

CHARTER FOR THE TOWN OF SARDIS, TENNESSEE<sup>1</sup>

CHAPTER NO. 833

HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

(By Kelley)

AN ACT entitled: "AN ACT to incorporate the Town of Sardis, Henderson County, Tennessee, and the inhabitants thereof, under the corporate name of the Town of Sardis, and to define the powers thereof; to provide for the government and organization thereof; to name the members of the first governing body; to provide for the employment of the necessary officers of said municipality and to provide for their election or appointment; to define their qualifications, powers and duties and to fix their compensation."

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<sup>1</sup>Priv. Acts 1949, ch. 833, is the current basic charter act for the Town of Sardis, Tennessee. The text of the basic charter act set out herein was last amended to reflect legislation passed in the 1975 session of the Tennessee General Assembly and is current with the laws from the 2023 Regular Session of the 113<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly. Sections of the charter which have been amended contain at the end of those sections the citation to the official act or acts constituting the amendment or amendments. No other changes have been made to the charter except the addition of a table of contents to facilitate its use. A list of all the acts including the basic charter appears at the end of the charter.

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SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. That the Town of Sardis, in Henderson County, Tennessee, and the inhabitants thereof, be and the same are hereby constituted and declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "Sardis, Tennessee," and by that name shall have perpetual succession; may use a common seal and may alter it at pleasure; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all the courts of law and equity in all actions whatsoever; may purchase, receive, and own and hold real estate, personal, and mixed property, within or without the Town for corporation purposes, and sell or dispose of such property for the benefit of the corporation, and do all other things touching the same as a natural person may do.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the corporate limits of the Town of Sardis shall embrace the territory within the following boundaries:

Being in the Seventh Civil District of Henderson County, Tennessee, and beginning on a concrete monument on the south side of Sardis and Scotts Hill gravel road at a point which bears north 7 degrees west 59 feet from the brick chimney of Joe Medlin farm house; runs thence south 81 ½ degrees west 252 poles to a concrete monument on property of Bob Chalk 506 feet from the center line of Tennessee Highway No. 104; thence south 45 degrees west 201 poles to a concrete monument 20 feet north of the center line of the Centerpoint Road; thence south 41 ½ degrees east 36.4 poles to a double cedar on the Delaney property; thence south 15 degrees east 29.8 poles to a large oak on the premises of Earl Story; thence south 46 ¾ degrees east 217 poles to a hickory on the Austin property; thence south 18 ¼ degrees east 175 poles to a concrete monument on the south margin of the right-of-way of the pipe line; thence north 47 degrees east 118 poles to a hickory on the W. T. Johnson

property; thence north 83 ¼ degrees east 238 poles to a stake on premises of J. A. Medlin 9 feet east of the tile well; thence north 76 ¼ degrees east 42 poles to a concrete monument on premises of Thomas Holland; thence north 26 ¾ degrees west 490 poles to the point of beginning. Bearings herein magnetic as of March 18, 1949, measurements with the grade.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That said municipality shall have full power and authority:

1. To enact such laws and ordinances as may be necessary and proper to observe the health, peace, and good order of the Town.
2. To prevent, remove, and abate nuisance.
3. To establish night watchmen and patrols if deemed necessary.
4. To ascertain the boundaries of streets and alleys and to open, change, close, and widen streets and alleys, and to lay out and establish new streets and alleys, and to effectuate such powers it shall have the right to condemn lands and other property for such purposes, and shall also have the right and power to sell and convey streets and alleys owned by said municipality within said corporate limits for the benefit of the said municipality.
5. To grant privileges in the use and enjoyment of the streets and alleys of said Town.
6. To extend, establish, grade, pave, or otherwise improve, clean and keep in repair, streets, alleys, pikes, sidewalks, and, when necessary, to remove trees or other obstruction from said streets, sidewalks and alleys.
7. To assess property for taxes and to levy and collect, by proper officers, taxes on all real estate and personal property, polls and privileges taxable by the laws of the State of Tennessee.
8. To appropriate money and provide for the debts of the Town.
9. To make regulations and to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious diseases in the Town; and, when deemed necessary, to appoint a Board of Health for the purpose of enforcing the same within one mile of the city limit.
10. To erect, establish and keep in repair bridges, culverts, sewers and gutters within the city limits or immediately connected with the Town.

11. To restrain and prohibit gaming, gambling, and houses of ill fame, and to prevent other misdemeanors and other disorderly conduct.
12. To prohibit indecent exposures and indecent shows and exhibitions.
13. To provide for the organization and regulation of fire companies and the sweeping of chimneys and other fire hazards.
14. To impose and collect fines and forfeitures and penalties for breaches and violations of the Town ordinances.
15. To establish a fire zone and prohibit the erection of wooden buildings in such parts of the Town as may be deemed expedient.
16. To provide by ordinance for all necessary improvements and expansions of the waterworks and lighting system within or without said municipality, and to provide for the operation and conduct of a sewerage system, and to issue interest-bearing warrants for the expansion of said waterworks.
17. To regulate the storage of gunpowder, dynamite and any and all combustible materials and explosives and the use of lights and stovepipes and heating systems in all stables, shops and any and all other buildings within the corporate limits.
18. To provide for the arrest and confinement until trial of all drunk or disorderly persons.
19. To regulate, tax, license, or suppress the keeping or running at large of all livestock within the corporate limits or within any part of same, and to impound any animal or animals, and in default of redemption in pursuance of any ordinance, to sell or dispose of same.
20. To commit any person or persons who may fail or refuse to pay or secure any fine or fines and costs imposed upon them by any ordinance of said Town to the jail, calaboose, or workhouse of said Town until such fine or costs be paid or secured. Every person so committed to the workhouse shall be required to work for the Town as his or her health will permit, at such rates, and under such regulations, as may be established by ordinance, said work to continue until said fine and costs are fully paid.
21. To pass all laws and ordinances necessary to enforce the powers granted, not inconsistent with the Constitution and of the laws of the United States and of the State of Tennessee.

22. To, at the discretion of the governing body of said Town, levy tax not exceeding five (5) cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars worth of taxable property, annually, for the purpose of advertising the commercial, social, agricultural, industrial, points of interest, scenic, historical, educational, and religious advantages, of said municipal corporation.

23. To issue interest-bearing warrants and/or notes for public improvements in said Town and to provide by ordinance a sinking fund and tax levy to pay same. The said Town is further empowered to secure the payment of any warrants and/or notes so issued by executing a mortgage or any real estate and/or personal property owned by said Town, said mortgage to be executed by the Mayor and Recorder on behalf of said Town. The said Mayor and Recorder may acknowledge said mortgage for registration, provided that before any such mortgage shall be valid, the same shall be authorized by a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the said Town of Sardis. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1957, ch. 171]

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That all bond issues, debts, and obligations made or contracted for by the Mayor and Aldermen of Sardis, by appropriate legislation, or by any manner in which said bond issue, debt, or obligation was legally enacted or created by any former corporation by, and the same is hereby declared to be valid and binding obligations of the Town of Sardis for the payment of same.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That the governing body of the Town of Sardis shall be known and designated as the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sardis. Said governing body shall consist of a Mayor and five (5) Aldermen, each of whom shall be householders and freeholders, not less than 21 years of age and shall have resided within the limits of the Town of Sardis at least one year, and for the purpose of putting this Act into effect, the persons hereinafter named shall be, and they are hereby constituted, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sardis, and clothed with all the powers vested by law in such officials, and they shall discharge all the duties incumbent upon them, as such officials from and after their induction into their offices as hereinafter provided for, and shall hold their offices until their successors are legally elected and qualified. The officials herein below named shall, within five (5) days after the passage of this Act, take an oath before the County Judge of Henderson County, Tennessee, or before some other person qualified to administer oaths, said oath to be in conformity with the oath prescribed by statute for public officials, and all subsequent elected or employed officials shall take the same oath, and in case of vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, of the Mayor or any member of the Board, the remaining members of the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor shall elect some qualified persons, as hereinbefore provided, to fill said vacancy and to hold his office until the next regular election of the Town officials. And for the purpose of putting

this Act into effect immediately after its passage, the following named persons shall be and constitute the first Mayor and Board of Aldermen of this Act, to-wit:

J. T. Hanna, Mayor.  
J. S. Johnson, Alderman.  
Riley Stanfill, Alderman.  
W. T. Johnson, Alderman.  
R. L. Moore, Alderman.  
T. H. Phillips, Alderman.

and in compensation for the additional duties and responsibilities undertaken by the mayor, beginning July 1, 1975 the mayor and his successors in office shall receive the sum of seventy-five (\$75.00) per month, and the members of the Board of Aldermen and their successors in office shall receive the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month, to be paid to aldermen elected to their offices subsequent to the effective date of this Act, for their services as such officials. Immediately after being sworn into office as such officials the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall meet at once and organize and assume charge of the affairs of the municipality, and shall proceed to elect a City Marshal and a Recorder and such other officers as the Board shall deem necessary, each of which officials shall be employed by a majority vote of the Aldermen of the said Town. The Recorder shall also serve as Tax Assessor for said municipality.

The Mayor shall not be permitted to cast a vote as a member of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen except in case of a tie, when he shall then be required to cast the deciding vote of all cases of such ties. It shall also become the duty of the said Board to fix by ordinance the salaries of all officials employed by them, and they are hereby constituted with power to discharge any such official with or without cause when, in their judgement, such action appears to be to the best interest of the Town of Sardis. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall meet the first Friday night of the following month after assuming office and each first Friday night of each month thereafter as a regular monthly meeting of said Board. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1957, ch. 28, § 1; and Priv. Acts 1975, ch. 122]

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor hereinbefore appointed by the provisions of this Act, and his successors in office, shall preside over all meetings of the Board.

It shall be the duty of the Mayor by written communication, to lay before the Board any information coming to his attention which, in his judgement, demands the consideration of said Board. He shall have the power to call special meetings of said Board; also, whenever in the opinion of three (3) members of the Board of Aldermen, the welfare of the Town demands it, the Mayor or Recorder shall call a special meeting of the said Board of Aldermen

upon written notice to each Alderman, such notice to be served by member of police force or left at their usual place of residence. Each call for special meeting shall set forth the character of business to be transacted at such meeting, and no other business shall be considered at such meeting. Provided, however, that a special meeting of the Board may be held at any time upon unanimous consent of the Mayor and Aldermen waiving call and notice thereof in writing.

The Mayor shall lay before the Board statements of the financial condition of the Municipality every three months. Statement shall be ordered published by the Board annually in a newspaper in Henderson County. He shall have the power and it shall be his duty to countersign all warrants, checks and other vouchers drawn against Town funds, and he shall also be required to sign all written contracts, to which the Municipality may become a part of.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall have the power, and authority is hereby vested in them, to employ a City Attorney, whose duties are hereinafter set out and whose salary shall be fixed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the said Board shall have the power and authority to employ additional counsel to assist said City Attorney when, in their judgment, the exigencies of the case demand it.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall also have the power, and authority is hereby vested in them, to employ special policemen to assist the Town Marshal when in their judgment the exigencies demand such a system, compensation for such services to be fixed by the Board, the employment of such officers to be made in writing and entered on record of the minutes of the Board.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall also have power, and authority is hereby vested in them, to appoint such committees or one or more men to each committee to administer the affairs of the Municipality, such as department of public affairs, police, public health, schools, fire department, streets, grounds and places of amusement, and building, and any other department existing in said Municipality and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have the power and authority is hereby vested in them to prescribe by proper ordinances the duties of such committees appointed, and, such committees may be or may not be appointed from the membership of the Board of Aldermen and the salaries of such committeemen to be fixed by the Board.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall have the power and authority to compel by ordinance the owner of property on any street, alley, or avenue, or any street, alley or avenue hereinafter laid out or constructed, within the corporate limits of the Town of Sardis, to grade, construct, pave, and repair the sidewalks and foot pavements the whole extent of the said frontage along the same, the same to be done according to the grade furnished and the specifications set out by a municipal authority, and if the

owner of the ground shall fail to comply with the provisions of law or ordinances as may be duly enacted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, for grading, constructing and repairing of the sidewalks and foot pavements within such time, and in such manner as may be prescribed thereby, then the Mayor and Board of Aldermen may contract with some suitable person on the best terms that may be made for the grading, constructing, paving and repairing such sidewalks and foot pavements, and pay for the same; the amount so paid and expended shall be a lien on the entire tract of land or lot adjacent to said street, alley or avenue, over which said adjacent tract of land or lot said sidewalks or foot pavements are built, it being the intention of this Act to impress a lien on the entire tract or lot of land fronting on said street, alley or avenue without limiting said lien to the land actually taken for the erection of such sidewalks and/or foot pavements, and said line may be enforced by attachment in law or equity and shall be recovered in the name of the Town of Sardis before any court of competent jurisdiction, and said Municipality shall not be liable for any damage to the owner of any such lot or parcel of land for the removal of any fence or other obstruction, nor for the land, except when said sidewalk or foot pavement exceed seven feet in width; provided, however, that such land taken or used shall be for the use and benefit of the Municipality of the Town of Sardis.

2. Said Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be, and are hereby empowered, and invested with the authority, to impose by ordinance interest and penalties on all delinquent taxes; said interest and penalties not to be in an amount exceeding the interest and penalties now or hereafter imposed by law upon State and County taxes, and to provide by ordinances for the enforcement and collection of same.

3. Said Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be, and are hereby, vested with full and complete power and authority to enact such ordinances and laws as shall be necessary to effectuate the powers heretofore vested in said Municipality; provided, however, such laws so enacted shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State of Tennessee; and such Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be, and are hereby, invested with full and complete power and authority to do all acts and perform all duties required to effectuate the powers heretofore vested in said Municipality, and which are not delegated to some other official by this Act, and to perform all duties and all Acts imposed by law upon municipal legislative bodies.

4. The said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in acting on all and any question coming before the Board, including the enactment of all laws, resolutions and ordinances, the vote shall be taken by viva voce on roll call and the vote of each member thereof shall be recorded on each and every question to be voted upon, in a book to be designated the Roll Call Book.



5. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall require all oaths of office to be in writing, and the same shall be filed with the Recorder and become a part of the records of said Board.

6. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall have power and the authority is hereby vested in them to select one of the members of the Board of Aldermen as Vice-Mayor, and his duties shall be to preside over the meetings in the absence or inability of the Mayor to be present at any meeting, and also to act as Mayor in any capacity that this Act requires of the Mayor, but in no case shall the Vice-Mayor sign any papers, contracts, warrants or checks, etc., unless the Mayor is out of the Town of Sardis, and in that event a majority of the Board of Aldermen, or the Recorder, may request the Vice-Mayor to act as Mayor.

7. In the absence or inability of the Mayor or Vice-Mayor to be present at any meeting, it shall be the duty of the Board to elect one of their number to preside over such meeting.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall, in passing of all ordinance, observe the following:

Said ordinances shall be submitted and passed on two separate readings at regular or specially called meetings of the Board, the second reading to be not less than one week and not more than two weeks from and after its first reading or introduction; and on each of said readings the ordinance or ordinances so submitted shall receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board and be signed by the Mayor before the same shall become effective; and the Mayor shall sign all ordinances which have received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, within twenty-four hours from the time of the passage of the ordinance, and in the case of the inability of the Mayor to sign such said ordinance it shall become the duty of the Vice-Mayor to sign the same. When an ordinance is introduced it shall be the duty of the Recorder to note on said ordinance the name of the person introducing the same, the date of its first passage and the date of its final passage, and the date approved by the Mayor and Vice-Mayor. Said ordinance shall be divided into appropriate sections, shall be in brief but intelligible form, and shall, after passage, be recorded in a well-bound book, or printed upon durable paper, and a printed copy, if ordered by the Board and certified to by the Recorder, shall be received in evidence by the courts of this state as competent evidence of the provisions of such ordinance.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby authorized and empowered to draft or embody the ordinances of the Town of Sardis in the form of a code embracing all ordinances to be known and designated the "Town Code". Said Town Code shall be made up on a loose leaf record approved by the Mayor or Vice-Mayor in order that new ordinances passed from time to time may be inserted therein.

Said Mayor and Board of Aldermen may, by ordinance pass on two separate readings as heretofore provided for the passage of ordinances, adopt all or such portions of the ordinance of any former municipal corporation of Sardis, as may be deemed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be the best interest of the Municipality of the Town of Sardis and the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, That a majority of all members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may compel the attendance of the absentees in such manner and under such penalty as the Board may provide.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, That the Recorder hereinbefore provided shall be empowered as follows and impressed with the following duties:

1. To issue all warrants for the apprehension and arrest of any and all violators of the criminal laws, misdemeanor ordinances, and offenses against the Municipality as prescribed by ordinances.

2. To discharge all the duties imposed upon Justice of the Peace; exercise the duties and possess all the judicial powers of Justice of the Peace, as to criminal offenses committed in the corporate limits of the municipality.

3. Said Recorder shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Board and until his successor is employed and is qualified.

4. Said Recorder shall before entering upon the duties of his office enter into bond issued by some bonding company licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee, and signed by a resident agent of the Town of Sardis, premium on said bond to be paid from the funds of the Municipality, the amount of the bond to be determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and in no case to be less than Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, bond to be filed with the Mayor and entered of record on the minute book in the Recorder's Office.

5. Said Recorder shall also before entering upon the duties of his office take oath prescribed by law for Justice of the Peace, which oath shall be filed with the Mayor, as heretofore provided.

6. Said Recorder has power to impose and collect fines, penalties and forfeitures for violations of City Ordinances, and shall have and receive the fees allowed by law to Justice of the Peace, in criminal cases, which fees shall be and become the property of the Town of Sardis unless otherwise provided by ordinance of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

7. Said Recorder shall also make reports of all fines and costs collected by him to the Mayor on the first day of each month.

8. It shall be the further duty of the Recorder to assess all property for taxation. He shall observe the rules and regulations laid down by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the ordinance thereof, and shall assess the property at its actual cash value and shall not be governed nor influenced by the value placed upon said property by the Tax Assessor of the said County of Henderson.

9. In assessing all property for taxation purposes, he shall go upon the premises of all real estate and ascertain the correct boundaries thereon and true owner thereof, and shall see and observe said property before placing valuation thereon.

10. Said Recorder shall copy the name of the property owner on a book to be known as the Tax Book, giving true boundaries, valuation of property and total amount of taxes.

11. The Recorder shall receive such compensation from the Municipality as allowed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by proper ordinance.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That the City Attorney shall possess the following qualifications and his duties shall be as follows:

1. The City Attorney shall be a legally licensed attorney and qualified to practice law in all the courts of this State.

2. It shall be his duty to represent the Municipality in all suits in which the Town of Sardis shall be engaged or concerned in any of the courts of the Town or State.

3. He shall give legal service and written opinions to any of the Town officials on any and all legal matters concerning the Town of Sardis, when requested so to do by the Mayor or the Board, and shall attend all meetings of the Board, when requested so to do by the Mayor or any member of the Board.

4. He shall when requested by the Mayor or the Board of Aldermen, draft any and all ordinances, and, when requested, examine any or all ordinances considered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and pass upon their validity and legality, and shall perform such other and further legal services as are consistent to said office.

5. The salary of the City Attorney shall be fixed by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen by ordinance and the City Attorney shall in addition to his regular compensation be paid such additional fees as his services may demand, and the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen may within their discretion allow.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, That the first Justice of the Peace for said Town of Sardis shall be Glen Presley, who shall hold office until the first Monday in September, 1950, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and he shall perform the duties of the Justice of the Peace representing said Municipality and his status and authority to act until the next regular election in 1950 shall be as full and complete as other Justices of the Peace of Henderson County, Tennessee. At the regular election in August, 1950, when the other officials of the Town of Sardis, Tennessee, are elected, there shall be elected a Justice of the Peace to serve until the first Monday in September, 1954, and thereafter the Justices of the Peace for said Municipality shall be elected for a term of six years as are other Justices of the Peace of Henderson County, Tennessee.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor and five (5) Aldermen hereinbefore named and specifically designated as the first Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Sardis shall hold their offices subject to the provisions hereinbefore set forth until the first Monday in September, 1950, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, That the Election Commissioners of Henderson County, Tennessee, shall open and legally hold an election, after first giving notice thereof in a newspaper published in Henderson County, Tennessee, as provided by law. The first election shall be held within lawful hours and under all legal regulations and restrictions on the first Thursday in August, 1950, at which first election the Mayor and five (5) Aldermen herein provided for shall be elected; and every two years thereafter, on the first Thursday in August, and in the manner aforesaid, there shall be held by the duly constituted election authorities of Henderson County, Tennessee, an election for Mayor and five (5) Aldermen, who shall hold their offices for two (2) years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All legal qualified voters living within the Municipality and who have so lived for a period of six (6) months, and those who do not live within the corporate limits of the said Municipality but who own real estate at a taxable value of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, which is in the corporate limits of the said Municipality, shall be entitled to vote in the election of Mayor and Aldermen. Said Mayor and Board of Aldermen elected at the first election as hereinbefore provided, and at all subsequent biennial elections thereof, shall qualify on or before the succeeding first Monday in September, at which time the newly-elected Board shall meet, organize and begin the discharge of their duties. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1957, ch. 28, § 2]

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall have power to assess and collect their corporate taxes, either through their own officials or the County officials, each exercising such duties as may be prescribed by ordinance, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are prohibited from levying any tax or taxes unless otherwise provided by law in any one year,

which in their totals, shall exceed the sum of two and one-half dollars upon each one hundred dollars of taxable property.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, That the said Town of Sardis shall also have powers that are now, or may hereafter be, granted to municipalities of the classification by the population as this Municipality may have, that are general in their nature under the Constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee, and said general powers are in addition to any special powers hereby granted and are not in derogation of any such special powers.

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, That whenever the word "Town" or the word "City" is used in this Act, it shall mean the "Town of Sardis," and whenever the word "Board" or "Mayor and Board of Aldermen" is used in this Act, it shall mean the "Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sardis".

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, That if, for any reason, any section or parts of sections of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, that fact shall not invalidate any other part of this Act, and the Act shall be enforced and upheld with reference to all parts not held invalid or unconstitutional.

SEC. 20. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 21. Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 14, 1949.

MCALLEN FOUTCH,  
SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WALTER M. HAYNES,  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

Approved: April 15, 1949.

GORDON BROWNING,  
GOVERNOR.

ACTS COMPRISING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF  
SARDIS, TENNESSEE

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YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1949	833	Basic charter act.
1957	28	Amended § 5 relative to compensation of mayor and aldermen; and § 15, relative to voter qualifications.
1957	171	Amended § 3 by replacing subsection 23, relative to powers of the municipality.
1975	122	Amended § 5, relative to compensation of mayor and aldermen.