

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 411

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*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

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AN ACT granting a new charter to the Farmington Village  
Corporation.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. The territory in the town of Farmington, com-  
prising front lots number twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-  
six and twenty-seven, on the east side of Sandy river, to-  
gether with the inhabitants thereon, shall continue to be a  
body politic and corporate by the name of the Farmington  
Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges pro-  
vided by the general laws of the state relating to corpora-  
tions.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested

2 with power at all legal meetings called for the purpose, to  
3 raise money by taxation or loan, including the power to  
4 issue bonds or notes therefor, or to use any money the pro-  
5 ceeds of its water department, for the following pur-  
6 poses:

To own, operate and maintain the entire water works and  
8 rights acquired by purchase of the Farmington Water Com-  
9 pany in accordance with chapter four hundred and thirty-  
10 four of the private and special laws of Maine enacted by  
11 the Legislature of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and  
12 to make extensions, additions or improvements of the same  
13 and to repair and rebuild the same anywhere within the  
14 limits of the town of Farmington, and to adopt all rules  
15 and regulations for operating said water works, in-  
16 cluding fixing and establishing the water rates, and shall  
17 hereafter own and operate said Farmington Water Com-  
18 pany's entire works and rights, and exercise and enjoy and  
19 have all the rights and franchise that was granted to said  
20 Farmington Village Corporation direct.

To organize and maintain an efficient fire department, and  
22 to adopt all rules and regulations for governing the same.

To appoint by its assessors two or more persons annually  
24 whose duties and power shall be the same as those of fire  
25 wardens of towns.

To organize and maintain such a police department as may  
27 be necessary for the security of property, the protection of  
28 life, and the promotion of good order and quiet within its  
29 corporation limits, and to adopt all rules and regulations

30 necessary for governing and controlling said department.

To purchase lands for village parks, or commons, and to  
32 expend money in the improvement of land used for this  
33 purpose, and also to plant and care for shade trees.

To receive, hold and manage devises, bequests, or gifts for  
35 any of the above purposes.

To sprinkle the streets of the corporation.

To build and maintain a system of sewerage.

To light the streets of the corporation.

Also shall have exclusive authority to grant licenses for  
40 exhibitions or shows within the limits of said corporation  
41 as the municipal officers of the town now have by law, with  
42 the right to collect the same fees for said licenses as are now  
43 provided by law for like licenses by the municipal officers  
44 of towns, and the same penalties and forfeitures may be  
45 enforced by said corporation for exhibitions or shows within  
46 its limits without license as are provided by law for exhibi-  
47 tions or shows without license from the municipal officers  
48 of towns.

Sect. 3. Any money raised by said corporation by taxa-  
2 tion for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the  
3 property and polls within the territory aforesaid by the  
4 assessors of said corporation in the same manner as is by  
5 law provided for the assessment of town taxes.

Sect. 4. After a vote of the said corporation to raise  
2 money by taxation for any of the purposes enumerated in  
3 this charter, it shall be the duty of the assessors as soon as

4 may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of  
5 the persons residing in the territory aforesaid, and upon the  
6 estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and to certify  
7 and deliver lists of assessments so made, to the collector  
8 whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as  
9 county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and  
10 to pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation  
11 who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or direc-  
12 tion of the corporation, and keep a regular account of all  
13 moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the  
14 assessors whenever requested; and said corporation shall  
15 have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said  
16 taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of  
2 a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, and such other  
3 officers as the by-laws of the corporation may require the  
4 assessors to appoint.

Sect. 6. Said corporation at the next annual meeting after  
2 the adoption of this charter, or at any legal meeting called  
3 for that purpose, shall adopt a code of by-laws not repug-  
4 nant to this charter or the laws of this state, for the efficient  
5 management of the municipal affairs of said corporation.  
6 The by-laws aforesaid may be amended at any legal meet-  
7 ing of the corporation called for that purpose.

Sect. 7. The assessors, clerk and treasurer of said corpo-  
2 ration shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be  
3 held in the month of January.

The clerk and treasurer shall hold office each for one year,  
5 or until successors are chosen and qualified. The assessors  
6 shall appoint a collector. At the first annual meeting of the  
7 corporation after the adoption of this charter, one assessor  
8 shall be elected by ballot for one year, one for two years,  
9 and one for three years, and thereafter one assessor shall  
10 be elected at each annual meeting for the term of three  
11 years.

Sect. 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings  
2 and proceedings at the meetings of the said corporation.

Sect. 9. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in  
2 double the amount of the taxes so raised, to the inhabitants  
3 of said corporation, which bond shall be approved by the  
4 assessors and clerk.

Sect. 10. The meetings of said corporation shall be called  
2 by publishing the warrant of the assessors in any newspaper  
3 printed within the limits of the corporation; the publication  
4 of which shall be at least seven days before the time of hold-  
5 ing said meeting; or by posting copies of said warrant in  
6 three public places within the limits of said corporation, at  
7 least seven days before said meeting.

If the assessors unreasonably refuse to call a meeting of  
9 the corporation, any ten or more legal voters may apply to  
10 a justice of the peace within the corporation, who may issue  
11 his warrant for calling such a meeting, as prescribed in the  
12 statutes for calling town meetings.

Sect. 11. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing

2 in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any  
3 meeting of said corporation.

Sect. 12. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this  
2 act, are hereby repealed. Provided, however, the repeal of  
3 the said acts shall not affect any act done, or any act accru-  
4 ing, or accrued, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced  
5 in any civil case before the time when such repeal shall take  
6 effect, under the acts hereby repealed, and before the time  
7 when repeal shall take effect, shall be affected by the repeal.  
8 And provided, also, that all persons who, at the time said  
9 repeal shall take effect, shall hold any office under the said  
10 acts or by-laws of the Farmington Village Corporation, shall  
11 continue to hold the same until others are elected and quali-  
12 fied in their stead, as provided in this act.

Sect. 13. This act shall be void unless at a legal meeting  
2 of the corporation shall vote, by ballot on the question of  
3 accepting this charter, and if a majority shall vote in favor  
4 of its acceptance then it shall take effect at the next annual,  
5 nineteen hundred twelve, meeting of the corporation, and its  
6 officers shall be elected according to its provisions.