter changes set forth in the accompanying recommendations.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in formulating these recommendations.

Along with this draft, the Commission recommends that the Council consider inserting a section for a disclaimer of all gender pronouns in the Charter if possible.

The Commission unanimously recommends this draft be set forth in an Ordinance calling for a Charter Election to be submitted to the voters of the City of Vidor for adoption.

Respectfully submitted this the 9th day of April, A.D. 1998.

Floyd K. (Bud) Bryan
Chairman
Charter Change Commission
City of Vidor

HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS

PREAMBLE

We, the citizens of The City of Vidor, Texas, in order to establish a Home Rule Municipal Government, provide for the future progress of our City and obtain more fully the benefits of local self government, do hereby adopt this Home Rule Charter in accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas; and we do hereby declare The City of Vidor in Orange County, Texas, to be a public subdivision of the State of Texas incorporated forever under the name and style of "City of Vidor, Texas" with such powers, rights and duties as are herein provided.

ARTICLE I.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND BOUNDARIES

SECTION 1.01 - FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

The municipal government provided by this Charter shall be known as the "Council - Manager Government." Pursuant to its provisions subject only to the limitations imposed by the State Constitution and general laws of this State, and by this Charter, all powers of the City shall be vested in an elective Council hereinafter referred to as the "City Council", which shall enact local legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies and appoint the City Manager and such other officials as provided in this charter. The City Manager shall execute the laws and administer the government of the City as provided herein. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 1.02 - BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the City of Vidor are hereby established as follows:

BEING the same boundary lines and the same City Limits as now exist for the City of Vidor, Texas as of the date of the Charter Election at which this Charter shall be adopted as the same now appear of record in a certain certificate of incorporation by the County Judge of Orange County, Texas, recorded Vol. 251, Page 103, Deed Records of Orange County, dated April 4, 1960, and a certain map recorded Vol. 7, Page 7 of the Map Records of Orange County, Texas, and any changes or corrections to said record as may have been lawfully done prior to the date of this charter election, a true copy of which said metes and bounds description has been reduced to writing and placed in the office of the Mayor of the City of Vidor at the City Hall under the title "Metes and Bounds of the Corporate Limits of the City of Vidor, Texas, as of the 8th day of November, 1969" which said document shall be filed in the City Hall of the City of Vidor and duly recorded in the Map and Plat

Records of Orange County, Texas, and such boundaries shall be duly plotted in the form of a City Map and copies of such maps filed in the City Hall of Vidor, Texas and in the Map and Plat Records of Orange County, Texas.

SECTION 1.03 - EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES:

The boundaries of the City of Vidor may be enlarged and extended by the annexation of additional territory, irrespective of size and configuration, in any of the methods hereinafter designated:

(a) EXTENDING LIMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 974 OF THE REVISED CIVIL STATUTES

Where such additional territory adjoins the corporate limits of the City and contains three or more inhabitants qualified to vote for members of the state legislature, such adjacent territory may be annexed to the City in the manner and in conformity with the procedure set forth in Article 974 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, as now or hereafter amended.

(b) EXTENSION OF LIMITS BY ELECTION

The City Council shall have the power to order an election or elections for the purpose of annexing territory lying adjacent to the City of Vidor. Such order shall include the survey notes of the area sought to be annexed. The City Council shall give notice of the date and place of balloting at such election by publication of the order in the official newspaper of the City at least thirty days prior to the date on which such election is ordered. The residents of the City of Vidor and the territory sought to be annexed, who are qualified to vote for members of the state legislature, shall be qualified to vote at such election. The City Council shall, at its next meeting, canvass the return of such election and if a majority of the votes cast at such election by the residents of Vidor, and if a majority of the votes cast at such election by the residents of said territory being considered for annexation, favor such annexation, the Council shall declare the said territory annexed to the City of Vidor, and the boundary limits of the City of Vidor shall thereafter be extended and fixed so as to include such territory.

(c) ANNEXATION OF UNOCCUPIED LANDS ON PETITIONS OF OWNERS

The owner or owners of any land which is without residents, or upon which less than three voters reside, contiguous and adjacent to the City may, by petition in writing to the City Council, request the annexation of such contiguous and adjacent land, describing it by metes and bounds. The City Council shall thereafter, and not less than five and not more than thirty days after the filing of such petition, hear such petition and the arguments for and against the same, and grant or refuse such petition as the City Council may see fit. If the City Council grants such petition, it may by proper

ordinance receive and annex such territory as a part of the City.

(d) ANNEXATION BY AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

The boundary limits of the City may be fixed and additional territory added or annexed thereto by amendment to the charter of the City.

(e) EXTENDING LIMITS BY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council shall have the power by ordinance to fix the boundary limits of the City of Vidor and to provide for the extension of said boundary limits and the annexation of additional territory lying adjacent to said City, with or without the consent of the residents or owners of the territory annexed, not inconsistent with the procedural rules prescribed by law applicable to cities operating under charters adopted or amended under Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Before the City shall institute annexation proceedings, under this section, the City Council shall provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard at a public hearing, as required by Article 970-A, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, to be held not more than twenty days nor less than ten days prior to the institution of such proceedings. Notice of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Vidor and in the territory proposed to be annexed, and such notice shall be published at least once in such newspaper not more than twenty days nor less than ten days prior to the hearing.

At any time after the date of the public hearing, annexation of such territory by the City may be brought to completion provided, however, that final action by the City Council of the City of Vidor must be taken within ninety days of the date on which the hearing is held.

Provided, however, any period of time during which the City is restrained or enjoined from annexing any such territory by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not be computed in such ninety day limitation period.

Any resident or owner of territory to be annexed, and any citizen of the City of Vidor shall have the right to contest said annexation by filing with the City Council a written petition on or before the date of the public hearing above mentioned, setting out his reasons for said contest, and giving his name and the description of the property which he owns or occupies. After such citizen, resident or owner shall have been given an opportunity to be heard the City Council may proceed to final action.

Action of the City Council in setting and providing for a notice of a hearing shall be by City ordinance, and shall contain a description of the property to be annexed, and the published notice above mentioned shall contain a description of the property to be annexed, and after the holding of the public hearing, and due consideration of any objections or petitions filed as provided for above, the City Council shall pass an ordinance annexing such territory as the City Council in its judgment may determine should be annexed out of the territory described in the original notice, and such territory so annexed shall thereafter be and become a part of the City of Vidor.

(f) ANNEXATION BY ANY OTHER METHOD PROVIDED BY LAW

Additional territory may also be annexed to the City in any manner and by any procedure that may now be provided by law or that may be hereafter provided by law. Same shall be in addition to the methods hereinabove provided.

(g) ANNEXED TERRITORY TO BECOME A PART OF THE CITY

Upon completion of any one of the procedures hereinabove provided, the territory so annexed shall become a part of the City, and said land and its residents and future residents shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of the City and shall be bound by the acts, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City.

SECTION 1.04 - CONTRACTION OF BOUNDARIES BY DE-ANNEXATION

Whenever there exists within the corporate limits of the City of Vidor any territory not suitable or necessary for City purposes, which territory must adjoin the outer boundaries of the City, the City Council may, upon a petition signed by a majority of the qualified voters residing in such territory if the same be inhabited, or without any such petition if the same be uninhabited, by ordinance duly passed, discontinue said territory as a part of said City; said petition and ordinance shall specify accurately the metes and bounds of the territory sought to be eliminated from the City and shall contain a plat designating such territory so that the same can be definitely ascertained; and when said ordinance has been duly passed the same shall be entered upon the Minutes and records of said City, and from and after the entry of such ordinance said territory shall cease to be a part of said City, but said territory shall still be liable for its pro rata share of any debts incurred while said area was a part of said City, and the City shall continue to levy, assess and collect taxes on the property within said territory to pay the indebtedness incurred while said area was a part of the City as though the same had not been excluded from the boundaries of the City.

SECTION 1.05 - WARD BOUNDARIES

The City of Vidor shall be divided into six wards containing an equal number of voters as nearly as practical, in order to provide an opportunity for all citizens - to be represented on the City Council, and the boundaries of each ward, subject to the power of the City Council to amend or change the same as hereinafter provided, shall be:

WARD NO. 1: Shall begin at a point in the present City Limits line on the east side where the centerline of Maplewood Drive would intersect if projected in a straight line west to east from its intersection with Ashland Drive, thence in a northerly direction to the northeast corner of the City Limits located south of Highway 12, thence west with the City Limits line to a point north of FM 1132, thence follow the City Limits line south to where it turns southwest parallel with St. Highway 12 to a point in the City Limits line where the centerline of Rearick Street would intersect if projected in a south to north direction, thence south to the centerline of E. Railroad St. (north of the KCS Railway) thence northeast to a point in the centerline of Woodlawn St. in line with the northernmost 100 feet of Woodlawn St., then in a southerly direction to the intersection of Woodlawn St. with E. Railroad Street (south of KCS Railroad) thence south on the center line of Woodlawn Street to the centerline of Maplewood; thence on the centerline of Maplewood Drive, thence east to point of beginning in the line of the City Limits.

WARD NO. 2: To begin in City Limits line (east) at southeast corner of Ward One thence south on the City Limits line to a point south of Timberlane Drive where the City Limits line turns west, thence west to a point north of Orange Street where the City Limits line turns south, thence south with the City Limits line to a point south of Orange Street where the City Limits line turns west, thence west with the City Limits line where the City Limits line turns south, thence north to the centerline of Orange Street, thence west to where the centerline of Sargent Street intersects the centerline of Orange St., thence in a northerly direction to the intersection of Sargent St. with E. Railroad (north of the KCS Railway) thence west to the intersection of the centerline of Claiborne St., thence north to a point where the centerline of Claiborne Street and the south IH 10 E. Feeder intersect, thence north with a line projected from this intersection to the centerline of North Tram Street, thence to a point where the City Limits line intersects North Tram, thence in a northeast direction with the City Limits line to the point where Ward I boundary intersects the City Limits line, thence south with Ward 1 boundary, thence follow Ward 1 boundary to Ward 2 point of beginning.

WARD NO. 3: To begin at a point in the City Limits line east of South FM 105 North of Connell Road where the City Limits line (east to west) turns south, thence west to a point where the centerlines of S. FM 105 and Lindberg Streets intersect, thence north with S. FM 105 to a point where the centerlines of S. FM 105 and the South IH 10 East intersect, thence west with IH 10 E to where the City Limits line intersects, thence south to where City Limits line turns west, thence west to where the City Limits line turns south, thence south to where a line projected west from the

centerlines of Byrd Street and S. FM 105 intersection intersects the City Limits line, thence east with this line to Byrd Street, thence east with centerline of Byrd Street to where Byrd Street becomes Lindberg Street, thence east to intersection of Lindberg Street with S. FM 105, thence closing boundaries of Ward 3.

WARD 4: To begin in west City Limits line where above mentioned line projected west from centerline of Byrd Street intersects - thence east on this line following centerlines of Byrd & Lindberg Streets across S. FM 105 to a corner in the City Limits line thence south, thence west with the City Limits line to the centerline of S. FM 105, near where Alamo St. intersects S. FM 105, thence south to intersection of Mansfield Ferry Road, thence southwest with centerline of Mansfield Ferry Road to where Old Spanish Trail intersects, thence follow centerline of Old Spanish Trail west and north to intersection of Red Oak Street, thence north with the west line of the Amended Cloverleaf Addition to a point north of the Southern Pacific Railroad where the City Limits line turns west, thence west and north with the City Limits lines to point of beginning.

WARD 5: To begin at the centerline intersection of IH 10 and Main Street, thence south with S. Main Street to intersection of Lindberg Street, thence in an easterly direction to the City Limits line west of Austin Street, thence east and north with the City Limits line to a point where the City Limits line turns east, thence north to center of Orange Street, thence west to intersection of Sargent Street, thence north to where Sargent Street intersects E. Railroad Street (north of KCS RR) thence west to Claiborne Street intersection, thence north to IH 10 East, thence west to point of beginning.

WARD 6: To begin where west City Limits line & IH 10 W. intersect, thence north to a point for corner in the north line of the T. H. Breece Survey; thence east to North Tram, thence south to center of IH 10 E., thence west to point of beginning.

SECTION 1.06 - CHANGE OF WARD BOUNDARIES

The City Council shall have the power to alter or change the ward boundaries; of the City of Vidor, and to subdivide the City anew into wards; designating the same by number and describing the same by metes and bounds, provided there shall be at all times six wards within the City; and to adjust the now existing ward boundaries or future ward boundaries so that each ward shall contain as nearly as possible the same number of electors and to make the above changes as often as the City Council, in its discretion, may deem expedient or proper in order to accomplish this purpose.

ARTICLE II

POWERS OF THE CITY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 2.01 - GENERAL

The City of Vidor may use a corporate seal; may sue and be sued; may contract and be contracted with; may implead and be impleaded in all courts in all matters whatsoever; may cooperate with the government of the State of Texas or any agency thereof, or any political subdivision of the State of Texas, or with the government of the United States, or any Agency thereof; and shall have all the powers granted to cities by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all the powers granted.

The City may acquire property within or without its boundaries for any municipal purpose in fee simple or in any lesser interest or estate, by purchase, gift, devise, lease or condemnation and may sell, lease, hold, manage and control any property now owned by it or which it may hereafter acquire; and may construct own, lease, purchase, operate and regulate public utilities, may assess, levy, and collect taxes for general and special purposes on all lawful subjects of taxation; may borrow money on the faith and credit of the City by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes of the City; may appropriate the money of the City for all lawful purposes; may regulate and control the use, for whatever purpose, of the streets and other public places; may make and enforce all police, health, sanitary and other regulations; and may pass such ordinances as may be expedient for the protection and maintenance of good government, peace and welfare of the City, for the performance of the functions thereof, for the order and security of its residents; and may provide suitable penalties for the violation of any ordinance enacted by the City of Vidor; and, except as prohibited by the constitution and laws of this State or restricted by this Charter, the City may exercise all municipal powers, functions, rights, privileges and immunities of every name and nature whatsoever.

SECTION 2.02 - GENERAL POWERS ADOPTED

The enumeration of the particular powers in this charter shall not be held or deemed to be exclusive but in addition to the powers enumerated herein or implied hereby or appropriate to the exercise of such powers, the City shall have and may exercise all power of local self-government and all other powers which, under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, it would be competent for this charter specifically to enumerate. The City of Vidor shall have and may exercise all the powers enumerated in Article 1175, Chapter 13, Title 28, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925 as now or hereafter amended.

SECTION 2.03 - EMINENT DOMAIN

The City shall have the full power and right to exercise the power of eminent domain when necessary or desirable to carry out any of the powers conferred upon it by this charter or by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. The City may exercise the power of eminent domain in any manner authorized or permitted by the constitution and laws of this state. The power of eminent domain hereby conferred shall include the right of the City to take the fee in land so condemned and such power and authority shall include the right to condemn public property for such purposes. The City shall have and possess the power of condemnation for any municipal or public purposes even though not specifically enumerated in this charter. In providing just compensation for property taken by eminent domain, whether in fee, or a lesser estate, the City shall be governed by the general condemnation statutes of the State of Texas.

SECTION 2.04 - ZONING

The City Council shall have full power and authority to zone the city and pass all necessary ordinances, rules, and regulations governing the same under and by virtue of the authority given to Cities and legislative bodies thereof under Title 7, Subtitle A of the Texas Local Governmental Code. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 2.05 - PUBLIC HEALTH AND UTILITIES

The City shall have power to build, construct, purchase, own, lease, maintain and operate, within or without the City Limits, light and power systems, water systems, sewer systems or sanitary disposal equipment, appliances, natural gas systems, parks, and swimming pools, fertilizer plants, and any other public service or utility; power to mortgage and cumber such system or systems in a manner provided in Article 1111 to 1118, inclusive, of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and any amendment thereto, now or hereafter in effect, as well as under any other general laws of the State of Texas pertinent or applicable thereto, including the power to demand and receive compensation for service furnished for private purpose, or otherwise. This power includes the right to own property and finance the purchase of property.

The City shall have the power to classify sanitary services furnished by the City, and to establish reasonable charges for the same, and to secure the payment of such charges for such services by providing liens, penalties and fines.

SECTION 2.06 - POWER TO CONDEMN DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

The City may regulate the erection, building, placing, moving or pairing of buildings or other structures, within such limits of the City, as it may designate and prescribe, in order to guard against the calamities of fire, flood, or windstorm, and may within said limits prohibit moving or putting up of any building or other structure from without said limits, and may also prohibit the removal of any building or structure from one place to another within said limits, and may direct that all buildings or other structures within the limits so designated as aforesaid shall be made or constructed of fire-resistant materials, and may declare any dilapidated building or structure to be a nuisance and direct the same be repaired, removed or abated in such manner as they shall direct; to declare all buildings and other structures the fire limits which they deem dangerous to contiguous buildings, or in causing or promoting fires, to be nuisances, and require and cause same to be removed in such manner as they shall prescribe.

SECTION 2.07 - CITY TO HAVE CONTROL OVER STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The City of Vidor shall have the power to lay out, establish, open, alter, widen, lower, extend, grade, abandon, discontinue, abolish, close, care for, pave, supervise, maintain and improve streets, alleys, sidewalks, squares, parks, public places and bridges and regulate the use thereof and require the removal from streets, sidewalks, alleys, encroachments of every nature or character upon any of said streets and sidewalks, and to vacate and close private ways as permitted by Chapter 314 of the Texas Transportation Code. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

The City of Vidor shall have exclusive dominion, control and jurisdiction in, upon, and over and under the public streets, avenues, sidewalks, alleys and highways of the City, and may provide for the improvement thereof by paving, repaving, raising, lowering, grading, draining, or otherwise. The provisions of Chapter 106, 40th Legislature, First Called Session, Acts of 1927, (Article 1105, R.C.S. 1925) together with existing amendments and all such amendments as hereinafter may be made, are expressly adopted and made a part of this charter.

SECTION 2.08 - JOINT FINANCING AND CONTRACTS

The City of Vidor, acting through its Mayor and City Council, shall have the power to contract with other governmental units, state, federal, local, and municipal, including any road commissioner, the Commissioner's Court of any county, and any municipality, and any agency of the State of Texas, and any agency of the United States government, for joint financing, or joint maintenance of streets, sewage facilities, sewage disposal plants, lighting systems, street lighting, traffic control, police protection, fire protection, care and feeding of prisoners, transportation of prisoners, vehicle maintenance, construction of street signs, garbage disposal, and any other municipal or governmental service or function which can be better or more economically performed by joint cooperation with

some other municipality or government agency, officer or office. This power to make contracts with other governmental units shall extend to and include the power to make contracts with any independent fire district or local fire district or fire department, or any other municipality or governmental agency or voluntary fire department for obtaining equipment and supplying personnel for fire protection and fire prevention inspection.

SECTION 2.09 - EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY FROM TAXATION

The City Council shall have the power under the provision of State Law to levy, assess and collect an annual tax upon taxable property within the City to the amount provided by the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas; and as otherwise stated in this Charter.

No property of any kind, real, personal, mixed, church, school or otherwise within the corporate limits of the City of Vidor shall be exempt from taxation unless expressly exempt by law.

SECTION 2.10 - CITY PROPERTY AND CITY FUNDS EXEMPT FROM LIENS OR EXECUTION

No public property, or any other character of property owned or held by said City, shall be subject to any lien or execution of any kind or nature.

No funds of the City shall be subject to garnishment and the City shall never be required to answer in any garnishment proceedings.

The salary of City employees shall be exempt from garnishment or assignment, and no assignment shall ever be recognized which purports to convey or assign the salary of any City employee or officer of the City unless said assignment shall have been reduced to writing and duly signed both by the employee and his wife, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Vidor and filed in the office of the City Secretary prior to the time such wage or salary shall have been earned. Provided further that said assignment shall not be honored by the City nor shall the same binding upon the City of Vidor, except in those cases in which such assignment shall be made in accordance with a plan or system duly adopted by the City Council in the form of a City ordinance setting out the terms and conditions under which such assignment shall be honored by the City of Vidor.

It is expressly provided herein that the City Council shall have the power and authority to provide for obtaining group insurance by City employees and payroll deductions for the payment of group insurance, upon the petition of the majority of the City employees in any one or more departments to be affected by such insurance plan.

SECTION 2.11 - CITY NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE BOND

It shall not be necessary in any suit or proceeding in which the City is a party for any bond, undertaking or other security to be demanded or executed by or on behalf of the City in any of the State Courts, but all such action, suits, appeals or proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if such bond had been given, and the City shall be liable as if the security or bond had been duly executed.

SECTION 2.12 - SERVICE OF PROCESS AGAINST THE CITY

The Mayor of the City of Vidor shall be the agent for service of process against the City.

SECTION 2.13 - LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES - NOTICE TO THE CITY WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS REQUIRED

Before the City shall be liable for damages for the death or personal injury of any person or for damages or destruction of property of any kind, the mayor or city council shall be given notice in writing of such death, injuries, damages or destruction within ninety (90) days after the same has been sustained, stating when, where, and how the death, injury, damage or destruction occurred and the apparent extent thereof, and an estimate of the damages sustained. Such notice shall be filed with the city secretary, and such filing will constitute notice to the City. The city council is hereby authorized and directed to make and fix by ordinance such additional rules and regulations for presenting claims as the City Council may deem advisable.

SECTION 2.14 - CITY OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEE NOT TO ACCEPT GIFTS

No City officer or Employee shall accept gifts directly or indirectly from firms or individuals doing business with the City of Vidor.

SECTION 2.15 - PERSONAL INTEREST IN CITY CONTRACTS

No member of the council or any officer or employee of the City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, or by reason of ownership of stock in any corporation, in any contract or in the sale to the city or to a contractor supplying the City, or any land or rights, or interest in any land, material, supplies or service. The City Council shall never authorize the expenditure of public funds for the development of privately owned subdivision. Any willful violation of this section shall constitute malfeasance in office, and any officer or employee of the City and guilty thereof shall thereby forfeit his office or position. Any violation of this section with knowledge express or implied of the person or corporation contracting with the City shall render the contract voidable by the City at the option of the City Council.

Ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding stock of a publicly held corporation by a member of the council or officer or employee of the City shall not be deemed to constitute a disqualifying "financial interest, direct or indirect, or by reason of ownership of stock in any corporation" within the meaning of this section of this charter.

SECTION 2.16 - NEPOTISM

No persons related within the second degree of affinity, or within the third degree of consanguinity to any elected officer of the City shall be appointed to any office, position or clerkship or other service of the City; provided that this provision shall not prevent the appointment of any person to any office, position, clerkship, employment or duty who has been continuously employed in such position, or in some other position of employment with the City, for a period of two years prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member of the Council having the power of appointment.

SECTION 2.17 - PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City Council shall have the power to establish and maintain a free public library, and to make such contracts, budget provisions, and requirements as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purpose of having a public library.

SECTION 2.18 - SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF CHARTER

If any section or part of any section of this charter shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this charter nor the context in which such section or part of section so held invalid may appear, except to the extent that an entire section or part of a section may be inseparably connected in meaning and effect with the section or part of section to which such holdings shall directly apply.

SECTION 2.19 - EFFECT OF THIS CHARTER ON EXISTING LAW

All ordinances, rules and regulations now in force under the City Government of Vidor and not in conflict with the provisions of this charter, shall remain in force under this charter until altered, amended, or repealed by the Council after this charter takes effect; and all rights of the City of Vidor under existing franchises and contracts are preserved in full force and effect to the City of Vidor.

SECTION 2.20 - INTERIM MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT - **[Repealed August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 2.21 - APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL LAWS

The Constitution of the State of Texas, the statutes of said State applicable to Home-Rule Municipal Corporations, as now or hereafter enacted, this Charter and ordinances enacted pursuant hereto shall, in the order mentioned, be applicable to the City of Vidor, but the City shall also have the power to exercise any and all powers conferred by the laws of the State of Texas upon any other kind of city, town or village, not contrary to the provisions of said home-rule statutes charter and ordinances, but the exercise of any such powers by the City of Vidor shall be optional with it. And it shall not be required to conform to the law governing any other cities, towns or villages unless and until by ordinance it adopts same.

SECTION 2.22 - AMENDING THE CHARTER

Amendments to this charter may be framed and submitted to the voters of the City in the manner provided by Chapter 9 of The Texas Local Governmental Code, as now or hereafter amended. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 2.23 - SUBMISSION OF CHARTER TO VOTERS - **[Repealed August 8, 1998]**

ARTICLE III. CITY COUNCIL AND CITY OFFICERS

ARTICLE 3.01 - MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO EXERCISE THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT

The municipal government provided by this Charter shall be known as a "Council - Manager" type of government. Pursuant to its provisions and subject only to the limitations imposed by the State constitution and by this Charter, all powers of the City shall be vested in the elected Council to be known as the "City Council", and hereinafter referred to as such. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 3.02 - ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY

The municipal government of the City shall consist of a City Council composed of a Mayor and six Councilpersons to be elected from the City at large by the qualified electors of the City. Terms of office shall be two years with the Mayor and three Councilpersons to be elected one year and the other three Councilpersons to be elected in alternate years. The Mayor and each councilperson shall hold office for a period of two years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified unless this place is declared vacant under any of the provision of this Charter. Commencing May 4, 1994, no person who has served as an elected officer of the City may be employed by the City within two (2) years from the date that said person ceases to be an elected officer of the City. **[Revised May 1992]**

SECTION 3.03 - APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY

Other officers of the City shall be a City Manager, a City Secretary, a City Attorney, a judge of the Municipal Court, and such other officers as the City Council may from time to time direct, who shall be appointed and dismissed by the City Council given due course as directed by existing personnel policies and applicable state and federal statutes. The City Council may consolidate such offices and positions as it may deem to be to the best interests of the City, and may divide the administration of any such offices or positions as it may deem advisable. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 3.04 - QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Each member of the City Council (including the Mayor) shall be a resident of the City of Vidor, shall be a qualified voter of the State of Texas, shall have been such a resident of the City of Vidor for a period of not less than one (1) year immediately preceding his/her election and shall not be indebted to the City of Vidor. If the Mayor or any Councilmember moves from the City or the Ward from which he/she is elected during the term of office for which he/she was elected, or if he/she is convicted of any felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, he/she shall automatically forfeit his/her office and it shall be deemed vacant. If any Councilmember fails to maintain the foregoing qualifications, or shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without valid excuse, the City Council, must, at its next regular meeting, declare a vacancy to exist and shall fill the vacancy by appointment until the next regularly scheduled election of the City. The City Council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members. Each Councilmember must be a resident of the ward for which he/she files. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 3.05 - COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

Salaries of Mayor and Councilmembers shall be set by ordinance but may not be increased in the current term of the Mayor or Councilmembers enacting such ordinance. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 3.06 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the City Council and shall appoint all committees and sub-committees of the council; he shall have the power to conduct hearings, summon witnesses and conduct investigations and do any and all other acts authorized by the City Council. He shall be the official representative of the City and shall do all in his power to further its best interests. He shall have the power to administer the oaths of office, shall have the authority in case of a riot or any unlawful assemblage, or with a view of preserving good order in the City, to order the arrest of any person violating the laws of this State, or any ordinance of the City. He shall perform other such duties and possess and exercise such other power and authority as may be prescribed and conferred by the City Council. The Mayor of the City of Vidor shall be entitled to vote only in case of tie vote

of the city councilmen.

SECTION 3.07 - MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

At the first meeting of each new council, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, one of the councilmen shall be elected mayor pro-tempore by majority of the council and he shall hold his office for one year. In case of failure, inability or refusal of the mayor to act, the mayor pro-tempore shall perform the duties of the mayor as set forth in this charter or conferred by the City Council.

SECTION 3.08 - VACANCIES

When a vacancy occurs in the City Council, except in recall elections, the remaining members of the council, shall within ten (10) days, appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term until the next regular election. However, the City Council shall not appoint more than two (2) councilmen between regular election dates. In case two (2) vacancies have been filled by the City Council since the last election and a subsequent vacancy or vacancies occur, or if more than two (2) vacancies occur at the same time or before a prior vacancy has been filled, the City Council shall call a special election within ten (10) days from the date the last vacancy occurred, to be held within forty-five (45) days thereafter, for the purpose of filling said vacancies. No election to fill vacancies on the Council shall be set for less than ninety (90) days before the date of the regular election, unless three or more vacancies shall exist at the same time. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled by appointment of the mayor and confirmation of the majority vote of the city council.

ARTICLE 3.09 - MEETINGS

The City Council shall hold two regular meetings in each month, these to be set as the second and fourth Thursdays of each month with the hour to be determined by a majority vote of the City Council. The City Council may hold as many meetings during a month as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of the City and its citizens. All meetings of the City Council shall be public, except as prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas and so designated by the council. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept to which any citizen may have access at all reasonable times and which shall constitute a public record of the City. Special meetings may be called by the mayor and/or three councilmen provided the mayor and all councilmen are notified by registered or certified mail or by public notice given at least three days before the special meeting. Action shall not be taken at a special meeting on any other matter except the stated purpose for which the meeting is called. Work sessions of the City Council may be held as often as deemed necessary by the City Council for the purpose of planning and discussion only.

SECTION 3.10 - PROCEDURES

The City Council shall determine its own rules of procedure and may compel the attendance of its members. The Mayor or Mayor pro-tempore, and any three councilmen, acting together, or any five councilmen acting together in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem shall constitute a quorum to do business and the affirmative vote of a majority of those present shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance or resolution, except as may otherwise be provided for in this charter. The vote upon the passage of all ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by the ayes and naves and entered upon the minutes, and every ordinance or resolution, upon its final passage, shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose, and shall be authenticated by the signature of the presiding officer and the person performing the duties of the City Secretary. Permanent recording of all ordinances shall be made within three (3) days after final passage.

SECTION 3.11 - APPOINTMENT OF CITY SECRETARY

The City Secretary shall be hired on recommendation of the Mayor and approval of the majority vote of the city councilmen. The City Secretary shall attend every meeting of the City Council and keep accurate minutes of the proceedings in a book to be provided for that purpose; engross and enroll laws, resolutions and ordinances of the City Council, keep the corporate seal, take charge of and preserve and keep in order all the books, records, papers, documents and files of said council, countersign all commissions issued to city officers and licenses issued by the mayor and keep a record of the register thereof and make out all notices required under any regulation or ordinance of the city, and shall keep in books regular accounts of the receipts and disbursements for the City, and separately under proper heads; he shall perform all such other duties as may be required of him by law, ordinance resolution or order of the City Council. The City Secretary must reside within the corporate limits of the City of Vidor or move into the corporate limits within ninety (90) days from the time employment by the City begins.

SECTION 3.12 - ANNUAL AUDIT AND SELECTION OF AN AUDITOR

The City Council shall cause an annual audit to be made of the books of accounts of each and every department of the City. Such audit shall be made by certified public accountants who shall be selected by the City Council and a contract entered into from year to year; and a written report of the City and shall be accessible to the public. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

SECTION 3.13 - INVESTIGATIONS

The City Council shall have the power to inquire into the conduct of any office, department, agency, officer or employee of the City and to make investigations as to municipal affairs and for that purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence. Failure to obey such subpoena or to produce books, papers or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section shall be punishable by fine not to exceed one-hundred (\$100) dollars.

SECTION 3.14-DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The City Council shall have the authority to delegate to any responsible person or committee, or to any officer or responsible agency of the city the authority to make investigations and report to the City Council, but the subpoena power shall be exercised only by the Mayor or the City Council of the City of Vidor.

SECTION 3.15 - CITY MANAGER

The City Council shall appoint a City Manager who shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the City. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(A) - APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The City Manager shall be hired by a majority vote of the City Council. The City Manager who shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the City and shall be responsible to the City Council for the efficient administration of all the affairs of the City. He/she shall be chosen by the City Council solely on the basis of his/her executive and administrative training, experience and ability, and need not, when appointed, be a resident of the City of Vidor, but during his/her tenure of office he/she shall reside within or move within the city limits within ninety (90) days. No member of the City Council shall, during the time for which he/she is elected or within two years after vacating office, be chosen as City Manager. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(B) - TERM AND SALARY:

The City Manager shall not be appointed for a definite term but may be removed at the will and pleasure of the City Council by a vote of the majority vote consisting of four of the six voting members of the City Council. If removed after serving six (6) months, he/she may demand written charges and the right to be heard thereon at a public meeting of the City Council prior to the date on which his/her final removal shall take effect; but pending such hearing, the City Council may suspend him/her from office. The action of the City Council in suspending or removing the City

Manager shall be final, it being the intention of this Charter to vest all authority and fix all responsibility for such suspension or removal in the City Council. In case of the absence or disability of the City Manager, the City Council may designate some qualified person to perform the duties of the office during such absence or disability. The City Manager shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the City Council. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(C) - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER:

The powers and duties of the City Manager shall be as follows:

(1) Appoint and remove all heads of departments and all subordinate officers and employees of the City except as otherwise provided by this Charter and except as he/she may authorize the head of a department or office to appoint and remove subordinates in such department or office. The decision of the City Manager or other appointing officer shall be final and there shall be no appeal therefrom to any other office, body or court whatsoever. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(2) Prepare the budget annually and submit it to the City Council and be responsible for its administration after adoption. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(3) Prepare and submit to the City Council as of the end of the fiscal year a complete finance report for the preceding year. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(4) Keep the City Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and to recommend to the City Council for adoption such resolutions as he/she may deem necessary or expedient. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(5) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or required of him/her by the City Council not inconsistent with this Charter. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(6) Neither the City Council nor any of its committees or members shall dictate the appointment of any person to, or his/her removal from office or employment by the City Manager or any of his/her subordinates, or in any manner interfere in the appointment of officers and employees in the departments of the administrative service vested in the City Manager by this Charter. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(7) Neither the City Council nor any of its committees or members shall become involved in the daily operation of the City of Vidor either by inference or directly in a manner that is other than the common responsibilities of any citizen of the City. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

ARTICLE IV.
POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SECTION 4.01 - JUDGE OF QUALIFICATIONS

The City Council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its own members and other elected officials of the City.

SECTION 4.02 - CLAIMS

The City Council shall have the power to compromise and settle claims against the City, provided, however, that the City Council shall not have the power to waive the requirement of notice of claim for damages, for death or injury of any person or damages or destruction of property of any kind, as hereinabove provided in Section 2.13 except by unanimous vote of all members of the Council present and voting.

SECTION 4.03 - RETIREMENT BENEFITS, GROUP INSURANCE AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The City Council shall have the power to grant to City employees the benefits of the Texas Municipal Retirement System, or any other pension or retirement system available to cities, and shall have the power to enter into any cooperative plan with city employees, of any department of the city, or all city employees, for purchasing group insurance for health, life and accident insurance benefits, and hospitalization benefits, with premiums to be paid partly by the city and partly by the employees, or entirely by the city, or entirely by the employees, as the council may see fit, and the City Council shall also have the power and the authority to make contracts for providing workmen's compensation benefits for city employees, and to procure any other type of insurance protection, either for the city or for employees, whether by virtue of liability insurance, health insurance, accident insurance, life insurance, compensation insurance, property damage insurance, or other types of insurance, according to the best judgment of the City Council.

SECTION 4.04 - SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY

The City shall have the power and authority to acquire by gift, purchase, devise, deed, condemnation or otherwise, any character of property, or property interests, whether fee simple, or leasehold, or any other estate, within or without its municipal boundaries, including any charitable or trust funds, and the City Council shall have the authority to manage said property for the best interest of the City and its citizens, and in the case of property not immediately needed for city purposes, the City Council shall have the authority to lease or rent the same for such purposes and for such rental

as in its best judgment seems proper; and in the event the City Council determines that property belonging to the City shall be sold, the City Council shall have the power to sell the same, either real property or personal property, provided, however, that in the case of any property of a value in excess of \$2,000.00, the City Council shall require public bidding and sell to the highest bidder, and on the best terms available to the City.

The City Council shall provide for, and shall require, the keeping of a separate account for each item of revenue producing property, and shall cause an accurate record to be kept of any sale or lease of city property, and the terms of any sale or lease shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the City Council. All such records shall be freely inspected by any interested member of the public who is a citizen of the City of Vidor.

SECTION 4.05 - CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING CONTRACTS

All contracts that the City has at the time of the adoption of this Charter shall remain in full force and effect. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, all bonded indebtedness, contracts for professional services, contracts for improvements, lease contracts, or any other agreement binding upon the City of Vidor, Texas immediately prior to the adoption of this Charter.

SECTION 4.06 - CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

The City Council shall have the power to provide rules for presenting claims against the City not inconsistent with this Charter, and may establish conditions precedent for the making of claims against the City, which said provisions shall be binding upon all claimants, and claims against the City shall not be valid except upon compliance with such conditions precedent as may be established by the City Council. Provided, however, there shall be no waiver of the ninety (90) days notice provision as set out in this charter, except upon unanimous vote of the members of the City Council present and voting, and then only in an open council meeting. No acts or conduct of any city official or officer of the City shall ever be taken or construed as a waiver of said ninety day notice requirement except through official action of the city council, and by unanimous vote of those present and voting at an open meeting of the City Council.

SECTION 4.07 - COUNCIL MEETINGS - PROCEDURE

The City Council shall determine its own rules of procedure and may compel the attendance of its members. Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the City Council shall be kept, to which any citizen may have access at all reasonable times, and which shall constitute one of the archives of the City. The minutes of the City Council shall be regularly authenticated by the mayor and city secretary, but failure to promptly authenticate the same shall not be held to invalidate any action of the City Council provable otherwise.

Ordinances and resolutions shall be considered by the City Council only in written or printed form, and all ordinances making appropriations, and ordinances codifying or rearranging existing ordinances or enacting any code of ordinances, shall be clearly expressed in the title. Ordinances making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of appropriations. No ordinance containing any penal provision, and no ordinance making appropriation of money other than as authorized by the City budget shall be finally passed until it has been read on two separate days, at separate meetings of the City Council, unless the requirements for reading it on two separate days shall be dispensed with by affirmative vote of all the council members present and voting. The final reading of each ordinance shall be in full, unless a written or printed copy thereof shall have been furnished to every member of the City Council prior to such reading, and when said copy has been furnished, any member of the council may - nevertheless require the same be read in full before final passage. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be: "Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Vidor."

SECTION 4.08 - POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

All powers of the City and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the City Council and Mayor as hereinabove provided. Without limitation of the foregoing, and among the other powers that may be exercised by the City Council, the following are hereby enumerated for greater certainty:

(a) Remove from office or position of the City Manager, City Secretary, Municipal Judge, City Attorney or any member of a board or commission. **[Revised August 8, 1998]**

(b) Establish, consolidate or abolish administrative departments and distribute the work of divisions.

(c) Adopt the budget of the City.

(d) Authorize the issuance of bonds by a bond ordinance.

(e) Inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City and make investigations as to municipal affairs.

(f) Provide for such additional boards and commissions, not otherwise provided for in this charter, as may be deemed necessary, and appoint the members of all such boards and commissions. Such boards and commissions shall have all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred and created by this charter, by City ordinance or by law.