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CHARTER
OF THE
CITY OF ANN ARBOR.

[No. 402.]

AN ACT to revise and amend an act to incorporate the city of Ann Arbor, approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and an act amendatory thereto, approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine; and also an act amendatory thereto, approved February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

TITLE I.

INCORPORATION, CITY AND WARD BOUNDARIES.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan, enact,* That so much of the township of Ann Arbor, in the county of Washtenaw, as is included in the following limits, (including the present city of Ann Arbor,) to-wit: The south three-fourths of section number twenty, the south three-fourths of the west three-fourths of section number twenty-one, the west three-fourths of section number twenty-eight, entire section number twenty-nine, the north half of section number thirty-two, and the west three-fourths of the north half of section number thirty-three, in township two south, of range six east; and also so much of the east half of the south-east quarter of section number twenty-one, and the east half of the north-east quarter of section number twenty-eight, as lies west of the easterly

bank of the Huron river, and north of the south line of the territorial road, crossing said river on or near the line between said sections, be and the same is hereby set off from said township, and declared to be a city, by the name of the city of Ann Arbor; and the freemen of said city, from time to time being inhabitants thereof, shall be and continue to be a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the city of Ann Arbor;" and by that name they shall be known in law, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, and of prosecuting and defending all suits; they may have a common seal, which they may alter at pleasure, and shall be capable of purchasing, holding, conveying and disposing of real and personal estate for the use of said corporation.

SEC. 2. The said city shall be divided into six wards, as follows: The first ward shall embrace all that portion of the city lying south of Huron street, east of Main street and the Ann Arbor and Lodi plank road, and west of State street and the Pittsfield road, or State street as continued; the second ward shall embrace all that portion of the city lying south of Huron street, and west of Main street and the Ann Arbor and Lodi plank road; the third ward shall embrace all that portion of the city lying north of Huron street and south of the river Huron, and west of Fourth street extended to the river Huron; the fourth ward shall embrace all that portion of the city lying north of Huron street, and of the line of Huron street as extended to the city limits, and south of the river Huron, and east of Fourth street; the fifth ward shall embrace all that portion of the city lying north-east of Huron river; the sixth ward shall embrace all that portion of the city lying south of Huron street and the line of Huron street, as extended east of the city limits, and east of State street and the Pittsfield road, or State street as extended: *Provided*, That the common council may at any time alter the bounds of said wards, or any of them. The aforesaid division is made by the actual or supposed continuation of the centre line of each of said streets, in the present direction thereof, to the limits of said city:

TITLE II.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers for said city shall be one mayor, one recorder, one marshal, one city attorney, one city treasurer, three supervisors, one to be elected in the first and second wards, one to be elected in the third and fourth wards, and one to be elected in the fifth and sixth wards, who shall be assessors in their respective districts. Three street commissioners, one to be appointed in each supervisor district. Three collectors, one to be elected in each supervisor district. One constable to be elected in each ward. All of which officers shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified, and two aldermen to be elected in each ward, who shall respectively hold their offices for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified; four justices of the peace, who shall respectively hold their offices four years, to commence, except in case of vacancies, on the fourth day of July next after their election.

SEC. 2. The inhabitants of said city, having the qualifications of electors under the constitution and laws of this State shall, on the first Monday of April in each year, at such place in each ward as the common council shall designate, proceed to elect by plurality of votes, by ballot, from among the qualified electors of said city, one mayor, one recorder, one justice of the peace, one marshal for said city; and the qualified electors of the first and second wards shall elect one supervisor (and one collector;) and the qualified electors of the third and fourth wards shall also elect one supervisor and one collector; and the qualified electors of the fifth and sixth wards shall elect one supervisor and one collector. The qualified electors of each ward shall, at the same time and place, elect one alderman and one constable: *Provided*, That in each ward in which there

shall, at the time of such election, be no alderman having another year to serve, there shall be two aldermen elected, one for the term of one year and one for the term of two years; and one alderman shall thereafter be elected annually in each ward, to hold his office for the term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. At all elections the two aldermen in each ward shall be the inspectors of election, in case they shall attend, and a clerk shall be appointed by the aldermen or inspectors of election, at all elections in each ward. In case the office of the aldermen shall be vacated in said ward, or in case the aldermen, or either of them, shall fail to attend to act as inspectors, the electors present may, *viva voce*, choose one or more inspectors of election to fill the vacancy, and such judges and clerk so chosen, before proceeding to the discharge of their duties, shall make and subscribe an oath or affirmation faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of their respective offices at such election, which oath or affirmation may be administered by any person authorized to administer oaths. At the close of the polls, the vote shall be canvassed, and a statement thereof proclaimed by one of the inspectors, and a correct statement of the number of votes given for each person shall be made by the clerk, and signed officially by the inspectors and clerk aforesaid, and filed with the recorder. It shall be the duty of the common council to meet as soon as conveniently may be after such election, to canvass the votes cast in the respective wards, and to declare and certify the result of such canvass.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the recorder, or in case of his neglect so to do, then of the mayor, to cause five days notice of every election to be given, by posting up written or printed notices thereof in three or more public places in each ward of said city: *Provided*, That if notice of any election shall not be given as herein required, it shall be lawful for the electors to meet at the proper time and place, and hold the election, and in case of the non-attendance or neglect of the proper officers to act, the electors present may, *viva voce*, choose electors to act in their places: *And provided also*, That if any