

CHARTER FOR THE CITY¹ OF GRAYSVILLE, TENNESSEE²

CHAPTER NO. 230

HOUSE BILL NO. 2858

By Representative Duer

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2862

By Senator Elsea

AN ACT to amend Chapter 41 of the Private Acts of 1917 and all acts amendatory thereto, being the Charter for the City of Graysville.

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¹Amended by Private Acts 2010, ch. 55, § 1, changing word "town" to "city" throughout the charter.

²Chapter 230, Private Acts of 1992 is the charter for the City of Graysville, Tennessee. This act repealed and replaced, in its entirety, chapter 275 of the Private Acts of 1980.

No changes have been made in the wording of the charter as set out hereinafter except that a table of contents has been added to facilitate the reading of this charter. Any misspelling of words and grammatical problems found in the charter were left in place.

This compilation has been amended to reflect legislation passed through the 2021 session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Charter of the City of Graysville, in Rhea County, Tennessee, being Chapter 41 of the Private Acts of 1917, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Private Acts of 1977, Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1978, Chapter 275 of the Private Acts of 1980 and any other acts amendatory thereto is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 1

INCORPORATION

The City of Graysville, in the County of Rhea, and the inhabitants thereof, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the style and name of the "City of Graysville", and under that name may have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; plead and be impleaded in all the courts; may purchase, receive and hold real, personal and mixed property within such city, may sell, lease or dispose of the same for the benefit of such city; may purchase, receive and hold real estate, personal and mixed property, beyond the limits of such city, to be used for municipal purposes, and may sell, lease or dispose of such property for the benefit of the city, and may do all other acts touching the same as a natural person; and may have and use a common seal, which may be changed at its pleasure.

SECTION 2

BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the City of Graysville, shall be as fixed by Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the Private Acts of 1917, as amended, and any annexations or detachments of territory made pursuant to law.

SECTION 3

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The governing body of such city shall be the Board of Commissioners consisting of a mayor and four (4) commissioners who shall be elected and hold office as hereinafter provided. The members of the board of such corporation shall live within the limits thereof and shall have so resided for the one (1) year immediately previous to their election and shall be qualified voters of the City of Graysville.

Any elective officer ceasing to be a resident in such city shall immediately vacate his office. [As amended by Priv. Acts 2010, ch. 55, § 2]

SECTION 4

ELECTIONS

The regular municipal election shall be held in the City of Graysville on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 2012 and every four (4) years thereafter. Beginning with the regular municipal election to be held in

November, 2012, and in every regular municipal election thereafter, there shall be elected from the city-at-large four (4) commissioners for terms of four (4) years each. There shall also be an election for the office of Mayor to coincide with said elections. Such elections shall be held by the Election Commission of Rhea County at the same hours and places for holding general elections and shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of state election laws. The candidate for commissioner receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Vice-mayor. Each commissioner shall hold their respective office until their successor has been elected and qualified. Should there be a tie in the votes for candidates for commissioner, then this tie shall be broken by the current Board of Commissioners. To break a tie it shall require the vote of at least three (3) board members for one of the candidates who is the subject of the tie votes.

Those persons residing in the corporate limits of the city shall be eligible to qualify to vote. Non-residents of the city who shall have owned not less than a one-half (1/2) interest in real estate, and husband, and wife, who shall have owned real estate as tenants by the entireties, the said city for a period of six (6) months next before the date of any city election, and who shall have been registered as provided by law, shall be entitled to vote.

The terms of office of each officer so elected shall begin on the first Tuesday in December next following his election, and he shall serve four (4) years from such date.

Nominations for all officers to be elected, and all elections shall be accomplished in accordance with the state election code. [As amended by Priv. Acts 2010, ch. 55, §§ 3 and 4; and Priv. Acts 2012, ch. 36, § 1]

SECTION 5

VACANCIES

Upon a vacancy in the office of mayor, the vice-mayor shall fill out any unexpired term in the office of the mayor. The Board of Commissioners shall select a successor, from among those individuals who meet the qualifications for said office, to serve in the commissioner's seat vacated by the vice-mayor and then they shall elect from among their membership a vice-mayor to serve until the next regular municipal election.

Upon a vacancy in the office of commissioner, the Board of Commissioners shall elect a successor to that office from among those individuals who meet the qualifications for said office. The election shall occur no earlier than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board after said vacancy occurs.

A vacancy shall exist, and the Board of Commissioners shall declare the same, if the mayor, vice-mayor or a commissioner files a written statement of resignation with the city recorder, dies, misses two (2) consecutive meetings without a justifiable excuse, becomes mentally incompetent as defined by

existing Tennessee law, forfeits his office, or is removed as further set out by this charter. A resignation filed in writing with the city recorder, shall be final and may not be withdrawn.

SECTION 6

MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR DUTIES

The mayor shall serve as the chief executive officer of the City of Graysville. The mayor shall preside at all board meetings at which he is present, and the mayor shall have the right to vote, make and second motions, and enter into discussion at all board meetings. He shall perform all other duties prescribed to him by an ordinance of the city.

The vice-mayor shall preside at board meetings and perform the other duties of the mayor during the absence of the mayor.

SECTION 7

OATH OF OFFICE

At the first meeting of each incoming board, such board shall organize all the officers of the city. At this first meeting, the mayor, each commissioner, the recorder, treasurer, city judge, and city attorney shall take an oath before some competent person authorized to administer oaths, to faithfully perform his duties as such officer, and to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 8

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - COMPENSATION

The Board of Commissioners may determine the annual salary of the mayor and commissioners by ordinance, but no ordinance increasing such salary shall become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of commissioners elected at the next regular election, provided that such election follows the adoption of such ordinance by at least six (6) months. Commissioners shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office.

SECTION 9

BONDS

The board shall require and prescribe by ordinance, a bond or bonds to be executed by any officer of such city, and to fix the amount and terms thereof, requiring such bonds to be executed before such officer shall go into the discharge of his duties. Such bonds shall be required of all officers charged with any of the collections of the revenues of the city. The cost of such bonds shall be an expense of the city.

SECTION 10

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY MEETINGS
QUORUM, ETC.

The legislative powers of the City of Graysville shall be vested in the Board of Commissioners. The board shall hold monthly meetings on such days of the month as may be fixed by the board, and more often, as the city may demand. The mayor and any two (2) commissioners, or any three (3) commissioners, may call a special meeting of the board by personally delivering to each board member a written notice of the meeting and listing the purposes of the meeting and the names of the mayor or commissioners calling the meeting. In case of the absence of the mayor, or the vice-mayor from any of the regular or special meetings, a quorum of the board being present, such commissioners may elect one of their number as mayor pro tempore to preside at such meeting. All notices shall be personally delivered at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled time of a special called meeting and at least four (4) hours notice before an emergency called meeting.

Three (3) members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

The board may determine its own rules of proceedings and prescribe the punishment of its own members of nonattendance, disorderly or improper conduct, and enforce the same. [As amended by Priv. Acts 2010, ch. 55, §§ 5 and 6]

SECTION 11

CHARGES AGAINST ELECTED OFFICIALS

To enable the board to fully investigate such charges that may be brought against any official of the city, the Board of Commissioners is hereby empowered to have the city recorder issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of persons as witnesses before the board or any committee thereof. Any person in writing,

may prefer any such charges against any official of the city to the board, which charges will be heard and determined under such rules as may be fixed by the board. If such charges be sustained by the board, such guilty official shall be found guilty and removed from his office.

SECTION 12

GENERAL POWERS

The Board of Commissioners shall have the management and control of the city finances and all property of the corporation, real, personal, and mixed and shall have power by ordinance to:

- (1) Assess, levy and collect taxes for all general and special purposes on all subjects or objects of taxation, and privileges taxable by law for state, county or municipal purposes;
- (2) Adopt classifications of the subjects and objects of taxation that are not contrary to law;
- (3) Make special assessments for local improvements;
- (4) Contract and be contracted with;
- (5) Incur debts by borrowing money or otherwise, and give any appropriate evidence thereof, in the manner hereinafter provided;
- (6) Issue and give, sell, pledge or in any manner dispose of negotiable or nonnegotiable interest-bearing or noninterest-bearing bonds, warrants, promissory notes or orders of the municipality, in accordance with state law;
- (7) Expend the money of the municipality for all lawful purposes;
- (8) Acquire or receive and hold, maintain, improve, sell, lease, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal, and any estate or interest therein, within or without the municipality or state;
- (9) Condemn property, real or personal, or any easement, interest, or estate or use therein, either within or without the municipality, for present or future public use; the condemnation shall be effected in accordance with the terms and provisions provided by state law;
- (10) Take and hold property within or without the municipality or state upon trust; and administer trusts for the public benefit;
- (11) Acquire, construct, own, operate, and maintain, or sell, lease, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of public utilities or any estate or interest therein, or any other utility of service to the municipality, its inhabitants, or any part thereof, and, further, may issue debt for these purposes under the Local Government Public Obligations Act;
- (12) Grant to any person, firm, association or corporation (including the municipality) franchises for public utilities and public services to be furnished the municipality and those therein. The power to grant franchises embraces the power to grant exclusive franchises. Whenever an exclusive franchise is granted, it shall be exclusive not only as against any other person, firm,

association, or corporation, but also against the municipality itself. Franchises may be granted for a period of twenty-five (25) years or less, but not longer. The board may prescribe in each grant of a franchise, the rate, fares, charges and regulations that may be made by the grantee of the franchise in accordance with state and federal law. Franchises may by their terms apply to the territory within the corporate limits of the municipality at the date of the franchises, and as the corporate limits may be enlarged, and to the existing streets, alleys and thoroughfares that thereafter may be opened;

(13) Make contracts with any person, firm, association or corporation for public utilities, public services to be furnished the municipality and those therein. The power to make contracts embraces the power to make exclusive contracts. When an exclusive contract is entered into, it shall be exclusive against any other person, firm, association or corporation. These contracts may be entered into for a period of twenty-five (25) years or less, but not longer. The board may prescribe in each such contract entered into, the rates, fares, charges, and regulations that may be made by the person, firm, association or corporation with whom the contract is made. Such contracts may by their terms apply to the territory within the corporate limits of the municipality at the date of the contract, and as the corporate limits may be enlarged, and to the then existing streets, alleys and thoroughfares and to any other streets, alleys and other thoroughfares that thereafter may be opened;

(14) Prescribe reasonable regulations regarding the construction, maintenance, equipment, operation and service of public utilities, compel reasonable extensions of facilities for these services, and assess fees for the use of or impact upon these services. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit the alteration or impairment of any of the terms or provisions of any exclusive franchise granted or of any exclusive contract entered into under subdivisions (12) and (13);

(15) Establish, open, relocate, vacate, alter, widen, extend, grade, improve, repair, construct, reconstruct, maintain, light, sprinkle and clean public highways, streets, boulevards, parkways, sidewalks, alleys, parks, public grounds, public facilities, libraries and squares, wharves, bridges, viaducts, subways, tunnels, sewers and drains within or without the corporate limits, regulate their use within the corporate limits, assess fees for the use of or impact upon such property and facilities, and take and appropriate property therefor under the provisions provided by state laws.

(16) Construct, improve, reconstruct and reimprove by opening, extending, widening, grading, curbing, guttering, paving, graveling, macadamizing, draining or otherwise improving any streets, highways, avenues, alleys or other public places within the corporate limits, and assess a portion of the cost of these improvements on the property abutting on or adjacent to these streets, highways or alleys under, and as provided by state law;

(17) Assess against abutting property within the corporate limits the cost of planting shade trees, removing from sidewalks all accumulations of snow,

ice, and earth, cutting and removing obnoxious weeds and rubbish, street lightings, street sweeping, street sprinkling, street flushing, and street oiling, the cleaning and rendering sanitary or removal, abolishing, and prohibiting of closets and privies, in such manner as may be provided by general law or by ordinance of the board;

(18) Acquire, purchase, provide for, construct, regulate and maintain and do all things relating to all marketplaces, public buildings, bridges, sewers and other structures, works and improvements;

(19) Collect and dispose of drainage, sewage, ashes, garbage, refuse or other waste, or license and regulate their collection and disposal, and the cost of collection, regulation, or disposal may be funded by taxation, special assessment to the property owner, user fees or other charges;

(20) License and regulate all persons, firms, corporations, companies and associations engaged in any business, occupation, calling, profession or trade not prohibited by law;

(21) Impose a license tax upon any animal, thing, business, vocation, pursuit, privilege or calling not prohibited by law;

(22) Define, prohibit, abate, suppress, prevent and regulate all acts, practices, conduct, business, occupations, callings, trades, use of property and all other things whatsoever detrimental, or liable to be detrimental, to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience or welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality, and exercise general police powers;

(23) Prescribe limits within which business occupations and practices liable to be nuisances or detrimental to the health, morals, security or general welfare of the people may lawfully be established, conducted or maintained;

(24) Inspect, test, measure and weigh any article for consumption or use within the municipality, and charge reasonable fees therefor, and provide standards of weights, tests and measures;

(25) Regulate the location, bulk, occupancy, area, lot, location, height, construction and materials of all buildings, and structures, and inspect all buildings, lands and places as to their condition for health, cleanliness and safety, and when necessary, prevent their use and require any alteration or changes necessary to make them healthful, clean or safe;

(26) Provide and maintain charitable, educational, recreative, curative, corrective, detentive, or penal institutions, departments, functions, facilities, instrumentalities, conveniences and services;

(27) Purchase or construct, maintain and establish a workhouse for the confinement and detention of any person convicted in the city court of offenses against the laws and ordinances of the municipality who fails to secure the fine imposed upon such person, or contract with the county to keep these persons in the workhouse of the county and provide by that contract and by ordinance for the commitment of these persons to the workhouse so provided until the fines are paid;

(28) (A) Enforce any ordinance, rule or regulation by fines, forfeitures, and penalties, and by other actions or proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(B) No fine may exceed the limit established by state law for violation of municipal offenses;

(29) Establish schools, determine the necessary boards, officers and teachers required therefor, and fix their compensation, purchase or otherwise acquire land for or assess a fee for use of, or impact upon, schoolhouses, playgrounds and other purposes connected with the schools, purchase or erect all necessary buildings and do all other acts necessary to establish, maintain and operate a complete educational system within the municipality;

(30) Regulate, tax, license or suppress the keeping or going at large of animals within the municipality, impound them, and in default of redemption, sell or kill them;

(31) Call elections as herein provided;

(32) To by ordinance, assess, impose, levy and collect impact fees from new land developments within the municipal limits, provided that the impact fees are limited to the reasonably anticipated costs of public improvements generated by such developments, and provided that the impact fee system and formula is prescribed by ordinance; and

(33) Have and exercise all powers that now or hereafter it would be competent for this charter specifically to enumerate, as fully and completely as though these powers were specifically enumerated.

SECTION 13

CITY RECORDER APPOINTMENT, SALARY, REMOVAL

The Board of Commissioners shall appoint and fix the salary of the city recorder, who shall serve at the will of the board. The city recorder shall be appointed by virtue of his experience and/or educational qualifications for this position.

SECTION 14

ABSENCE OF CITY RECORDER

In the temporary absence or disability of the city recorder, the Board of Commissioners shall designate another employee to serve in his capacity.

SECTION 15

DUTIES OF CITY RECORDER

It shall be the duty of the city recorder to supervise and coordinate all administrative activities of the affairs of the city under the Board of Commissioners. The city recorder shall:

(1) Make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for improving the quality and quantity of public services to be rendered by the officers and employees to the inhabitants of the city.

(2) See that all laws, provisions of this charter and acts of the Board of Commissioners, subject to enforcement by him or by employees subject to his direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.

(3) Recommend to the Board of Commissioners the employment, dismissal, promotion or demotion of any employee, and keep personnel files on all employees.

(4) Temporarily employ or temporarily suspend employees, subject to confirmation by the Board of Commissioners.

(5) Attend all board meetings and have the right to take part in discussion, but may not vote.

(6) Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the city, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law.

(7) Prepare and submit the annual budget and capital program to the board.

(8) Submit to the board and make available to the public a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the city at the end of each fiscal year.

(9) Make such other reports as the board may require concerning the operations of the city departments, offices and agencies subject to his direction and supervision.

(10) Keep the board fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the city and make such recommendations to the board concerning the affairs of the city as he deems desirable.

(11) Act as purchasing agent for the city.

(12) Perform such other duties as are specified in this charter or may be required by the board.

(13) Serve as clerk of the municipal court with power to issue subpoenas, in civil and criminal proceedings, and warrants for arrest.

SECTION 16

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONS

The Board of Commissioners and its members shall deal with the administrative services of the city only through the city recorder, except for the purpose of inquiry, and neither the board nor any member shall give orders or instructions to any subordinates of the city recorder. The city recorder shall take his orders and instructions from the board and no individual member shall give any orders or instructions to the city recorder.

SECTION 17

CITY ATTORNEY

The city attorney shall be an attorney-at-law entitled to practice in the courts of the state of Tennessee. The city attorney shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and shall direct management of all litigation in which the city is a party, including the function of prosecuting attorney in the city court; represent the city in all legal matters and proceedings in which the city is a party or interested, or in which any of its officers is officially interested; attend meetings of the Board of Commissioners as requested; advise the board and committees and members thereof, the commissioners and heads of all departments and divisions as to all legal questions affecting the city interests; and approve as to form, all documents, deeds, bonds, ordinances, resolutions, and other documents to be signed in the name of or made by, or with the city. His compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Commissioners, and he shall serve at the will of the board.

SECTION 18

MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY JUDGE

There is hereby established a municipal court for the City of Graysville. The Board of Commissioners may by ordinance create the office of city judge. If such office is created, it shall be filled by the Board of Commissioners at their first meeting in January following their election in November, for a fixed term or at the will of the board. The city judge shall receive such salary as the board shall prescribe.

With the expiration of the city judge's term of office, if such term is provided, the Board of Commissioners may repeal any ordinance creating the office of city judge and thereby abolish such office, the act or acts creating or abolishing said office shall not be construed as an exhaustion of the right to exercise the power herein conferred and granted, from time to time in the

future, and such office may be granted, abolished, re-created, or re-abolished at all future times as to the Board of Commissioners may appear advisable.

The city judge shall have jurisdiction in and over all cases for the violation of the ordinances of the city. In addition, the city judge is vested with concurrent jurisdiction authority with courts of general sessions in all cases for the violation of the criminal laws of the state of Tennessee within the municipality. However, a city judge who is not an attorney licensed to practice law within the state of Tennessee shall not exercise concurrent jurisdiction.

In the event the city judge is either absent or unable to act, or is disqualified from sitting in any particular case, the City Judge is hereby authorized to appoint a temporary judge to act during the absence, inability to act or disqualification. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint a temporary judge should the absence, inability to act or disqualification of the city judge exceed two (2) consecutive sessions of the city court.

SECTION 19

PROPERTY TAXES

All property within the city not exempt by general law shall be assessed for taxation upon the same principles established in regard to state and county taxation.

SECTION 20

DELINQUENT TAXES

Property taxes shall be payable on and after the first Monday in October of each year, and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March following. The board by ordinance shall fix penalties and interest on delinquent taxes.

The Board of Commissioners may provide by ordinance for the collection of delinquent real property taxes by the city recorder as provided by general law; or by the city attorney acting in accordance with general laws providing for the collection of delinquent city or county taxes; or by the use of any other available legal process and remedies. If not otherwise collected, the city attorney, or other attorney designated by the board, shall file suit for collection of all delinquent taxes no later than eighteen (18) months following date of delinquency. Delinquent personal property taxes shall be collected by distress warrants issued by the city recorder and placed in the hands of the sheriff for collection.

The city may contract with the county for the collection of city taxes. The contract may provide for reasonable fees to be paid to the county for this service.

SECTION 21

ORDINANCES

An action of the board shall be by ordinance when granting, renewing or extending public franchises; creating, abolishing or combining departments or offices; authorizing the borrowing of money; regulating the rate charged for its services by a public utility; fixing fees, service charges and utility rates; exercising the police power; levying taxes; adopting the budget; providing a fine or other penalty or establishing a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty is imposed; or amending or repealing an existing ordinance. All other actions may be accomplished by resolutions or motions.

Each resolution and ordinance shall be in written form before being introduced. The affirmative vote of a majority of those commissioners present shall be required to pass any motion, resolution or ordinance, including both readings in the case of an ordinance.

Each ordinance, before being adopted, shall be read at two (2) meetings not less than seven (7) days apart, and shall take effect immediately, provided a caption of the ordinance, excepting emergency ordinances, has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation or unless otherwise specified. Where an emergency exists and the public safety and welfare require it, an ordinance containing a full statement of the facts and reasons for the emergency may be made effective after one reading if approved by at least five (5) members of the board. No ordinance relating to a franchise, exclusive contract, or other special privilege shall be passed as an emergency ordinance. Amendments of ordinances may be made prior to final reading and shall be accomplished only by setting forth the complete section, sections, subsection or subsections in their amended form. A code may be adopted by an ordinance which contains only a reference to its title, date, and issuing organization, and the city clerk shall file a copy of the code in his office.

SECTION 2. The corporate existence of the City of Graysville is continued. All existing ordinances, resolutions or other actions of the board not inconsistent with this amendment shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed in the manner herein provided.

SECTION 3. The mayor and commissioners shall continue in office as the mayor and commissioners until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Graysville within one hundred (100) days of its signing by the Governor of this state. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the mayor and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 4.

HOUSE BILL No. 2858

PASSED: APRIL 28, 1992

s/Jimmy Naifeh
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

s/John S. Wilder
JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of May 1992

s/Ned McWherter
NED McWHERTER, GOVERNOR

NOTICE IF RATIFICATION OF PRIVATE ACT

TO

SECRETARY OF STATE
Fifth Floor, James K. Polk
Nashville, Tennessee 37243 0305

Private Chapter No. 230, which is 2858 2862
(House, Senate)

Bill No. 2858, of the 97th General assembly, was considered
on JUNE 1, 1992, and was:

approved 5 AYE

disapproved 2 NO

no action taken _____

s/Andy Beene

ANDY BEENE, MAYOR
Presiding Officer of the Local Legislative
Body (or Chairperson of the
County Election Commission,
if SEAL applicable)

CITY OF GRAYSVILLE

County or City

6/1/1992

Date

PRIVATE ACTS COMPRISING THE CHARTER OF
GRAYSVILLE, TENNESSEE

YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1917	41	Basic Charter act.
1921	786	Amended the Charter to provide for an additional Justice of the Peace.
1923	278	Amended Section 4 of the Charter.
1933	93	Called an election to ascertain the wishes of the voters to retain the corporation.
1937	23	Amended Section 5 of the Charter.
1943	304	Amended Sections 7, 13, and 15 of the Charter.
1943	347	Amended Section 3 of the Charter.
1949	486	Repealed Chapter 786 of the 1921 Private Acts and amended Chapter 41 of the 1917 Private Acts to provide for an additional Justice of the Peace.
1949	487	Repealed Chapter 23 of the 1937 Private Acts.
1953	245	Authorized issuing and selling bonds. Repealed Section 20, Chapter 41 of the 1917 Private Acts. Added Section 21 and renumbered the remaining Sections in Chapter 41 of the 1917 Private Acts.

YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1955	311	Repealed Chapter 266 of the 1953 Private Acts.
1965	137	Replaced Section 9, Chapter 41 of the 1917 Private Acts, as amended. Added sections 21 and renumbered the remaining Sections in Chapter 41 of the 1917 Private Acts.
1977	1	Complete revision of the Charter.
1978	192	Amended Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, and 23 of the Charter. Replaced Section 4 of the Charter. Repealed Section 15 of the Charter.
1980	275	Complete revision of the Charter.
1992	230	Complete revision of the Charter.
2010	55	Changed "town" to "city" throughout Charter. Amended Sections 3, 4 and 10 of the Charter.
2012	36	Amended Section 4 of the charter.