

THE CHARTER¹

Article I. Incorporation; Powers; Boundaries and Annexation.

Sec. 1. Body corporate; name; general powers; continued existence.

The citizens of the Town of Easton, in Talbot County, Maryland, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the "Town of Easton," with all privileges, rights and powers of a municipal body corporate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity and have and use a corporate seal. The enactment of this Section shall not be construed as terminating the existence of the corporation known as the "Mayor and Council of Easton," and creating a new corporation by the name of the "Town of Easton," but shall be construed as continuing the existence of the corporation known as the "Mayor and Council of Easton," and changing its name to that of the "Town of Easton." (P.L.L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 41. 1860, Art. 20, sec. 30. 1906, ch. 458, sec. 41. 1927, ch. 19. Res. No. 16, June 19, 1956.)

Sec. 2. Boundaries.

The courses and distances showing the exact corporate limits of the town shall be filed at all times with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Talbot County, the Commissioner of the Land Office and the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference. In addition, a copy of the courses and distances describing the corporate boundaries shall be on file in the office of the town clerk. All the officials named in this Section are hereby directed to file or record all such descriptions of corporate boundaries so filed with them each in a suitable book or place, properly indexed and reasonably available for public inspection during normal business hours. (1951, ch. 172, sec. 1.)

Sec. 3. Ward Boundaries.

The Town of Easton shall be divided into four wards. A map showing the existing boundaries of each ward shall be on file in the town clerk's office and shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours. (1951, ch. 173, sec. 2.)

¹ *As contained in Sections 129 et. seq., of Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Ed.), with all amendments thereto as of the date of publication.*

Editor's Note. - The catchlines given to the several articles and sections herein are unofficial and for information only. They should not be construed to restrict, limit or affect the contents of the articles and sections.

The material contained in the original Charter has been rearranged and grouped according to subject matter and, in some instances, omitted, revised or substantially rewritten. Where a section has been amended or repealed by subsequent law, the amended or repealed section has been deleted. The origin of each section is also shown in parentheses following each section. For purposes of indexing and ease of reference the original Charter sections have been renumbered and included within XII articles according to subject matter.

All references in this Charter to the Town Office hours should be read as 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday thru Friday.

Sec. 4. Annexation - Applicable law.

The Town of Easton shall exercise all governmental powers in any area annexed to it which it exercises within the present limits of the town. All the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maryland and the Charter of the Town of Easton and all other local and general laws applicable to the Town of Easton, and all amendments thereto, and all existing ordinances and resolutions of the Town of Easton are hereby extended and made applicable to such portions of Talbot County as shall be annexed to and made a part of the Town of Easton. (1951, ch. 173, sec. 1.)

Sec. 5. Same - Jurisdiction over inhabitants and territory.

All of the inhabitants of the territory annexed to the Town of Easton shall in all respects and to all intents and purposes be subject to the powers, jurisdiction and authority vested or to be vested by law in the Town of Easton, and to all the ordinances and resolutions now in force, so far as the same may be consistent with the provisions of this Charter, and the territory so annexed shall in all respects be taken and considered as part of the Town of Easton. (1951, ch. 173, sec. 1.)

