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## Proposed Charter For Village of Quakertown

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We, the residents of Quakertown, by virtue of the rights granted us by the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan wishing to preserve our simple rural way of life and the character of our neighborhood, do hereby ordain and establish this Village of Quakertown Charter.

CHAPTER I

hood, do hereby ordain and establish this Village of Quaker town Charter.

The territory constituting the Village of Quaker town includes parts of Sections 15, 16, and 21, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 16 located 859.06 feet westerly along said north line from the north line of Section 16 located 859.06 feet westerly along said north line from the north line of Sections 16 and 15 to the north east corner of the west 98.5 acres of the north west 1 of Section 15; thence southerly along the east line of the north east corner of the north west 1 into the south west 1 line; thence westerly along said 1 line to the north east corner of the north west 1 of the south west 1 Section 15; thence southerly along said 1 to the south line of said north west 1 of the south west 2 to the south west 3 for the south west 3 for the south west 3 for the south line of said north west 1 to the west 1 inc of the north west 1 of the south line of said north west 1 to the west 1 inc 1 for said section 21; thence southerly along said south line of north west corner Section 21; thence southerly along said south line of the north 1 of the south 2 of the south 3 of the south 3 of the south 4 of the south 2 of t

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CHAPTER II

POWERS IN GENERAL

Section I. The Village of Quakertown shall have such powers as are conferred by the Constitution and laws of the state and by this charter and also such powers as are necessarily or fairly implied in or incidental to those expressly granted or which are essential to the declared objects and purposes of the Village. The enumeration of specific powers in this charter shall not be construed as a limitation upon the general powers granted by state—law—or—by this charter.

Section 2. The Village shall have the power:

(a) To acquire properties, monies or effects for public purposes by any lawful means.

(b) To hold, manage and control-property and effects acquired, but not to dispose of or encumber any real-property without approval of two-thirds of the electors voting thereon.

(c) To expend funds and incur obligations, but not in excess of the relevant annual budget without approval of two-thirds of the electors voting thereon.

(d) To provide by ordinance for Village zoning, including the establishment of districts or zones, and for regulation therein of the use of lands and structures, the height, area, size and location of buildings, the light and ventilation of such buildings, the light and ventilation, repair and an anintenance of all buildings and to the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of al

(f) To provide by ordinance for the establishment of definite fire limits, the regulation and/or prohibition within such limits of the construction of buildings, and other structures of wood and other materials easily inflammable, the regulation materials easily inflammable, the regulation materials easily inflammable, the regulation and of the prohibition of acts and practices by persons within the Village as shall reasonably be considered to endanger the safety and well being of persons and property from damage by fire, and for the inspection of private property for the purpose of determining whether a fire hazard exists.

(g) To regulate by ordinance the location, construction, size and height of billboards and the maintenance thereof.

(h) To provide by ordinance for the prohibition of hunting and regulation-of-the-use of-fire-arms within the Village.

(i) To provide by ordinance, not inconsistent with state and federal laws, for the regulation and licensing of trades, occupations, and public places of amusement, and the number of licenses fees and the furnishing of such bond therefor and conditions upon which licenses shall be granted, including the payment of license fees and the furnishing of such bond therefor as the Council shall deem reasonable; and proper, Licenses shall be subject to revocation by the Council as provided in each particular ordinance.

(i) To provide-by ordinance for the regulation of the speed of motor vehicles and the prohibition of such parking on designated highways and alleys or the Village; for the regulation of traffic and parking of automobiles and other vehicles, and the prohibition of such parking on designated highways, streets and alleys or parts thereof; for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation-of-such regulations—on-prohibitions—and of vehicles abandoned and left on the streets, highways and alleys of the Village; and for the sale of any impounded vehicle which shall not be claimed and the impounding and other charges paid within sixty days after being impound

protection and for the services of its fire department.
To provide by ordinance for the preventing of injury or annoyance to the inhabitants of the Village from anything which is danger-ous, offensive or unhealthful, and for the preventing of nuisances and punishing those occasioning them or neglecting or refusing to abate or remove the same. To provide by ordinance for the establishment of any department, not including public schools, the Village may deem necessary for its general welfare, and for the separate in corporation thereof.
To establish special assessment districts, uportion thereof of any public improvements osuch districts.
To authorize the use upon the payment of reasonable compensation by others than the owner, of property located in streets, alleys and public places and used in the operation of a public utility.

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PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

Section 1. All powers of the Village except as otherwise provided by statute or this charter, shall be vested in the Council, which shall consist of a president, a clerk, a treasurer, and two councilmen. The Council shall constitute the legislative and governing body of said Village, with power and authority to pass such ordinances and adopt such resolutions as they shall deem proper in order to exercise the powers possessed by said Village.

Section 2. There shall also be an assessor, having such duties as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. The president, clerk, treasurer, councilmen and the assessor shall be elected on a non-partisan ballot from the Village a large and shall be subject to recall as hereinafter provided. No person shall be eligible to the office of president, clerk, treasurer, councilman or assessor who shall not at the time of his election or appointment be 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Village and an owner of real property in the Village, or the wife or husband of such person.

Section 4. No person shall be elected to any office unless he shall be an elector of the Village. No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who is a defaulter to the Village or any department thereof, or to any school district embracing all-or any portion of the territory of the Village. All votes for or any appointment of any such defaulter shall be void. All officers, elected or appointed shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of the state, and file the same with the clerk, and in case of failure to do so within ten days after receiving notice of their election or appointment, shall be conclusively deemed to have declined the office.

Section 5. At the election at which this charter shall be submitted there shall be elected a president, a clerk, a treasurer, two councilmen and an assessor, each of whose term of office shall begin

an assessor, each of whose form of office shall begin at 8:00 o'clock P.M. on the second Monday following his election and shall expire at 8:00 P.M. on the second Monday following his election and shall expire at 8:00 P.M. on the second word following the regular municipal election in the second year thereafter municipal election and qualification of its own members and of the assessor, subject however to the provisions of the laws of the state in respect to recounts and to review by the courts in appropriate proceedings.

Section 7. At 8:00 o'clock P.M. of the day upon which this charter shall take effect, and at the same time on the second Monday following each regular municipal election thereafter, the Council shall meet for the purpose of organization. The first organization meeting shall be held at the residence of the president or such other place as Council may adjourn to and thereafter the organization meetings of the Council. Other meetings of the Council shall be held at such times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution, provided that it shall meet regularly and not less than bi-monthly. The president or only two-members-of-the-Gouncil-may-call-special meetings of the Council upon at least twenty-four (24x hours' written notice to each member, served personally or left at his usual place of residence, provided, however, any special meetings held within the Village limits at which all members of the Council shall be public and any person may have access to the minutes and records thereof at all reasonable times. The Council shall determine its own rules and order of business. It shall keep a journal, in the English language, of its proceedings which shall be signed by the president and the clerk.

Section 8. Three members of the Council shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalties as may be presseribed by ordinance, and alpenden guiter of the Council. He shall preside at the meet

one of its members to preside.

Section 10. The president, treasurer, each of the two councilmen and the assessor shall each receive one dollar (\$1.00) per year, and shall receive no other compensation for services performed for and on behalf of the Village during their term of office. All other officers except where other provision is made herein or by law regulating fees for services shall-receive-such-compensation as-the Council-shall-prescribe.

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Section 11. Absence from five (5) consecutive regular meetings of the Council shall automatically operate to vacate the seat of a member of the Council, unless the absence is excused by the Council by resolution setting forth such excuse.

Section 12. The Village Council shall have power to appoint, suspend and prescribe the duties of a Village marshall, road commissioner, attorney and auditor, and shall set the compensation for each.

Section 13. The salary of the clerk for the term expiring at 8:00 o'clock P.M. on the second Monday following the regular municipal election in the year 1959 shall be \$25.00 per month and thereafter the salary of the clerk shall be set by the Council prior to election. The assessor shall hold no other Village office.

The clerk shall keep the corporate seal, all the documents, official bonds, papers, files and records of the Village, not by this charter entrusted to some other officer. In case of the absence of the clerk, or if from any cause he shall be unable to discharge, or be disqualified from performing the duties required of him, then the Council may appoint one (1) of their own number, or some other registered elector clerk pro tem. The clerk shall record all the proceedings and resolutions of the Council, and shall record, or cause to be recorded, all the ordinances of the Village, He shall countersign and register all licenses granted. He shall, when required, make and certify, under the 'seal of the Village, copies of the papers and records filed and kept in his office, and such copies shall be evidence in all -places of the matters therein contained, to the same extent as the