Section 7.12. Taxes Due: Notification

The Treasurer Director of Finance - City shall not be required to call upon the per ous named in the City tax roll, nor to make personal demand for the payment of taxes soils named in the City das tori, to make years defined extended in a messpaper of specific field give finding to the fuspapers of the City; by publication in a messpaper of general circulation in the City at least once, which publication of notice shall be made at least ten (10) days prior to the first day of July in each year, of the time when said at tenst ten (10) days prior to the first day of July in each year, of the time when said taxes will be due for collection and shall give such notice of the time when said taxes will be due for collection by first class mail addressed to the owners of the property upon which taxes are assessed according to the names of such owners and their addresses as indicated on the tax roll, which notice shall be deemed sufficient for the payment of all taxes on said tax roll. Failure on the part of the Tressurer Director of Figure 1. namele. City to give said notice shall not invalidate the taxes on said tax roll nor release the person or property assessed from any penalty or interest provided in this article in case of non-payment of the same.

Section 7.13. Collection of City Taxes

Section 7.13. Collection of City Taxes. City taxes shall be due and payable on the first 11511 day of July of each year. To all taxes paid after August 31, there shall be added a four (M percent penalty, and to all taxes paid after said date, there shall also be added interest at the rate of une-half 421 of one 415 percent. "eith month of fraction of a month intervening between said date and the date of particular of a month of fraction of a month intervening between said date and the date of particular of a month of the next succeeding calendar. year, which date shall first occur. The added penalties and interest herein provided shall be a lien against the property to which the taxes themselves apply, collectible in the same manner as the taxes to which they are added.

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If the Treasurer Director of Finance - City has been unable to collect any of the City taxes on said roll on real property before the first day of March following the date when said roll was received by him, it shall be his duty to return all such unpaid taxes.

when said roll was received by him. It shall be his doty to return all such unpaid taxes on real property to the county treasurer in the same manner and with like effect as returns by township treasurers of township, school and county taxes. Such returns shall be made upon a delinquent tax roll to be prepared by the Treasurer Director of Finance City and shall include all the additional charges and fees hereinbefore provided, which charges shall, in such return, be added to the amount assessed in said tax roll against such description. The teach of the additional to the amount assessed in said tax roll against each description. The taxes thus returned to the county treasurer are collected under the provisions of the general laws of the state and shall be and remain a tien upon the lands against which they are assessed until paid.

Section 7.15. Protection of City Lien

The City shall have power, insofar as the exercise thereof shall not conflict with or The City shall have power, insorar as the certain date, to acquire by purchase any contravene the provisions of any general law of the state, to acquire by purchase any premises within the City at any tax or other public sale, or by direct purchase from the State of Michigan, or the fee owner, when such purchase is necessary to protect the lien state of Michigan, or the fee owner, when such purchase is necessary to protect the field of the City for taxes or special assessments, or both, on said premises and may hold lease, or sell the same solely for the purpose of securing therefrom the amount of such taxes or special assessments, or both, together with any incidental expenses incurred in connection with the exercise of this power. Any such procedure exercised by the City in the protection of its tax lien shall be deemed to be for a public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII MUNICIPAL BORROWING POWER

Section 8.01. General Power to Borrow
Subject to the applicable provisions of state law and this Charter, the Council, by
proper ordinance or resolution, may authorize the borrowing of money for any purpose
within the scope of the powers vested in the City and the Issuance of bonds of the City
or other evidence of indebtedness therefor, and may pledge the full faith and credit of the City for the payment of the obligation created thereby."

Section 8.02. Horrowing ! "The net bonded indeb edness-incurred for all public purposes shall not at any time "The net bonded indebtedness-incurred for all public purposes shall not at any time, exceed five (5) percent of the assessed valuation of all the real and personal property in the City provided that in computing such net bonded indebtedness there shall be ex-cluded money borrowed for the following purposes: Its amplification notes: special as-sessment bonds event though they are also general obligations of the City and revenue bonds and any other obligations excluded by statute or the Constitution from such limi-

Bonds Issued in anticipation of the payment of special assessments may be an obliga-Bonds Issued in anticipation of the payment of special assessments may be an outga-tion of a special-assessment district or districts or may be both an obligation of a spe-cial assessment district or districts and a general obligation of the City. All collections on special assessment rolls shall be set apart in a special fund and shall be used only for the purpose or purposes for which they were levied and for the payment of the prin-cipal and interest of any bonds Issued in anticipation of the payment of such special expan and interest to any deficiency in the special assessment fund to meet the pay-ment of any such principal and interest, money shall be advanced from the general funds of the City to meet such deficiency and shall be replaced in such general fund when the special assessment fund shall be sufficient therefor.

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Each bond or other evidence of indebtedness shall contain on its face a statement
specifying the purpose for which the same is Issued and it shall be unlawful for any
officer of the City to use the proceeds therefor for any other purpose, and any officer
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The containing the city of the containing the city of the containing to office. officer of the City to use the proceeds therefor for any other purpose, and any officer who shall violate this provision shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in office. All bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued by the City shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Clerk, under the seal of the City. Interest coupons may be executed with the facinthe signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk. A complete and detailed record of all bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued by the City

ARTICLE IX UTILITY SERVICES, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

Section 9.91. Public Utility Franchises
All public utility franchises granted after the adoption of this Charter, whether it be so provided in the granting ordinance or not, shall be subject to the right of the City:

provinces in the greating orminance or not, snail be suspect to the right of the City: A. To repeal the same for misuse, or nonuse, or for failure to comply with the provi-ions thereof: B. To require proper and adequate extension of plant and service and maintenance thereof at the highest practicable standard of efficiency;

C. To establish reasonable standards of service and quality of products, and prevent discrimination in service or rates;

D. To require continuous and uninterrupted service to the public in accordance with the terms of the franchise throughout the entire period thereof

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E. To impose such other regulations as may be determined by the Council to be conducive to the safety, welfare, and accommodation of the public;

P. To require the public utility to which any franchise is granted to permit joint use of its property and appurtenances located in the streets, alleys, and public places of the of its property and appurtenances located in the streets, alleys, and public places of the City, and other utilities insofar as such joint use may be reasonably practicable and upon payment of reasonable rental therefor; provided, that in the absence of agreement, upon application by any public utility, the Council shall provide for arbitration of the terms and conditions of such joint use. Said arbitration shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the American Arbitration Association; the cost of arbitration to be paid for jointly or shared equally by the consistants, and G. To pay such part of the cost of improvement or maintenance of the streets, alleys, bridges and public places of the City as shall state from its use thereof and to protect and save the City harmless from all damages arising from said use.

and save the City harmless from all damages arising from said use.

Section 9.2. Utility Charges, Collections and Lless

The Council shall provide, by ordinance, for the collection of all public utility charges
made by the City and, for such purpose, shall have all the power granted to cities by
Act 178 of the Public Acts of 1926, as amended. Utility bills due and unpaid shall become a lien on the property served and may be enforced and collected in the same
manner as other City taxes. When any person or persons, or any firm or corporation,
shall fall or refuse to pay to the City any sums due on utility bills, the utility service or
services upon which such delinquency exists may be shat off or disconlined and suit
may be instituted by the City for the collection of the same in any court of competent
introdiction.

Section 9 03, Public Works

Section 3.3. Public works

The Council shall, have power to do any public work or make any public improvement
by the employment of the necessary labor and the purchase of the necessary supplies
and materials with separate accounting as to each improvement so made, or to do such
work by contract duly let after competitive bidding. Where competitive bids are secured, the City, or any City department qualified to do the work, may enter a bid on an equal basis with other bidders. The Council shall also have the power to do any public work or make any public improvement under any legally constituted plan under which the labor is furnished by any other governmental unit, department, or agency of the United States or the State of Michigan, or which is wholly or in part financed by them or either of them.

Section 3.04. Cost of Acquired Property Added

Whenever any property is acquired by condemnation, or otherwise, for the purpose of my public improvement, the cost thereof, and of the proceedings required to acquire any public improvement, the cost thereof, and of the processuch property, may be added to the cost of such improvement.

Section 9.05. General Powers Relative to Special Assessments

The Council shall have the power to determine the necessity of any local or public The Council shall have the power to accurrance the receivant of any other power improvement, and to determine that the whole or any part of the expense shall be-derirayed by special assessment upon the property-specially benefited. Provided, that such expense shall, in each case, be substantially in accordance with and in proportion to such benefits derived by such property. Provided, further, that said improvement may, be by petition of benefiting property owners or by resolution of the Council. All the costs of local water and sewer improvements shall be borne one hundred (100) percent which benefiting property. Not more than twenty (20) percent of the cests of local road by the benefiting property. Not more than twenty (20) percent of the costs of loc construction or improvement shall be borne by the City residents at large or

Section 9.06. Detailed Procedure To Be Flaed By Ordinance

A. The Council shall prescribe by general ordinance the complete special assessment procedure concerning the initiation of projects, plans and specifications, estimates of sta, notice of hearings, making and confirming assessment rolls in advance of startcosts, notice of first rings, flating and continuous continuous continuous from the improvement, and the correction of errors therein, collection of special assessments, and any other matters concerning the making of improvements by the special assessment method subject to the provisions of this charter.

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9. When the City may, by law, participate in intergovernmental improvements, the cost of which may be defrayed in whole or in part by special assessment, the procedure therefor shall be as provided by the law permitting such participation. If such procedure is not so provided, the procedure established by and under authority of this section

n 2 07. Additional Assessments and Refunds

When any special assessment roll shall prove insufficient to meet the costs of the im-provement for which it was made the Council may make an additional pro rata assess-ment, but the total amount assessed shall not exceed the value of benefits received by ment, out the total mindule assessment prove larger than necessary by five 151 percent or less, the Council may place the excess in the City Treasury. If more than five (5) percent, the excess shall be refunded pro rata according to assessment, pro-vided, however, that no refunds shall be made of less than five (5) dollars. In either once, the Council may provide by resolution that the amount of any such excess may be allowed as a credit against remaining unpaid installments, if any. In the event that such assessment has been paid in full, then the refund shall be in cash. Section 9.09, Limitations on Suits and Actions

No suit or action of any kind shall be instituted or maintained for the purposes of contesting or enjoining the collection of any special assessment unless within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll, written notice is given to the ncil of intention to file such suit or action, stating the grounds on which it is claim esament is illegal, and unless such suit or action shall be commenced within

such assessment is illegal, and unless such suit or action shall be commenced within sixty (80) days after the confirmation of the roll.

Section 9.09. All Real Property Liable for Special Assessments

"All real property, including such as is exempt from taxation by law, shall be liable for the cost of public improvements benefiting such property, unless specifically exempted from special assessments by law.

Section 9.10. Lies for and Collection of Special Assessments

Upon the confirmation of each special assessment roll, the special assessments there on shall become a dekt to the City from the persons to whom they are assessed and, until paid, be and continue to be a lien upon the property assessed for the amount of such assessments and all interest and collection charges which may accure thereon. Such lien shall be of the same character and effect as that which is created by this Charter for City taxes

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Section 9.11. Certain Postponements of Payments

The Douncil may provide that any person who resides in a single family residence, who in the opinion of the Assessor and Council, by reason of poverty is unable to contribute toward the cost of the making of a public improvement by special assessment tribute towart the cross to the immage of a potate important or y special consists of an said slogle family residence, may execute to the City an instrument creating a lien for the benefit of the City on all or any part of the real property owned by him and benefited by any public improvement, which lien will mature and be effective from and after the execution of such instrument, shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds of Oskiand County, and shall not be discharged or released until the terms thereof are met in full. The Council shall establish the procedure for making this section effective. Section 9.12. Contracts

Durchages shall be made under such rules and regulations as may be established by Pruchases shall be made under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Council, provided, if any purchase or contract for purchasing, including a continuing order or contract for the purchase of the same commodity over a period of time, involves the expenditure of three thousand (3,000) dollars or more, the purchasing agent, unless it shall be determined by the Council to be against the best interests of the City, shall invite sealed bids or proposals, giving ten (10) days' publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and shall let the purchase or contract to the lowest responsible bidder thereon or may reject all the total bids of the purchase or contract to the lowest responsible bidder thereon or may reject all such bilds or proposals. All such sealed bilds or proposals shall be opened publicly and read aloud. Wherever substantial savings can be realized the purchasing agent may en-ter into cooperative bids. No contract or purchase order shall be subdivided for the pur-pose of circumventing the dollar value limitations contained in this section.

ARTICLE X

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ection 18.81. Gevernmental Ethics
The following rules shall govern the conduct of City officers in their dealing with the

A. Employment of Relatives. The appointment or employment of relatives by blood or marriage within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity of any Council member, appointee or employee of the City, shall require the approval of the Council. If the stationary us of relationship between any two employees, appointees, or Council members of the changes to a relationship described above, the employment status shall be re-ed by the Council.

viewed by the Council.

B. Conflict of Interest. No member of the Council or any commission or board of the City shall vote on any issue or matter in which he or a member of his family shall have a proprietary or financial interest or as the result of which he may receive or gain a financial benefit. If a question is raised under this section at any Council, board or commission meeting, such specific question shall be resolved before the main question shall be voted on, but the Council, board or commission member concerning whom the questions that the council is the council or commission member concerning whom the questions that the council is the council in the council is the council to the council in the council in the council is the council or commission member concerning whom the questions are considered to the council in the council in the council is considered to the council or commission member concerning whom the questions are considered to the council in the council in the council in the council in the council is considered to the council in the council in the council in the council is considered to the council in the c was raised shall not vote on such determination.

C. Builness Dealings with City. Any Council member, appointee, or employee of the City, who intends to have business dealings with the City, either directly or indirectly, whereby he may acquire from the City and income or benefits other than that provided as remuneration for his official duties, shall file with the City Clerk a statement, under setting forth the nature of his interest therein and that his participation therein is out, setting form the nature or in interest interin and that the protection of each site to the general welfare of the City. Such statement shall be transmitted to the Council and shall be spread upon the proceedings of the Council and published in full therewith. Confirmation of each such contract shall be made by a majority vote of the Council. contract made with a Council member, appointee or employee of the City under nices set forth herein, other than provided above, shall be voidable e circumstances set forth ection 19.02, Surety Bonds

The City shall provide, at its expense, bonds for personnel required to be be such surety and in such amounts as the Council may require by resolution. The City may provide for the indemnification of Council members, appointers and employees for liability arising out of the performance of their official duties.

ection 10.61. City Records

Section 16.03. City Records

The ordinary records of the City shall be deemed to be public records, shall be kept
in the City offices except when required for official reasons or for purposes of safekeepting to be kept elsewhere and shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times.

Police records of arrests/cruninal-investigations and similar-mutters/personate
records of City employees and records and papers concerning pending litigation shall
not be deemed public records and may be inspected only with the approval of the Coun-

Section 18.04. Tense and Headlans

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Except as otherwise specifically provided or indicated by the context, all words used in this Churter indicating the present tense shall not be limited to the time of the adoption of this Charter, but shall extend to and include the time of the happening of any event or requirement for which provision is made therein, either as a power, immunity, requirement, or prohibition. The chapter and section headings used in this Charter are for convenience only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Charter. Section 10.05, Effect of IDegality of Any Part of the Charter.

Section 10.05. Effect of Illegality of Any Part of the charter Should any provision or section, or portion thereof, of this Charter be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of this Charter 3a whole or of any remaining portion of such provision or section. In the event that any provision of this Charter shall portion of such provision or section. In the event usar any provision of this drainer static conflict with or contravent the provisions of any general law of the State of Michigan, the provisions of such general law of the state shall govern.

Section 10.00. Amendment of Charter
This Charter may be amended from time to time in the manner provided for by Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, or other applicable statute of the State

of Michigan. Such amendments may be initiated by petition of the electors or vote of the Council in accordance with the law. Should two (2) or more amendments, adopted at the same election, have conflicting provisions, the one receiving the larges tive vote shall prevail as to those provisions. Section 10.07. Penaltica.

Violations of Section 10.01 of this Charter or willful violation of any provision of this Charter or any duty imposed upon any official of the City by this Charter shall constitute misconduct in office and, in addition to any penalty imposed by law, shall subject the offender to removal from office by the Council.

ARTICLE XI TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Section 11.0). Statute of Transitional Provisions

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for an orderly transition from Township to City government. It shall constitute a part of this Charter only to the extent and for time required to accomplish this end.

time required to accomplish this end.

Section 11.02. Election on Adoption of Charter

A. Date. This Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the registered electors of the Township of Farmington at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 1973. This Charter shall be adopted if a majority of the ballots cast thereon are in favor of the

B. Form of ballot. The form of ballot for the submission of this Charter shall be follows:

Shall the proposed Charter for the City of Farmington Hills, as drafted by the Charter Commission elected May 16, 1972, be adopted?

YES

C. Election Procedure. The special election at which this Charter is submitted shall be conducted by the officials of the Township of Farmington subject to the same stat-utes, rules and regulations applicable to Township special elections except as otherwise provided in this Charter or by Act No. 790 of the Public Acts of 1990 as amended.

D. Publication of Charter and Notice of Election. The Charter Commission shall cause

this Charter to be published in two newspapers of general circulation in the Township at least once, not less than two (2) weeks and not more than four (4) weeks preceding the said election, together with notice of the election. Section 11.03, First Election of Council

The first election of Council members provided for in this Charter shall be held on

The first election of Council members provided for in this Charter shall be held of May 8, 1973, in conjunction with the election of the adoption of this Charter.

A. Terms. At the election at which this Charter shall be submitted there shall be elected seven (7) Council members whose terms of office shall begin to the taking effect of this Charter. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve until twelve (12:00) o'clock noon on January 1, 1978. The four (4) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve until twelve (12:00) o'clock noon on January 1, 1978. The first odd year general election at which Council members shall be absorbed to accordance with Scotlon 2 68 shall be the old wear general election held in elected in accordance with Section 2.05 shall be the odd year general election held in

B. Nominations. There shall be no primary election for the first election of Council members. Candidates shall be nominated by petition in the manner provided for in Sec tion 3.02 hereof.

C. Petitions, Petitions shall be filed with the Township Clerk, who shall perform all of the dutles in connection with such nomination petitions as are berein required of the City Clerk, Nomination petitions shall be filed by four (4:00) o'clock P.M. on March 20,

1973. Section 11.44. Effective Date of Charter

If this Charter is approved at the election provided for in Section 11.02, it shall take effect on July 1, 1973 at 12:01 o'clock A.M.

Section 11.8. First Meeting at Couocil

The Council first elected under this Charter shall meet at eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. on
Monday, July 2, 1973. This meeting shall be called to order by the Chairman of the
Charter Commission. The Council members shall take the constitutional oath of office which shall be filled with the Township Clerk prior to July 1, 1973. At its first meeting the Council shall elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The Council shall set the times of its regular meetings and shall perform such acts as are required to establish the gov-

ernment of the City.
Section 11.06. Continuation of Appointed Officers and Employees

Section 11.00. Continuation or Appointed University and Employers that Chips Charlet, all appointive officers and employees of the Township of Farmington shall continue in that City office or employment which corresponds to the Township office or employment which they held prior to the effective date of the Charter as though they had b

which they held prior to the effective date of the Charter as though they had ocen ap-pointed or employed in the manure provided for in this Charter, and they shall in all respects be subject to the provisions of this Charter. Section 11.97. Township and Wilage Assets and Liabilities

A. On the effective date of this Charter, all of the financial and other assets and prop-erly of the Township of Farmington and of the Villages of Qualectrown and Woodcreek Farms, including special assessments leveled and all delinquent taxes and other obliga-tions used to the Township and Villages, shall become the assets of the City, as the recessor is nown assets subject to such combinators as may exist negation and successor to such governments, subject to such encumbrances as may exist against any successor to such governments, subject to such encumbrances as may exist against any of them and the payment of the principal of and the interest on any bonds which have been Issued by the said Township and Willages, and for payment of any indetechess; incurred by them. Such financial assets shall be available for use of the City. Until funds are appropriated by the City, the expenses of the government of the City shall be paid out of the financial assets received from the said Township, and shall be deemed to have been appropriated for the defraying of such experises.

B. No right or liability, lease or franchise, or contract existing at the time this Charles became effective, and no suit or prosecution of any character by or against said Township or Villages shall be affected in any manner by any change resulting from the

incorporation of territory in said Township and Villages as a City, but the same shall stand or proceed as if no change had been made and shall run to or against the City, as the case may be, as the successor municipality of the territory in the said Township and Villages

C. All trusts established for any municipal purposes of said Township and Villages shall be continued as trusts for the City in accordance with the terms thereof, subject the the cy pres doctrine

Section 11.08, Interim Taxation

Section 11.00. Interim 1888000

The Council shall have the authority, for the first fiscal year, to levy taxes in accordance with law and subject to limitations provided by this Charter based agon the current assessment roll of the Township of Farmington as certified by the Township Board of Review.