

CHARTER
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CITY OF ST. IGNACE
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PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Saint Ignace, mindful of the ideals of liberty for our community and desirous of a more perfect form of government for the preservation and continued progress of our community, and fully aware of the long history of our city, built by far-sighted co-operation, ideals and perseverance, under the divine guidance of God, by our forefathers, and duly aware of our obligations to continue our liberty in a democratic and free nation and state, do hereby ordain and establish this charter.

CHAPTER I

NAME AND BOUNDARIES:

SECTION 1. 1. The name of this organized city is "City of St. Ignace." It is a body corporate and embraces the following described territory in the County of Mackinac constituting the present City of St. Ignace, together with such territory as may from time to time be attached thereto and less such territory as may from time to time be detached therefrom in accordance with law:

Commencing at a 3/4 inch iron monument planted at the corner common to Section 31, Town 41 North, Range 3 West; Section 36, Town 41 North, Range 4 West; Section 6, Town 40 North, Range 3 West, and Section 1, Town 40 North, Range 4 West as the point of beginning; thence Southerly along the westerly line of Sections 6 and 7, Town 40 North, Range 3 West a distance of eight thousand seven hundred sixty (8,760) feet to the intersection of the Northerly line of Private Claim 19; thence Westerly along said Northerly line of said private claim 19; South 80 degrees West one thousand three hundred seventy-five (1,473) feet; thence South 10 degrees East three thousand two hundred fifty (3,250) feet to the Northerly line of Private Claim 15; thence south 45 degrees East eight thousand five hundred fifty (8,550) feet to the shore of the Straits of Mackinac; thence Easterly along said shore to the Southeasterly point of Private Claim 1; thence Northerly along the shore of Lake Huron to the Intersection of the Town Line between Town 40 North and Town 41 North; thence Westerly between Town 40 North and Town 41 North to the Point of Beginning.

CHAPTER II

MUNICIPAL POWERS

CONTINUATION OF FORMER POWERS:

GENERAL POWERS:

SECTION 2. 1. All powers, privileges, and immunities, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, possessed by the City of St. Ignace by virtue of its incorporation as such and enumerated in Act 215 of the Public Acts of 1895, the former charter of the city which is hereby superseded, are hereby expressly retained by the city and shall constitute a part of the powers of the city even though not expressly enumerated herein.

SECTION 2. 2. Unless otherwise provided or limited in this charter, the City and its officers shall possess and be vested with any and all powers, privileges and immunities, expressed or implied, which cities and their officers are, or hereafter may be, permitted to exercise or to provide for in their charters under the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including all powers, privileges and immunities which cities are, or may be, permitted to provide in their charters by

public Act 279 of 1909, as fully and completely as though these powers, privileges and immunities were specifically enumerated in and provided for in this charter, and in no case shall any enumeration of particular powers, privileges or immunities herein be held to be exclusive.

The city and its officers shall have power to exercise all municipal powers in the management and control of municipal powers, in the management and control of municipal property and in the administration of the municipal government, whether such powers be expressly enumerated herein or not; to do any act to advance the interests of the City, the good government and prosperity of the municipality and its inhabitants, and through its regularly constituted authority, to pass and enforce all laws, ordinances and resolutions relating to its municipal concerns, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Statute and this charter.

CHAPTER III

ELECTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS:

SECTION 3. 1. The residents of the city having the qualifications of electors in the State of Michigan shall be electors of the City.

SECTION 3. 2. The election of all city officers shall be on a nonpartisan basis. The general election statutes shall apply to and control, as near as may be, all procedures relating to registration and city elections except as such statutes relate to political parties or partisan procedure and except as otherwise provided in this charter.

WARDS AND PRECINCTS:

SECTION 3. 3. The City of St. Ignace shall consist of one ward. The City election commission shall from time to time establish convenient election precincts. The precincts into which the city is divided on the effective date of this charter shall be the precincts of the city until otherwise provided for by the election commission.

ELECTION DATE:

SECTION 3. 4. City primary and general elections are to coincide with the State fall primary and general election.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS:

SECTION 3. 5. Special city elections shall be held when called by resolution of the council at least 55 days in advance of such election, or when required by this charter or statute. Any resolution calling a special election shall set forth the purpose of such election. No more special city elections shall be called in any one year than the number permitted by law.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS:

SECTION 3. 6. Notice of the time and place of holding any city election and of the officers to be nominated or elected and the questions to be voted upon shall be given by the Clerk in the same manner and at the same time as provided by statute for the giving of election notices by City Clerks.

VOTING HOURS:

SECTION 3. 7. The polls of all elections shall be opened and

closed at the time prescribed by statute for the opening and closing of polls at state elections, subject to any statutory right of the Council to adjust these hours to local time.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS & TERMS OF OFFICE:

SECTION 3. 8. The elective offices of the city shall be six (6) Councilmen and a Mayor, all of whom shall be nominated and elected from the City at large. The term of office for each Councilman shall be four (4) years and the term of office for the Mayor shall be two (2) years. At each regular City election there shall be elected from the City at large three (3) Councilmen, a Mayor and such additional number of Councilmen as may be required to fill vacancies pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.7a. The three candidates for Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for the full term of office and where there are one or more vacancies on the Council to be filled, the candidate or candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the vacancy or vacancies for a term of two (2) years. The terms of office of Councilmen and Mayor shall commence at 8:00 p.m. on the Monday next following the date of the regular City election at which they are elected.

NON - PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION:

SECTION 3. 9. If, upon the expiration of the time for filing nomination petitions for any elective city office, valid and sufficient petitions have been filed for no more than twice the number of candidates for such office to be elected at the following regular city election, then no primary election shall be held in respect to such office, and the Clerk shall publish notice of this fact and the reason therefor as part of, or at the time provided for, the publication of notices for such primary election.

Candidates equal in number to twice the number of persons to be elected to each city office at the next subsequent regular city election who receive the highest number of votes at any such primary election shall be declared the nominees for election to the respective offices. The names of such nominees, together with the names of persons for whom valid and sufficient petitions have been filed for offices with respect to which no primary election was held, shall be certified by the Clerk to the Election Commission to be placed upon the ballot for the next subsequent regular city election.

NOMINATIONS:

SECTION 3. 10. The method of nomination of all candidates for the city primary elections shall be by petition. Such petitions for each candidate shall be signed by not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than seventy-five (75) registered electors of the city. No person shall sign his name to a greater number of petitions for any one office than there are persons to be elected to said office at the following regular city election. Where the signature of any individual appears on more petitions than he is so permitted to sign, such signatures shall be counted only to the extent he is permitted to sign in the order of the respective dates of filing the petitions containing such signatures.

Nominating petitions for candidates for regular city primary elections, and for elections for filling vacancies held pursuant to SECTION 5. 7b. shall be filed with the Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. at the then prevailing local time of the seventh Monday preceding such election.

The Clerk shall, prior to every election, publish notice of the last time permitted for filing nominating petitions and of the number of persons to be nominated or elected to each office at least one week and not more than three (3) weeks before such time.

FORM OF PETITION:

SECTION 3. 11. The form of petition shall be substantially as that designated by the Secretary of State for the nomination of non-partisan judicial officers. A supply of official petition forms shall be provided and maintained by the Clerk.

APPROVAL OF PETITION:

SECTION 3. 12. The Clerk shall accept only nominating petitions which conform with the forms provided and maintained by him, and which, considered together, contain the required number of valid signatures for candidates having those qualifications required for the respective elective city offices by this charter. When a petition is filed by persons other than the person whose name appears thereon as a candidate, it may be accepted only when accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. The Clerk shall, forthwith after the filing of a petition, notify in writing any candidate whose petition is then known not to meet the requirements of this section, but the failure to so notify any candidate shall in no way prevent a final determination that the petition does not meet such requirements. Within three days after the last date for filing petitions, the Clerk shall make his final determinations as to the validity and sufficiency of each nominating petition and whether or not the candidate has the qualifications required for his respective elective city office by this charter and shall write his determination thereof on the face of the petition.

The clerk shall immediately notify in writing the candidate whose name appears thereon of his determinations. Such notice to any candidate whose petition is found invalid or insufficient, or who is found not to be qualified, shall be notified by certified mail, return receipt requested. Any candidate whose petition is found invalid or insufficient shall be allowed to file supplementary or replacement petitions before 4:00 p.m. on the sixth day after the last date for filing original petitions; thereafter no further petitions may be filed.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF PETITIONS:

SECTION 3. 13. All nominating petitions filed shall be open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk.

ELECTION COMMISSIONS:

SECTION 3. 14. An Election Commission is hereby created, consisting of the Clerk, the Attorney and one (1) qualified elector of the City of St. Ignace who shall be appointed by the City Council.

The members shall serve without compensation. The Clerk shall be chairman. The Council shall appoint the Board of Election Inspectors for each precinct and have charge of all activities and duties required of it by statute and this charter relating to the conduct of elections in the City. The compensation of election personnel shall be determined in advance by the City Council. In any case where election procedure is in doubt, the Election Commission shall prescribe the procedure to be followed.

FORM OF BALLOT:

SECTION 3. 15. The form, printing and numbering of ballots or the preparation of the Voting machines used in any city election shall conform as nearly as may be to the provisions of statute, except that no party designation or emblem shall appear. In all elections, the names of qualified candidates or nominees for each office shall be listed under a separate heading and shall be alternated systematically

in the manner prescribed by statute for alternation of names in primary elections.

If two (2) or more candidates or nominees for the same office have the same or similar sur-names, the Election Commission shall print the occupation and residence address under the respective names of each of said candidates or nominees on the ballots (or on labels or slips to be placed on voting machines when used), provided that for any of such candidates who is an incumbent of such office, the occupation shall be designated as "Incumbent". Except as provided in this section there shall be no supplementary identification of candidates or nominees on the ballot.

CANVASS OF VOTES:

SECTION 3. 16. A canvass of the votes cast at any city election for any office or upon any proposition will be conducted in accordance with election statutes.

RECOUNT:

SECTION 3. 17. A recount of the votes cast at any city election for any office or upon any proposition may be had in accordance with election statutes.

RECALL:

SECTION 3. 18. Any elected official may be recalled from office by the electors of the city in the manner provided by statute. A vacancy created by such recall shall be filled in the manner prescribed by statute.

CHAPTER IV

ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT:

SECTION 4. 1. The city shall have the council-manager form of government.

THE CITY COUNCIL:

SECTION 4. 2. There shall be a City Council of six members. The Council shall constitute the legislative and governing body of the city and shall have power and authority, except as otherwise provided in this charter or by statute, to exercise all powers conferred upon or possessed by the city, and shall have the power and authority to adopt such laws, ordinances and resolutions as it shall deem proper in the exercise thereof.

COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN:

SECTION 4. 3. The compensation of the Mayor and Councilmen shall be determined by ordinance; provided that no change in such compensation shall be effective during the term of office for which any member of the council making the change was elected. All votes on this question shall be by roll call. Until otherwise provided by ordinance, such compensation shall be as follows: Each councilman shall receive \$15.00 for each regular and special meeting he attends; the Mayor shall receive \$20.00 for each regular and special meeting he attends. The Mayor and Councilmen shall be paid for meetings missed if they are absent on city business.

Such compensation shall be paid monthly and except as otherwise provided in this charter shall constitute the only compensation which may be paid the Mayor or Councilmen for the discharge of any official

duty for or on behalf of the city during their tenure of office. However, the Mayor and Councilmen may, upon order of the Council, be paid such necessary bona fide expenses incurred in service in behalf of the city as are authorized and itemized.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PROTEM:

SECTION 4. 4. The Council at its first meeting after the regular city election shall elect one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for a term to coincide with the Mayor's two year term of office. Such election shall be by written ballot and by majority vote of the members of the Council in office at the time.

In the event of absence or disability of both the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem, the Council may designate another of its members to serve as Acting Mayor during such absence or disability.

DUTIES OF MAYOR:

SECTION 4. 5a. Insofar as required by statute, and for all ceremonial purposes, the Mayor shall be the executive head of the city. He shall have a voice and vote in all proceedings of the Council equal with that of other members of the Council, but shall have no veto power. He shall be the presiding officer of the Council.

(b) The Mayor shall be a conservator of the peace, and in emergencies declared by the Council may exercise within the city the powers conferred upon sheriffs to suppress riot and disorder, and shall have authority to command the assistance of all able bodied citizens to aid in the enforcement of the ordinances of the city and to suppress riot and disorder.

(c) The Mayor shall execute or authenticate by his signature such instruments as the Council, this charter, or any statute or laws of the United States shall require.

(d) Except as may be required by statute, the Mayor shall exercise only such powers as this charter or the Council shall specifically confer upon him.

(e) In the absence or disability of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tem shall perform the duties of Mayor. In the absence or disability of both, the designated Acting Mayor shall perform such duties.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

SECTION 4. 6. The administrative officers of the city shall be the City Manager; Attorney; Clerk; Treasurer; Assessor; Police Chief; Fire Chief; Health Officer; Superintendent of Public Works (the Council may at its discretion assign the duties of the Superintendent of Public Works to the City Manager); and, if the Council deems necessary, a Harbor Master. The Council may by ordinance create additional administrative offices.

The City Manager and Attorney shall be appointed by the Council for an indefinite period, shall be responsible to and serve at the pleasure of the Council and shall have their compensation fixed by the Council. It is provided, however, that the City Manager shall not be removed from office within ninety (90) days following any regular city election except by the affirmative vote of five (5) members of the Council.

All administrative officers of the city, except the City Manager, Attorney, and except the administrative officer of the Public Library Board, shall be appointed by the City Council for an indefinite period after consultation with the City Manager. Such officers shall be responsible to the City Manager. Such officers may be discharged for

cause by the City Council after consultation with the City Manager.

Except as may be otherwise required by statute or this charter, the Council shall establish by ordinance such departments of the city as it deems necessary or advisable and shall prescribe therein the functions of each department and the duties, authorities, and responsibilities of the officers of each department; but the Council may not diminish the duties or responsibilities of the City Manager. The City Manager may prescribe such duties and responsibilities of the officers of those departments responsible to him which are not inconsistent with this charter or with any ordinance or resolution.

All personnel employed by the city who are not elected officers of the city or administrative officers or deputies by, or under the authority of, this charter shall be deemed to be employees of the city. The head of each department shall have the power to hire, suspend, or discharge the employees of his department with confirmation by the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER - APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

SECTION 4. 7. The Council shall appoint a City Manager within ninety (90) days after any vacancy exists in such position. He shall be selected on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his training and experience and without regard to his race, political, or religious preferences. No member of the Council shall be eligible for appointment as City Manager or Acting City Manager until two (2) years have elapsed following the expiration of the term for which he was elected.

During his tenure of office, he shall devote his entire time and energies to his municipal employment and shall not be actively engaged in any private business or employment, but this sentence shall not restrict has right to invest in businesses in which he is not actively engaged.

The City Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the city government. His functions and duties shall be:

(a) To be responsible to the Council for the efficient administration of all administrative departments of the city government except the Attorney's department;

(b) To see that all laws and ordinances are enforced;

(c) To see that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the city or its inhabitants in any public utility franchise, or in any contract, are faithfully kept and performed;

(d) To recommend an annual budget to the Council and to administer the budget as finally adopted under policies formulated by the Council, and to keep the Council fully advised at all times as to the financial condition and needs of the city;

(e) To recommend to the Council for adoption such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient; and to attend Council meetings with the right to take part in discussions but not to vote;

(f) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or as may be required of him by the Council.

ACTING CITY MANAGER:

SECTION 4. 8. The Council may appoint or designate an Acting City Manager during the period of a vacancy in the office or during the absence of the City Manager from the city and shall fix his compensation. Such Acting City Manager shall, while he is in such office, have all the responsibilities, duties, functions and authority of the City Manager.

RELATIONSHIP OF COUNCIL TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

SECTION 4. 9. No member of the Council or committee of the Council shall dictate the appointment or employment of any person or in any way interfere with the City Manager or other administrative officer to prevent him from exercising his judgement in the appointment of officers and employees in the administrative service. Except for the purpose of inquiry, members of the Council shall deal with the administrative service (except the Attorney) solely through the City Manager and no member of the Council nor any committee of the Council shall give orders to any of the subordinates of the City Manager.

ATTORNEY - FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

SECTION 4. 10a. The Attorney shall act as legal advisor to, and be attorney and counsel for, the Council and shall be responsible solely to the Council. He shall advise any officer or department head of the city in matters relating to his official duties when so requested and shall file with the Clerk a copy of all written opinions given by him.

(b) He shall prosecute such ordinance violations and he shall conduct for the city such cases in court and before other legally constituted tribunals as the Council may request. He shall file with the Clerk copies of such records and files relating thereto as the Council may direct.

(c) He shall prepare or review all ordinances, contracts, bonds and other written instruments which are submitted to him by the Council and shall promptly give his opinion as to the legality thereof.

(d) He shall call to the attention of the Council and the City Manager all matters of law, and changes or developments therein, affecting the city.

(e) He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him by this charter or by the Council.

(f) He shall at all times cooperate with the City Manager and shall provide such information and reports and perform such duties as are requested by the City Manager so long as they are not inconsistent with the duties of his office as herein provided.

(g) Upon the recommendation of the Attorney, or upon its own initiative, the Council may retain special legal counsel to handle any matter in which the city has an interest, or to assist and counsel with the Attorney therein.

ATTORNEY AND SPECIAL COUNSEL - COMPENSATION:

SECTION 4. 11. The compensation set by the Council for the Attorney shall be in contemplation of the normal duties of that office. Special compensation may be provided at the discretion of the Council for appeals to, or litigation commenced in, the Federal Courts, the Circuit Court or Appellate Courts; for work requiring extensive hearings before quasijudicial or administrative tribunals; for legal work in connection with the issuance of bonds of the city; for condemnation proceedings or for other matters outside the scope of his normal duties. No such special compensation, nor any compensation to special legal counsel, shall be paid except in accordance with an agreement made in advance between the Council and the Attorney or special counsel as to the extent and nature of the duties for which such compensation is to be paid.

CLERK - FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

SECTION 4. 12a. The Clerk shall be the Clerk of the Council and shall attend all meetings of the Council and shall keep a permanent journal of its proceedings in the English language.

(b) The Clerk shall be custodian of the city seal and shall affix it to all documents and instruments requiring the seal and shall attest the same. He shall also be custodian of all papers, documents,

and records pertaining to the city and custody of which is not otherwise provided for.

(c) The Clerk shall certify by his signature all ordinances and resolutions enacted or passed by the Council.

(d) The Clerk shall provide and maintain in his office a supply of forms for all petitions required to be filed for any purpose by the provisions of this charter.

(e) The Clerk shall have power to administer oaths of office.

(f) He shall be responsible for the maintenance of a system of accounts of the city which shall conform to any uniform system required by State law and by the Council. All accounts of the city shall be balanced at the end of each calendar month, and a report made thereof by the Clerk to the Council and the City Manager. Provided, however, that the Council may provide for the responsibility of the maintenance of the accounts of the city by some officer other than the Clerk.

(g) The Clerk shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him by this charter, by the City Manager or by resolution or ordinance of the Council.

TREASURER - FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

SECTION 4. 13a. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys of the city, any bonds pertaining solely to the Clerk unless provided otherwise by ordinance, and all evidences of indebtedness belonging to the city or held in trust by the city.

(b) The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the city the collection of which is not provided for elsewhere by charter or ordinance. He shall receive from other officers and employees of the city all money belonging to and receivable by the city that may be collected by such officers and employees, including fines, license fees, taxes, assessments and all other charges. All money shall be turned over to the Treasurer after collection or receipt, and he shall in all cases give a receipt therefor.

(c) The Treasurer shall keep and deposit all moneys or funds in such manner and only in such places as the Council may determine and shall report the same in detail to the Clerk.

(d) The Treasurer shall disburse all city funds in accordance with the provisions of statute, this charter and procedure to be established by the Council.

(e) The Treasurer shall have such powers, duties and prerogatives in regard to the collection and custody of state, county, school district, and city taxes as are conferred by statute upon township treasurers in connection with state, county, township and school district taxes upon real and personal property.

(f) The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him by this charter, by the City Manager or by resolution or ordinance of the Council.

ASSESSOR - FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

SECTION 4. 14. The Assessor shall possess all the powers vested in and shall be charged with all the duties imposed upon, assessing officers by statute. He shall prepare all regular and special assessment rolls in the manner prescribed by this charter, by ordinance and by statute. He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him in this charter, by the City Manager or by resolution or ordinance of the Council.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

SECTION 4. 15. The Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor may appoint their own deputies subject to the written confirmation of the City Manager and may terminate the status of their deputies at their pleasure, upon written notice to such confirming officer. Such deputies shall, in each case, possess all the powers and authorities of their superior officers except as the same may be from time to time limited by their superiors or by such confirming officer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

SECTION 4. 16. A Public Library having been established and maintained by the city of St. Ignace is hereby continued and so;

Present members of the Library Board will continue in office until the end of their present terms. The Public Library shall be governed by the Statute of the State of Michigan.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

SECTION 4. 17. The Council shall maintain a City Planning Commission having all the powers and duties granted by the provisions of statute relating to such commissions.

The Council shall maintain a zoning ordinance in accordance with the provisions of statute relating to such ordinances. Insofar as may be, such ordinance shall provide that zoning be coordinated with the work of the City Planning Commission.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE CITY

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE AND EMPLOYMENT IN CITY:

SECTION 5. 1. To persons shall hold any elective office of the city unless he has been a resident of the city for at least two years immediately prior to the last day for filing original petitions for such office or prior to the day of appointment to fill a vacancy and is also a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout his tenure of office.

Each candidate for elective office shall file with his nominating petition his affidavit that he possesses the qualifications for such office provided in this section.

In accordance with the requirements of Public Act 279 of 1909, no person shall be eligible for any elective or appointive city office who is in default to the city. The holding of office by any person who is in such default shall create a vacancy unless such default shall be eliminated within thirty days after written notice thereof by the Council or unless such person shall in good faith be contesting the liability for such default.

The Council shall be the sole judge of the election and qualification of its own members.

Each member of a city board or commission shall have been a resident of the city for at least two years immediately prior to the day of his appointment and shall also be a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout his tenure of office.

All officers shall be citizens of the United States.

No elective officer may be appointed to any city office or be employed by the city during the term of office for which he was elected.

DECLARING VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICES:

SECTION 5. 2. Any elective city office shall be declared vacant by the Council before the expiration of the term of such office:

(a) For any reason specified by statute or by this charter as creating a vacancy in office; or

- (b) If no person is elected to, or qualifies for, the office at the election at which such office should be filled; or
- (c) If the officer shall be found guilty by a competent tribunal of any act constituting misconduct in office under the provisions of this charter; or
- (d) In the case of any member of the Council, if such officer shall miss three consecutive regular meetings of the Council or twenty-five per cent of such meetings in any fiscal year of the city, unless such absence shall be excused by the Council and the reason therefor entered in its proceedings at the time of each absence; or
- (e) If the officer is removed from office by the Council in accordance with the provision of SECTION 5. 4.

DECLARING VACANCIES IN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

SECTION 5. 3. The office of any member of any board or commission (other than the city Council) shall be declared vacant by the Council before the expiration of the term of such office:

- (a) For any reason specified by statute or by this charter as creating a vacancy in office; or
- (b) If the officer shall be found guilty by a competent tribunal of any act constituting misconduct in office under the provisions of this charter; or
- (c) If such officer shall miss three consecutive regular meetings of such board or commission or twenty-five per cent of such meetings in any fiscal year of the City, unless such absence shall be excused by the board or commission and the reason therefor entered in its proceedings at the time of each absence; or
- (e) If the officer is removed from office by the Council in accordance with the provision of SECTION 5. 4.

REMOVALS FROM OFFICE:

SECTION 5. 4. Removals by the Council of elective officers or of members of boards or commissions shall be made for either of the following reasons: (A) for any reason specified by statute for removal of city officers by the Governor, or (B) for any act declared by this charter to constitute misconduct in office.

Such removals by the Council shall be made only after a hearing of which such officer has been given notice by the Clerk at least ten days in advance, either personally or by delivering the same at his last known place of residence. Such notice shall include a copy of the charges against such officer. The hearing shall afford an opportunity to the officer, in person or by attorney, to be heard in his defense, to cross-examine witnesses and to present testimony. If such officer shall neglect to appear at such hearing and answer such charges, his failure to do so may be deemed cause for his removal. A majority vote of the members of the Council in office at that time, exclusive of any member whose removal may be under consideration, shall be required for any such removal.

RESIGNATIONS:

SECTION 5. 5. Resignations of elective officers and of members of boards and commissions shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk and shall be acted upon by the Council at its next regular meeting following receipt thereof by the Clerk. Resignations of appointive officers shall be made in writing to the appointing officer or body and shall be acted upon immediately. A resignation shall create a vacancy in office.

FILLING VACANCIES IN APPOINTIVE OFFICES:

SECTION 5. 6. Vacancies in appointive offices shall be filled

in the manner provided for making the original appointment. In the case of members of boards and commissions appointed for a definite term, such appointments shall be for the unexpired term.

FILLING VACANCIES IN THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN:

SECTION 5. 7a. Except as provided in the other paragraphs of this section, vacancies in the offices of Mayor and Councilmen shall, within thirty days, be filled for the unexpired term of the officer whose office has become vacant, by appointment by a majority vote of the members of the Council then in office, of a person possessing the qualifications for the office. If a Councilman be appointed as Mayor, such appointment shall not alter such appointee's term as a member of the Council but shall create a vacancy in the office of Councilmen for the unexpired term of the former Mayor.

(b) If any vacancy in the office of Mayor or Councilmen is not so filled within the said thirty days after such vacancy occurs, or if four or five simultaneous vacancies exist in the offices of Mayor and Councilmen, such vacancies shall be filled for the respective unexpired terms at a special election. Such special election shall be called by the Clerk within ten days after the occurrence of four or five simultaneous vacancies, or after the expiration of said thirty days period, as the case may be. The special election shall be held not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days after the date on which it is called.

In connection with any such special election, no primary election shall be held. Candidates shall be nominated by petitions in a manner identical to that provided in SECTIONS 3. 10 to 3. 12 inclusive; and the names of all qualified candidates who file valid and sufficient nominating petitions within the time provided in SECTION 3. 10 shall be certified to the Election Commission and placed on the ballot; and all other election provisions of this charter not inconsistent with the SECTION 5. 7 shall govern.

At such election if there are vacancies in the office of Councilmen for varying unexpired terms, candidates equal to the number of vacancies for the longer unexpired term receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill such vacancies, and candidates equal to the number of vacancies for the shorter unexpired term receiving the next highest number of votes in order shall be elected to fill such vacancies.

At such election the Mayoral candidate receiving the largest number of votes will be elected Mayor.

NO CHANGE IN TERM OF OFFICE OR COMPENSATION:

SECTION 5. 8. Except by procedures provided in this charter, the terms of office of the elective officers and of members of boards and commissions appointed for a definite term shall not be shortened. The terms of elective officers shall not be extended beyond the period for which any such officer was elected except that an elective officer shall, after his term has expired, continue to hold office until his successor is elected or appointed and has qualified. Where several terms of Councilmen expire simultaneously, that Councilman who was elected by the Highest number of votes (or any Councilman who filled his position by appointment or special election) shall be deemed to be succeeded by the candidate who received the highest number of votes, that the Councilman who was elected by the second highest number of votes, by the candidate who received the second highest number of votes, etc.

The Council shall not grant or authorize extra compensation to any officer or employee after his service has been rendered. The salary of any elective officer shall not be increased or decreased from the day he is elected until the end of the term of office for which he was elected.

OATH OF OFFICE AND BOND:

SECTION 5. 9. Every officer, elective or appointive, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take the oath of office prescribed for public officers by the Constitution and shall file the oath with the Clerk, together with any bond, required by statute, this charter or by the Council. In case of failure to comply with the provisions of this Section within ten days from the date he is notified in writing of his election or appointment, such officer shall be deemed to have declined the office and such office shall thereupon become vacant unless the council, shall by resolution extend the time in which such officer may qualify.

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS:

SECTION 5. 10a. The compensation of all employees and officers of the city whose compensation is not provided for herein shall be fixed by the City Manager within the limits of budget appropriations and in accordance with any pay plan adopted by the Council by ordinance.

(b) The respective salaries and compensations of officers and employees as fixed by, or pursuant to, this charter shall be in full for all official services of such officers or employees and shall be in lieu of all fees, commissions and other compensation receivable by such officers or employees for their services.

Such fees, commissions and compensations shall belong to the city and shall be collected and accounted for by such officers or employees and be paid into the city treasury and a statement thereof filed periodically with the clerk.

(c) Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the payment of necessary bona fide expenses incurred for service in behalf of the city.

SURETY BONDS:

SECTION 5. 11. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all officers of the city whose duties involve the custody of public property or the handling of public funds, whether by way of receipt or disbursement or both, and all other officers and employees so required by the Council, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, file with the city an official bond, in such form and amount as the Council shall direct and approve. Such official bond of every officer and employee shall be conditioned that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office, and will on demand deliver over to his successor in office, or other proper officer or agent of the city, all books, papers, moneys, effects and property belonging thereto, or appertaining to his office, which may be in his custody as an officer or employee; and such bonds may be further conditioned as the Council shall prescribe. The official bond of every officer whose duty it may be to receive or pay out money, besides being conditioned as above required, shall be further conditioned that he will, on demand, pay over or account for to the city, or any proper officer or agent thereof, all moneys received by him as such officer or employee. The requirements of this paragraph may be met by the purchase of one or more appropriate blanket surety bonds covering all, or a group of, city employees and officers.

All official bonds shall be corporate surety bonds and the premiums thereon shall be paid by the city. The Clerk shall be custodian of all the bonds of all officers or employees, except that the Treasurer shall be custodian of any bonds pertaining solely to the Clerk.

DELIVERY OF OFFICE:

SECTION 5. 12. Whenever any officer or employee shall cease to hold such office or employment for any reason whatsoever, he shall

within five days, or sooner on demand, deliver to his successor in office or to his superior all the books, papers, moneys, and effects in his custody as such officer or employee. Any officer violating this provision may be proceeded against in the same manner as public officials generally for a like offense under statute. Any employee found guilty of violating this provision by a competent tribunal may be punished by a fine of not to exceed five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not to exceed ninety days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

FINANCIAL INTEREST PROHIBITED:

SECTION 5. 13. Neither the Mayor nor any member of the Council shall have any interest in any contract with the City except as authorized by law and subject to the following restrictions: (a) A contract in which a councilman or member of his family or other city officer or member of his family has a financial interest may be made by the city if the members of the Council in office at that time having no such financial interest shall unanimously determine that the best interests of the city will be served by making such contract.

(b) Any officer who knowingly permits the city to enter into any contract in which he has a financial interest without disclosing such interest to the Council prior to the action of the Council in authorizing such contract, shall be guilty of misconduct in office.

(c) No officer shall stand as surety on any bond to the city or give any bail for any other person which may be required by the charter or any ordinance of the city. Any officer of the city who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of misconduct in office.

ANTI-NEPOTISM:

SECTION 5. 14. The following relatives and their spouses (a) of any elective official or of his spouse, or (b) of the City Manager or his spouse are disqualified from holding any appointive city office or any city employment during the term for which said elective official was elected or during the tenure of office of the City Manager respectively: spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, and half-sister. All relationships shall include those arising from adoption. This Section shall in no way disqualify such relatives or their spouses who are bona fide appointive officers or employees of the city at the time of the election of said elective official or appointment of said City Manager respectively.

EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFITS:

SECTION 5. 15. The Council shall have the power to adopt and make available to the administrative officers and employees of the city and its departments and boards any recognized standard plan of group life, hospital, health or accident insurance.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

SECTION 5. 16. For the purpose of providing retirement allowances for the employees of the city, the conditions of membership of the city in the State Municipal Employee's Retirement system created by Public Act 135 of 1945 shall in no way be altered by the taking of this charter.

MERIT SYSTEM:

SECTION 5. 17. The council may provide by ordinance for a merit system of personnel management for employees in the service of the city.

CHAPTER VI THE COUNCIL

PROCEDURE AND MISCELLANEOUS POWERS AND DUTIES

REGULAR MEETINGS:

SECTION 6. 1. The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two regular meetings each month. A regular meeting shall be held at 8:00 p.m. at the then prevailing local time on the Monday next following each regular city election.

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

SECTION 6. 2. Special Meetings shall be called by the Clerk on the written request of the Mayor, the City Manager or any two members of the Council, served personally or left at his usual place of residence; but a special meeting may be held on shorter notice if all members of the Council are present or have waived notice thereof in writing.

BUSINESS AT SPECIAL MEETINGS:

SECTION 6. 3. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Council unless the same has been stated in the notice of such meeting.

However, any business which may lawfully come before a regular meeting may be transacted at a special meeting if all the members of the Council present consent thereto and all the members absent file their written consent.

MEETINGS TO BE PUBLIC:

SECTION 6. 4. All regular and special meetings of the Council shall be open to the public and citizens shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard under such rules and regulations as the Council may prescribe. All records of the Council shall be public.

QUORUM; ADJOURNMENT OF MEETINGS:

SECTION 6. 5. A majority of the members of the Council in office at the time shall be a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Council but in the absence of a quorum a lesser number may adjourn any meeting to a later time or date, and in the absence of all members the Clerk may adjourn any meeting for not longer than one (1) week.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT AT MEETINGS:

SECTION 6. 6. Any two or more members of the Council may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

The presiding officer shall enforce orderly conduct at meetings and any member of the Council or other officer who shall fail to conduct himself in an orderly manner at any meeting shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in office.

Any police officer designated by the presiding officer of the meeting shall serve as the Sergeant-at-arms of the Council in the enforcement of the provisions of this section.

ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF THE COUNCIL:

SECTION 6. 7. The Council shall determine its own organization, rules and order of business subject to the following provisions:

(a) A journal of the proceedings of each meeting in the English language shall be kept by the Clerk and shall be signed by the presiding officer and clerk of the meeting.

(b) A vote upon all ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by "yes" and "no" vote and entered upon the records, except that where the vote is unanimous it shall only be necessary to so state.

(c) No member of the Council shall vote on any question in which he has a financial interest other than the common public interest or on any question concerning his own conduct, but on all other questions each member who is present shall vote when his name is called unless excused by the unanimous consent of the remaining members present. Any member refusing to vote except when not so required by this paragraph shall be guilty of misconduct in office.

(d) In all roll call votes the names of the members of the Council shall be called in alphabetical order and the name to be called first be advanced one position alphabetically in each successive roll call vote.

(e) The proceedings of the Council, or a brief summary thereof which shall include all roll call votes, shall be published within ten (10) days following each meeting. Any such summary shall be prepared by the Clerk and approved by the Mayor and shall show the substance of each separate proceeding of the Council.

(f) There shall be no standing committees of the Council.

PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:

SECTION 6. 8. The Council shall see that provision is made for the public peace and health, and for the safety of persons and property. The Council shall constitute the Board of Health of the city, and it and its officers shall possess all powers, privileges and immunities granted to boards of health by statute.

INVESTIGATIONS:

SECTION 6. 9. The Council or any person or committee authorized by it for the purpose, shall have power to inquire into the conduct of any department, office or officers and to make investigation as to matters in which the municipality has an interest. The Council for the purposes stated herein may summon witnesses, administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers and other evidence.

Failure on the part of any officer to obey such summons or to produce books, papers and other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section shall constitute misconduct in office. Failure on the part of any employee or other person to obey such summons or to produce papers, books or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section shall constitute a violation of this charter and such person when found guilty of such violation by a competent tribunal may be punished by a fine of not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court.

It is provided further that, in case of failure on the part of any person to obey such summons or to produce such books, papers and other evidence as so ordered, the Council may invoke the aid of the Circuit Court of Mackinac County in requiring obedience to such summons or production of such books, papers and other evidence. The Circuit Court of Mackinac County, in case of contumacy or refusal to obey such summons or to produce such books, papers and other evidence, may issue an order requiring such person to obey such summons or to produce such books, papers and other evidence and to give evidence touching on the matter in question, and any failure to obey such order of the Court may be punished by such Court as contempt.

CHAPTER VII LEGISLATION

PRIOR CITY LEGISLATION:

SECTION 7. 1. All valid by-laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the city which are not inconsistent with this charter and which are in force and effect on the effective date of this charter are hereby ratified and shall continue in full force and effect until repealed or amended.

Those provisions of any effective valid by-laws, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation which are inconsistent with this charter are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

SECTION 7. 2. All official action of the council shall be by Ordinance, resolution, motion or order. Action shall be limited to matters required or permitted to be so done by this charter, by statute, by federal law or pertaining to the internal affairs or concerns of the city government. All other acts of the council and all acts carrying a penalty for the violation thereof shall be by ordinance. Each ordinance shall be identified by a short title, by a serial number and by a code section number as soon as the codification of ordinances is completed.

Each proposed ordinance shall be introduced in written or printed form. The style of all ordinances shall be: "The City of St. Ignace ordains."

ENACTMENT, AMENDMENT, REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 7. 3. Subject to the exceptions which follow hereafter, (a) ordinances may be enacted by the affirmative vote of not less than four members of the council, (b) no ordinance shall be amended or repealed except by an ordinance adopted as aforesaid, (c) no ordinance shall be enacted at the meeting at which it is introduced nor until after publication of the proceedings or summary shall include a brief statement of its title and purpose, and (d) the effective date of all ordinances shall be prescribed therein but the effective date shall not be earlier than ten days after enactment nor before publication thereof.

It is provided, however, that an ordinance which is declared therein to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety may be enacted at the meeting at which it is introduced and/or before publication of the proceedings of the meeting at which it is introduced, or may be given earlier effect than ten days after its enactment, or both, by five affirmative votes if six or seven members of the council are present at the meeting at which it is enacted or by four affirmative votes if four or five members of the council are present at the meeting at which it is enacted.

In case an ordinance is given effect earlier than ten days after its enactment, the requirements for publication before such ordinance becomes operative may be met by posting copies thereof in conspicuous locations in three public places in the city, other provisions of this charter not withstanding: and the Clerk shall, immediately after such posting, enter in the Ordinance the time and place of such publication by posting, which certificate shall be prima facie evidence of such publication by posting of the ordinance, but the failure to so record and authenticate such ordinance shall not invalidate it or suspend its operation. Such ordinance shall also be published in accordance with SECTION 7. 4. but not as a requirement for the effectiveness thereof.

No ordinance granting any public utility franchise shall be enacted except in accordance with the provisions of SECTION 14. 2.

No ordinance shall be amended by reference to its title only, but the sections of the ordinance as amended, shall be enacted and published in full. However, an ordinance or section thereof may be repealed by reference to its title and ordinance or code number only.

PUBLICATION AND RECORDING OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 7. 4. Each ordinance shall be published within ten days after its enactment in one of the following two methods, (a) The full text thereof may be published in a newspaper as defined in SECTION 17. 4, or (b) in cases of ordinances over five hundred words in length a digest, summary or statement of purpose of the ordinance, approved by the council, may be published in a newspaper as defined in SECTION 17. 4, either separately or as part of the published council proceedings or summary thereof, including with such newspaper publication a notice that printed copies of the full text of the ordinance are available for inspection by and distribution to the public at the office of the Clerk; if method (b) is used, then printed copies shall promptly be so made available as stated in such notice.

All ordinances shall be recorded by the Clerk in a book to be called "The Ordinance Book," and it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Clerk to authenticate such records by their official signatures thereon but the failure to so record and authenticate any such ordinance shall not invalidate it or suspend its operation.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 7. 5. Any ordinance may provide for the punishment of those who violate its provisions. The punishment for the violation of any ordinance shall not exceed a fine of five hundred dollars or imprisonment for ninety days or both, in the discretion of the court.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

SECTION 7. 6a. Action to vacate, discontinue or abolish any highway, street, lane, alley or other public place, or part thereof or to purchase, sell, lease or let any real estate or interest therein shall be by resolution. After the introduction of such resolution and before its final adoption, the council shall hold a public hearing thereon and shall publish notices of such hearing at least one week prior thereto.

(b) The following actions shall require the affirmative vote of four or more members of the council for the effectiveness thereof:

- (1) Vacating, discontinuing or abolishing any highway, street, lane, alley or other public place or part thereof;
- (2) Purchasing, selling, leasing or letting of any real estate or interest therein;
- (3) Authorizing the condemning of private property for public use;
- (4) Creating or abolishing any office;
- (5) Appropriating any money;
- (6) Imposing any tax or assessment;
- (7) Reconsidering or rescinding any vote of the Council;

(c) The Council shall not have the power to provide for engaging in any business enterprise requiring an investment of money in excess of the amount permitted to be so invested by statute unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election.

APPROVAL OF PLATS; ACCEPTANCE OF STREET DEDICATIONS:

SECTION 7. 7. The Council shall not approve any plat nor accept dedication of any street unless all the following improvements shall

have been made or their installation guaranteed in a manner conforming to law:

(a) The installation of sanitary sewers and house or building connections to beyond the curb location;

(b) The installation of water mains connected with existing city mains with house or building connections to beyond the curb location;

(c) The construction of streets to proper grade with adequate provisions for drainage and adequate surface.

The council shall provide for the establishment of specifications and standards for all improvements required to be made under the provisions of this section, and shall require that all such work be subject to city inspection and approval before acceptance thereof.

The city shall not be obliged to share in the costs of the installation of such improvements prior to dedication, and may share in such costs only (a) to the extent that it shares in the cost of similar improvements elsewhere in the city, and (b) to the additional extent of the incremental cost of installing improvements larger than are necessary for the immediate area when such enlargement is done at the request of the city.

It is provided, however, that plats may be approved or street dedications accepted without any provision for sanitary sewers and water mains if all the lots in such plat or on such street are one-half acre or larger for each dwelling unit, and if provision is made by contract of at least twenty-five years duration, or by ordinance, to insure that no further subdivision of such lots will be made before provision is made for sanitary sewers and water mains.

TECHNICAL CODES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE:

SECTION 7. 8. The City shall have power to adopt codes, ordinances or statutes as ordinances of the city by reference, as authorized by law, but in all cases shall give reasonable notice to the public of the scope and purpose of such code, ordinance or statute, and provide for making copies available for examination by and distribution to the public at a reasonable cost.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM:

SECTION 7. 10. An ordinance may be initiated by petition, or a referendum on an enacted ordinance may be had by petition as hereinafter provided.

INITIATORY AND REFERENDARY PETITIONS:

SECTION 7. 10. An initiatory or referendary petition shall be signed by not less than ten per cent of the registered electors of the city as of the date of the last regular city election and all signatures on said petition shall be obtained within thirty days before the date of filing the petition with the Clerk. Any such petition shall be addressed to the Council and may be the aggregate of two or more petition papers identical as to contents and simultaneously filed by one person.

An initiatory petition shall set forth in full the ordinance it proposes to initiate and no petition shall propose to initiate more than one ordinance. An initiatory petition only shall contain as part of the body of said petition the names and addresses of ten registered electors of the city (who shall be among the petitioners) who shall constitute a committee of the petitioners for the purposes hereinafter named in this chapter.

A referendary petition shall identify the ordinance or part thereof, or code sections, it proposes to have repealed.

Each signer of a petition shall sign his name, and shall place thereon after his name, the date and his place of residence by street and number, or by other customary designation. To each petition paper there shall be attached a sworn affidavit by the circulator thereof, stating the number of signers thereof and that each signature thereon is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be, and that it was made in the presence of the affidavit. Such petition shall be filed with the Clerk who shall, within fifteen days, canvass the signatures thereon. If the petition does not contain a sufficient number of signatures of registered electors of the city, or, in the case of an initiatory petition, fails to properly name a committee of ten, the Clerk shall notify forthwith the person filing such petition and fifteen days from such notification shall be allowed for the filing of supplemental or corrected petition papers. When a petition with sufficient signatures is filed within the time allowed by this section, the Clerk shall present the petition to the Council at its next regular meeting.

ASSISTANCE OF CITY ATTORNEY:

SECTION 7. 11. The City Attorney shall, upon request, assist any group proposing to circulate any initiatory or referendary petitions. Such assistance shall be limited to advice with regard to the form and contents of the petition.

COUNCIL PROCEDURE ON INITIATORY AND REFERENDARY PETITIONS:

SECTION 7. 12. Upon the presentation to the Council of an initiatory or referendary petition from the Clerk, the Council shall within thirty days unless otherwise provided by statute:

(a) In the case of an initiatory petition, either (1) enact the ordinance as submitted, or (2) enact a similar substitute ordinance that at least six members of the aforesaid committee indicate in writing is an acceptable substitute: or

(b) In the case of a referendary petition, repeal the ordinance in part thereof it proposes to have repealed; or

(c) In the case of either kind of petition, determine to submit the proposal provided for in the petition to the electors as provided in the following section.

SECTION 7. 13. Should the Council decide to submit the proposal to the electors it shall be submitted at the next election held in the city for any other purpose, or, in the discretion of the Council, at a special election called for that specific purpose. If no election is to be held in the city for any other purpose within ninety days from the time the petition is presented to the Council and the Council does not enact the ordinance or an approved substitute therefore as provided in SECTION 7. 12a. (2), or repeal the ordinance as the case may be, then the council shall call a special election to be held within eighty days from such date of presentation for the submission of the proposal contained in the petition. The result of all elections held under the provision of this section shall be determined by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon, except in cases where otherwise required by statute or Constitution.

If two or more ordinances adopted at the same election shall have conflicting provisions, the provisions in the ordinance receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall govern.

ORDINANCE SUSPENDED:

SECTION 7. 14. The presentation to the Council by the Clerk of a valid and sufficient referendary petition proposing to repeal an ordinance which was enacted not over one year from the date of original filing of the petition with the Clerk shall automatically suspend the operation of the ordinance in question pending repeal by the Council or final determination by the electors.

LIMITATION ON AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES:

SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCES BY COUNCIL:

SECTION 7. 15. An ordinance adopted by the electorate through initiatory proceedings may not be amended or repealed for a period of one year after the date of the election at which it was adopted, and an ordinance repealed by the electorate may not be re-enacted for a period of one year after the date of the election at which it was repealed. It is provided, however, that any ordinance may be adopted, amended or repealed at any time by appropriate referendum or initiatory procedure in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this chapter or if submitted to the electorate by the council on its own motion.

SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE:

SECTION 7. 16. Unless an ordinance shall expressly provide to the contrary, if any portion of an ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be found to be invalid by a court, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portion or application, provided such remaining portions or application are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end ordinances are declared to be severable.

CHAPTER VIII

GENERAL FINANCE

FISCAL YEAR:

SECTION 8. 1. The fiscal year of the city shall begin on the first day of January of each year and end on the thirty first day of December of the same year.

BUDGET PROCEDURES:

SECTION 8. 2. The City Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council at the first meeting in October of each year a recommended budget covering the next fiscal year, and shall include therein, or provide as a supplement thereto at least the following information:

(a) Detailed estimates with supporting explanations of all proposed expenditures for each department, board, commission, utility and agency of the city, (including the public library), showing the expenditures for corresponding items for the last preceding fiscal year in full, and for the current fiscal year to September first and estimated expenditures for the balance of the current fiscal year.

(b) Statements of the bonded and other indebtedness of the city, showing the debt redemption and interest requirements, the debt authorized and unissued and the condition of sinking funds if any.

(c) Detailed estimates of all anticipated revenues of the city from sources other than taxes, with a comparative statement of the amounts received by the city from each of the same or similar sources for the last preceding fiscal year in full, and for the current fiscal year to September first, and estimated revenues for the balance of the current fiscal year.

(d) A statement of the estimated balance or deficit for the end of the current fiscal year.

(e) An estimate of the amount of money to be raised from current and delinquent taxes and the amount to be raised from bond issues which, together with any available unappropriated surplus and any revenues from other sources, will be necessary to meet the proposed expenditures.

(f) Such other supporting information as the Council may request.

BUDGET HEARING:

SECTION 8. 3. A public hearing on the proposed budget shall

be held before its final adoption at such time and place as the Council shall direct. Notice of such public hearing, a summary of the proposed budget and notice that the proposed budget is on file in the office of the Clerk shall be published at least one week in advance of the hearing. The complete proposed budget shall be on file for public inspection during office hours at such office for a period of not less than one week prior to such hearing.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

SECTION 8. 4. At the second meeting in December the Council shall by ordinance adopt a budget for the next fiscal year, shall appropriate the money needed for municipal purposes during such year and shall in such ordinance provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes subject to the limitation contained in SECTION 9. 1.

Appropriations to a contingency fund or to any other similar fund which is not for a specific purpose or purposes shall not exceed an amount which is reasonably necessary to provide for unforeseeable contingencies but in no case over four per cent of the total amount of the appropriations for all purposes. No allowance shall be made in the contingency fund for any estimated expenditure which can logically be included in a specific budget account.

BUDGET CONTROL:

SECTION 8. 5. Except for purposes which are to be financed by the issuance of bonds or by special assessment, or for other purposes not chargeable to a budget appropriation, no money shall be drawn from the treasury of the city except in accordance with an appropriation thereof for such purpose, nor shall any obligation for the expenditure of money be incurred without an appropriation covering all payments which will be due under such obligation in the current fiscal year. The Council by resolution may transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance, or any portion thereof from one account, department, fund or agency to another.

In the case of emergency arising from a natural calamity, civil commotion, military action, or act of God, as a result of which it is necessary to protect the public health, welfare or safety the Council may make additional appropriations to cover unanticipated expenditures required of the city because of such emergency. Otherwise, no additional appropriations shall be made.

Expenditures shall not be charged directly to the contingency fund (or other similar fund). Instead, the necessary part of the appropriation from the contingency fund (or other similar fund) shall be transferred to the logical account and the expenditure then charged to such account.

The City Manager shall each month submit to the Council data showing the relation between the estimated and actual revenues and expenditures to date; and if it shall appear that the revenues are less than anticipated, the Council shall endeavor to reduce the appropriations, except amounts required for debt and interest charges, to such a degree as may be necessary to keep expenditures within the revenues.

The balance in any budget appropriation which has not been encumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the general fund except as otherwise required by law.

DEPOSITORY:

SECTION 8. 6. The Council shall designate depositories for city funds and shall provide for the regular deposit of all city monies.

The Council shall provide for such security for city deposits as is authorized or permitted by statute except that personal surety bonds shall not be deemed proper security.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT; ANNUAL REPORT:

SECTION 8. 7. An independent audit shall be made of all city accounts at least annually, and more frequently if deemed necessary by the Council. The audit shall include checks by recognized audit procedures to determine if the financial provisions of the charter have been complied with. Such audit shall be made by Certified Public Accountants to be selected by the Council. Such audit shall be available for public inspection in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

The City Manager shall prepare an annual report of the affairs of the city after completion of the annual audit. The report shall include financial statements showing the results of all city operations including operation statements for each public utility owned or operated by the city. Copies of such report, after approval by the Council, shall be made available for public inspection at the office of the clerk and shall be made public by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS:

SECTION 8. 8. The City through its City Manager shall maintain a system of accounts which shall conform to such uniform system as may be required by state law.

CHAPTER IX

TAXATION

POWER TO TAX; TAX LIMIT:

SECTION 9. 1. The city shall have power to assess taxes and lay and collect rents and tolls. The annual general ad valorem tax levy for municipal purposes shall not exceed two per cent of the assessed value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the city exclusive of any levies authorized by statute to be made beyond charter tax rate limitations.

The city shall also have the power to lay and collect excises, but any excise imposed pursuant to the authority contained in this Section must before becoming effective, be referred to the electorate and ratified by a majority of the voters voting thereon.

SUBJECTS OF TAXATION:

SECTION 9. 2. The subjects of ad valorem taxation for municipal purposes shall be the same as for state, county and school purposes under the general law. Except as otherwise provided by this charter, city taxes shall be levied, collected and returned in the manner provided by statute.

EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION:

SECTION 9. 3. No exemptions from taxation shall be allowed except as expressly required or permitted by statute.

TAX DAY:

SECTION 9. 4. Subject to the exceptions provided or permitted by statute, the taxable status of persons and property shall be determined as of the thirty-first day of December, for the following year, which shall be deemed the tax day.

PREPARATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL:

SECTION 9. 5. On or before the first Monday in March in each year the Assessor shall prepare and certify an assessment roll of all property in the city subject to ad valorem taxation. Such roll shall be prepared in accordance with statute and this charter. Values shall be estimated according to recognized methods of systematic assessment. The records of the Assessor shall show separate figures for the value of the land, of the buildings, other improvements, and of personal property.

On or before the first Monday in March the Assessor shall give by first-class mail a notice of any increase over the previous year in the assessed value of any property or of the addition of any property to the roll to the owner as shown by such assessment roll. The failure to give any such notice or of the owner to receive it shall not invalidate any assessment roll or assessment thereon. In the event of a uniform general increase in property assessment, the Assessor shall give notice thereof by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

SECTION 9. 6. The Board of Review shall be composed of five tax paying electors of the City who shall meet the eligibility requirements contained in SECTION 5. 1. and who during their term of office shall not be city or school board officers or employees or be nominees or candidates for elective city or school board office. The filing by a member of the Board of Review of his nominating petition for an elective city or school board office or the filing of a consent thereto shall constitute a resignation from the Board of Review. The appointment of members of such Board shall be based upon their knowledge and experience in property valuation. Five members of the Board shall be appointed by the Council in January of 1971 to replace the old Board of Review. One member shall be appointed for a one-year term, one member for a two-year term, one member for a three-year term, one member for a four-year term, and one member for a five-year term. In January of each year thereafter the Council shall appoint a member for a term of five years. The Council shall fix the compensation of the members of the Board. The Board of Review shall annually in February elect its own chairman for the ensuing year, and the Assessor shall be clerk of the Board and shall be entitled to be heard at its sessions but shall have no vote.

DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF BOARD OF REVIEW:

SECTION 9. 7. For the purpose of revising and correcting assessments, the Board of Review shall have the same powers and perform like duties in all respects as are by statute conferred upon and required of boards of review in townships, except as otherwise provided in this charter. At the time and in the manner provided in the following section, it shall hear complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by assessments, and if it shall appear that any person or property has been wrongfully assessed or omitted from the roll, the Board shall correct the roll in such manner as it deems just. In all cases the roll shall be reviewed according to the facts existing on the tax day and no change in the status of any property after said day shall be considered by the Board in making its decision. Except as otherwise provided by statute no person other than the Board of Review shall make or authorize any change upon, or additions or corrections to, the assessment roll. The assessor shall keep a permanent record of all proceedings and enter therein all resolutions and decisions of the Board.

MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW:

SECTION 9. 8. The Board of Review shall convene in its first

meeting on the second Monday in March of each year at such time of day and place as shall be designated by the Council and shall remain in session for at least eight hours for the purpose of considering and correcting the roll. During its first meeting the Board shall consider any written objections filed with it in respect to any assessment and may, on its own motion, revise said assessment roll and may increase or diminish valuations therein, add the names of persons and descriptions of property and shall correct all errors and supply all deficiencies found therein or resolve to consider such action at its second meeting.

In each case in which, at the first meeting of the Board, the assessed value of any property is increased over the amount shown on the assessment roll as prepared by the Assessor or any property is added to such roll by the Board, or the Board has resolved to consider at its second meeting such increasing of an assessment or the adding of any property to such roll the Assessor shall give notice thereof to the owners as shown by such roll by first class letter mailed not later than the day following the end of the first meeting of the Board. Such notice shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the second meeting of the Board. The failure to give any such notice or of the owner to receive it shall not invalidate any assessment roll or assessment thereon.

The Board of Review shall convene in its second meeting on the fourth Monday in March of each year at such time of day and place as shall be designated by the Council and shall continue in session until all interested persons have had an opportunity to be heard, but in no case for less than eight hours. At the second meeting, the Board may not increase any assessment except in those cases in which the Board resolved at its first meeting to consider such increase at its second meeting. The Board may however still add to the roll property previously omitted, but before so doing shall make every reasonable effort to notify the owner thereof and permit him to be heard.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

SECTION 9. 9. Notice of the time and place of the sessions of the Board of Review shall be published by the Clerk at least one week prior to each meeting of the Board.

ENDORSEMENT OF ROLL:

SECTION 9. 10. After the Board of Review has completed its review of the assessment roll, and not later than the first Monday in April, the majority of its members shall endorse thereon and sign a statement to the effect that the same is the assessment roll of the city for the year in which it has been prepared. The omission of such endorsement shall not effect the validity of such roll.

CLERK TO CERTIFY TAX LEVY:

SECTION 9. 11. Within three days after the Council has adopted the budget for the ensuing year, the Clerk shall certify to the Assessor the total amount which the Council determines shall be raised by general ad valorem tax. He shall also certify all amounts of current or delinquent special assessments and all other amounts which the Council requires to be assessed, reassessed or charged upon any property or against any person.

CITY TAX ROLL:

SECTION 9. 12. After the Board of Review has completed its review of the assessment roll, the Assessor shall prepare a copy of the assessment roll to be known as the "City Tax Roll," and upon receiving the certification of the several amounts to be raised, as provided in SECTION 9. 11. the Assessor shall spread upon said

tax roll the several amounts determined by the Council to be charged, assessed or reassessed against persons or property. He shall also spread the amounts of the general ad valorem city tax according to and in proportion to the several valuations set forth in said assessment roll. To avoid fractions in computation on any tax roll, the Assessor may add to the amount of the several taxes to be raised not more than the amount prescribed by statute. Any excess created thereby on any tax roll shall belong to the city.

TAX ROLL CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION:

SECTION 9. 13. After spreading the taxes the Assessor shall certify the tax roll, and the Mayor shall annex his warrant thereto directing and requiring the Treasurer to collect prior to March first of the following year from the several persons named in said roll the several sums mentioned therein opposite their respective names as a tax or assessment and granting to him for the purpose of collecting the taxes, assessments and charges on such roll, all the statutory powers and immunities possessed by township treasurers for the collection of taxes. On June fifteenth, the roll shall be delivered to the Treasurer for collection.

TAX LIEN ON PROPERTY:

SECTION 9. 14. On July first, the taxes thus assessed shall become a debt due to the city from the persons to whom they are assessed and the amounts assessed on any interest in real property shall become a lien upon such real property, for such amounts and for all interest and charges thereon, and all personal taxes shall become a first lien on all personal property of such persons so assessed.

Such lien shall take precedence over all other claims, encumbrances and liens to the extent provided by statute and shall continue until such taxes, interest and charges are paid.

TAXES DUE - NOTIFICATION THEREOF:

SECTION 9. 15. City taxes shall be due on July first of each year. The Treasurer shall not be required to call upon the persons named in the city tax roll, nor to make personal demand for the payment of taxes, but he shall (a) publish, between June fifteenth and July first notice of the time when said taxes will be due for collection and the penalties and fees for late payment of same, and (b) mail a bill to each person named in said roll, but in cases of any type of multiple ownership of property only one bill need be mailed.

Failure on the part of the Treasurer to give said notice or mail such bills shall not invalidate the taxes on said tax roll nor release the person or property assessed from the penalties and fees provided in this chapter in case of late payment or non-payment of the same.

COLLECTION FEES:

SECTION 9. 16. All taxes paid on or before August thirty-first of each year shall be collected by the Treasurer without interest charge or collection fee.

On the first day of September he shall add to all taxes then unpaid a collection fee of one per cent thereof, and on the first day of each succeeding month he shall add to all taxes then unpaid an additional one-half of one per cent thereof as a collection fee. Such collection fee shall belong to the city and constitute a charge and shall be a lien against the property to which the taxes themselves apply, collectible in the same manner as the taxes to which they are added.

It is provided, however, that if delivery of the tax roll to the Treasurer, as provided in SECTION 9. 13, is delayed for any reason by more than twenty days after June fifteenth, the application of the schedule of collection fees provided herein shall be postponed thirty days for the first twenty days of such delay and shall be postponed an additional thirty days for each additional thirty days, or major fraction thereof, of delay.

FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO PAY TAX:

SECTION 9. 17. If any person shall neglect or refuse to pay any tax assessed to him, the Treasurer shall collect the same by seizing the personal property of such person to an amount sufficient to pay such tax, fees and charges for subsequent sale, wherever the same may be found in the state, and from which seizure no property shall be exempt. He may sell the property seized to an amount sufficient to pay the taxes and all charges in accordance with statutory provisions. The treasurer may, if otherwise unable to collect a tax on personal property, sue the person to whom it is assessed in accordance with statute.

DELINQUENT TAX ROLL TO COUNTY TREASURER:

SECTION 9. 18. All City and school taxes remaining uncollected by the Treasurer on the first day of March following the date when said roll was received by him shall be returned to the County Treasurer to the extent and in the same manner and with like effect as provided by statute for returns by township treasurers of township, school and county taxes. Such returns shall include all the additional assessments, charges and fees herein before provided, which shall be added to the amount assessed in said tax roll against each property or person. The taxes thus returned shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes returned to the County Treasurer are collected, in accordance with statute, and shall be and remain a lien upon the property against which they are assessed until paid.

STATE COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES:

SECTION 9. 19. For the purpose of assessing and collecting taxes for state, county and school purposes, the city shall be considered the same as a township, and all provisions of statute relative to the collection of the accounting for such taxes shall apply. For the purposes of collecting state, county and school taxes, the Treasurer shall perform the same duties and have the same powers as township treasurers under statute.

CHAPTER X

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

GENERAL POWER RELATIVE TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

SECTION 10. 1. The Council shall have the power to determine by resolution that the whole or any part of the expense of any public improvement be defrayed by special assessment upon the property especially benefited in proportion to the benefits derived or to be derived.

DETAILED PROCEDURE TO BE FIXED BY ORDINANCE:

SECTION 10. 2. The Council shall prescribe by ordinance the complete special assessment procedure governing the initiation of projects, preparation of plans and cost estimates, creation of districts, making and confirming of assessment rolls, correction of errors in the rolls, collection of assessments and special assessment method. Such ordinance shall provide for public hearings on the necessity for the project and on confirmation of the special assessment roll by the Council.

HAZARDS AND NUISANCES:

SECTION 10. 3. When any lot, building, or structure within the City, because of age, or dilapidation, the accumulation of refuse or debris, the uncontrolled growing of noxious weeds, or because of any other condition or happening becomes, in the opinion of the Council, a public hazard or nuisance which is dangerous to the health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City, or of those residing or habitually going near such lot, building, or structure, the Council may, after investigation, give notice to the owner or owners of the land upon which such nuisance exists, or to the owner or occupant of the building or structure itself, by posting notice upon the premises, by publication, by personal service, or by registered or certified mail addressed to the address set forth in the current assessment roll of the City, or the records of the assessor, specifying the nature of the nuisance and requiring such owner or occupant to alter, repair, tear down, abate, or remove the nuisance within a time to be specified by the Council which shall be commensurate with the nature of the nuisance. If, at the expiration of the time limit in said notice, the owner has not complied with the requirements thereof, or in any case where the owner of the land or of the building or structure itself is not known or cannot be found, the Council may order such hazard or nuisance abated by the proper department or agency of the City which is qualified to do the work required, or may do the work by contract or hire, and the cost of such abatement may be assessed against the lot, premises, or description of real property upon which such hazard or nuisance is located, by special assessment.

CHAPTER XI BORROWING POWER

GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO BORROW:

SECTION 11. 1. Subject to the applicable provisions of statute and Constitution, the Council may by ordinance or resolution borrow money and issue bonds and other evidence of indebtedness for any purpose within the scope of the powers vested in the City. Such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness shall include but not be limited to the following types:

(a) General obligation bonds which pledge the full faith and credit of the City for the payment of such obligations, including bonds for the city's portion of public improvements.

(b) Notes issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, but the proceeds of such notes may be spent only in accordance with appropriations as provided by SECTION 8. 5.

(c) In case of fire, flood or other calamity, emergency obligations due in not more than five years for the relief of the inhabitants of the city and for the preservation of municipal property.

(d) Bonds issued in anticipation of special assessments, which bonds may be an obligation of the special assessment district only, or may be both an obligation of the special assessment district and a general obligation of the city; provided that bonds may be issued in anticipation of the special assessment levied in respect to two or more public improvements, but no special assessment district shall be compelled to pay the obligation of any other special assessment district.

(e) Mortgage bonds for the acquiring, owning, purchasing, constructing, improving or operating of any public utility as provided by the Michigan Constitution; provided such bonds shall not impose any liability upon the city.

(f) Bonds for the refunding of the funded indebtedness of the city.

(g) Revenue bonds as authorized by statute which are secured only by the revenues from the public improvement and do not constitute a general obligation of the city.

LIMITS OF BORROWING POWERS:

SECTION 11. 2. The net bonded indebtedness incurred for all

public purposes shall not at any time exceed the maximum percentage permitted by statute, provided that in computing such net bonded indebtedness there shall be excluded money borrowed under the following sections: 11. 1b. (tax anticipation notes), 11. 1d. (special assessment bonds even though they are also a general obligation of the city), 11. 1e. (mortgage bonds), 11. 1g. (revenue bonds), and any outstanding obligations excluded by statute or Constitution from such limitation. The resources of the sinking fund pledged for the retirement of any outstanding bonds shall also be deducted in computing the amount of the bonded indebtedness.

The amount of emergency loans which may be made under the provisions of Section 11. 1c. may not exceed the maximum amount permitted by statute and such a loan may be made even if it causes the indebtedness of the city to exceed the limit of net bonded indebtedness fixed in the charter.

The total amount of such special assessment bonds issued under Section 11. 1d. which are a general obligation of the City, shall at no time by reason of future issues, other than issues of refunding bonds exceed that percentage allowed by statute of the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the City, nor shall such bonds be issued in any calendar year in excess of that amount as allowed by statute of the assessed value unless authorized by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election.

APPROVAL OF ELECTORS:

SECTION 11. 3. General obligation bonds (except bonds for the city's portion of those public improvements which are to be paid for in part by special assessment) issued under the authority of Section 11. 1a. and mortgage bonds issued under the authority of Section 11. 1e. shall be issued only with the approval of a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election. On the question of approving any such general obligation bond issue, only those persons who own property assessed for ad valorem taxes in the city and their husbands and wives shall be entitled to vote.

The issuance of any bonds even if not otherwise requiring the approval of the electors shall be subject to applicable requirements of statute with regard to public notice in advance of the authorization of such issues, filing of petitions for a referendum on such issuance, holding of such referendum and other applicable procedural requirements.

PREPARATION AND RECORD OF BOND:

SECTION 11. 4. Every bond issued by the city shall contain on its face a statement specifying the object for which the same is issued. It shall be unlawful for any officer of the city to sign or issue any such bond unless such statement is set forth on the face of the same, or to use such bonds or the proceeds from the sale thereof for any object other than that mentioned on the face of such bond. Any officer who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in office.

Bonds and all other evidences of indebtedness issued by the city shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk under the seal of the city. The coupons evidencing the interest upon said bonds may be executed with the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk. A complete and detailed record of all bonds shall be kept by the Clerk.

Upon the payment of any bond or other evidence of indebtedness, the same shall be cancelled.

UNISSUED BONDS:

SECTION 11. 5. Any authorization of the electors for the is-

suance of bonds by the city shall be void if such bonds shall not be issued within three (3) years from the date of such authorization.

DEFERRED PAYMENT CONTRACTS:

SECTION 11. 6. The city may enter into installment contracts for the purchase of property or capital equipment. Each of such contracts shall not extend over a period greater than five years nor shall the total amounts of principal payable under all such contracts exceed an amount permitted by law of the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city.

All such deferred payments shall be included in the budget for the year in which the installment is payable.

CHAPTER XII

PURCHASING - CONTRACTS - LEASES

SECTION 12. 1. The City Manager shall be responsible for the purchase and sale of all city property.

Comparative prices shall be obtained for the purchase or sale of all materials, services supplies and public improvements except (a) in the employment of professional services and (b) when the city Manager, or the Council as hereinafter provided, shall determine that it would not be advantageous to the city.

In all sales or purchases in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) (a) the sale or purchase shall be approved by the Council, (b) sealed bids shall be obtained unless the Council by unanimous resolution of those present at the meeting, based upon the written recommendations of the City Manager, determines that it would not be advantageous to the city to obtain sealed bids, and (c) the requirements of Section 12. 2. shall be complied with. No sale or purchase shall be divided for the purpose of circumventing the dollar value limitation contained in this section.

It is provided, however, that (a) by ordinance adopted by all the members of the Council in office at the time (and amendable in the same manner) that the limit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the preceding paragraph may be raised to as high as One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and (b) the Council may authorize the making of public improvements or the performance of any other city work by any city agency without competitive bidding.

Purchases shall be made from the lowest competent bidder meeting specifications. Sales shall be made to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the city.

All purchases and sales in excess of twenty-five dollars shall be evidence by written contract or purchase order.

The city may not sell any park, cemetery or any part thereof except in accordance with restrictions placed thereon by statute.

The city may not purchase, sell or lease any real estate or any interest therein except by the affirmative vote of four or more members of the Council.

The purchase and sale of all city property shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5. 13.

The purchasing services of the city shall be made available without charge to the Public Library. The purchasing services of the city shall be made available to the public school system of the city, and the Council may provide for fair charges for any such services.

Detailed purchasing, sale and contract procedure shall be established by ordinance.

CONTRACTS:

SECTION 12. 2. All contracts and leases to which the city is a party when this charter becomes effective shall remain in full force and effect.

The authority to contract on behalf of the city is vested in the Council and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of statute and of this charter, provided that purchases and sales may be made by the City Manager subject to the provisions of Section 12. 1.

Any contract or agreement in an amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more made with form or terms other than the standard city purchase order form shall before execution be submitted to the Attorney and his opinion obtained with respect to its form and legality. A copy of all contracts or agreements requiring such opinion shall be filed in the office of the Clerk together with a copy of the opinion.

Before any contract agreement or purchase order obligating the city to pay an amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more is executed the Clerk shall first have certified that an appropriation has been made for the payment thereof, or that sufficient funds will be for a purpose to be financed by the issuance of bonds or by special assessments or for some other purpose not chargeable to a budget appropriation. In the case of a contract or agreement obligating the city for periodic payments in future fiscal years for the furnishing of a continuing service or the leasing of property, such certification need not cover those payments which will be due in future fiscal years, but this exception shall not apply to a contract for the purchase or construction of a public improvement unless such purchase or construction is being financed by an installment contract under authority of Section 11. 6. Certification by the Clerk shall be endorsed on each contract, agreement or purchase order requiring same or shall be filed as an attachment thereto.

No contract or purchase order shall be subdivided for the purpose of circumventing the dollar limitation contained in this section.

No contract shall be amended after the same has been made except upon the authority of the Council, provided that the City Manager may amend contracts for those purchases and sales made by him under the authority of Section 12. 1.

No compensation shall be paid to any contractor except in accordance with the terms of the contract.

No contract shall be made with any person in default to the city.

An individual agreement of employment shall not be deemed a contract requiring opinion by the Attorney or certification by the Clerk.

RESTRICTION ON POWERS TO LEASE PROPERTY:

SECTION 12. 3.. Any agreement or contract for the renting or leasing of public property for a period longer than three years shall be subject to the same referendum procedure as is provided in the case of ordinances passed by the council but any petition for such referendum must be filed within thirty days after publication of the proceedings of the meeting of the council at which such agreement or contract is authorized.

The transfer or assignment of any agreement of contract for the renting or leasing of public property may be made only upon approval of the council but approval of such transfer shall not be subject to

referendum.

Rental and leases and renewals thereof shall be for a fair consideration as determined by the council.

CHAPTER XIII

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

GENERAL POWERS RESPECTING UTILITIES:

SECTION 13. 1. The city shall possess and hereby reserves to itself all the powers granted to cities by statute and Constitutions to acquire, construct, own, operate, improve, enlarge, extend, repair and maintain, either within or without its corporate limits, including but not by the way of limitation public utilities for supplying water, light, heat, power, gas, sewage treatment and sewage and garbage disposal facilities, or any of them, to the municipality and the inhabitants thereof; and also to sell and deliver water, light, heat, power, gas and other public utility services without its corporate limits to an amount and to a territory not exceeding the limitations set by statute and Constitution.

MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED OR OPERATED UTILITIES:

SECTION 13. 2. Each municipally owned or operated utility shall be administered as a regular department of the city government under the management and supervision of the City Manager.

RATES:

SECTION 13. 3. The Council shall have the power to fix from time to time such just and reasonable rates and other charges as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants for the city and others with such public utility services as the city may provide. The rates and charges of any municipal public utility for the furnishing of public utility services shall be so fixed as to at least meet all the costs of such utility. There shall be no discrimination in such rates within any classification of users thereof, nor shall free service be permitted, but higher rates may be charged for service outside the city limits.

UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES - COLLECTION:

SECTION 13. 4. The Council shall provide by ordinance for the collection of all public utility rates and charges of the city. Such ordinance shall provide at least:

(a) The city shall have as security for the collection of such utility rates and charges a lien upon the real property supplied by such utility, which lien shall become effective immediately upon the supplying of such utility service and shall be enforced in the manner provided in such ordinance.

(b) The terms and conditions under which utility services may be discontinued in case of delinquency in paying such rates or charges.

(c) That suit may be instituted by the city in any competent tribunal for the collection of such rates or charges.

With respect to the collection of rates charged for water the city shall have all the powers granted to cities by Public Act 178 of 1939.

DISPOSAL OF UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY:

SECTION 13. 5. Unless approved by a three-fifths majority vote of the electors voting thereon at a regular or special election, the city shall not sell, exchange, lease or in any way dispose of any property, easements, equipment, privilege or asset belonging to and appertaining to any municipally owned public utility which is needed to continue the operation of such utility. All contracts, negotiations,

licenses, grants, leases, or other forms of transfer in violation of this section shall be void and of no effect as against the city. The restrictions of this section shall not apply to the sale or exchange of any articles of machinery or equipment of any city owned public utility which are worn out or useless or which have been, or could with advantage to the service be, replaced by new and improved machinery or equipment, to the leasing of property not necessary for the operation of the utility, or to the exchange of property or easements for other needed property or easements.

UTILITY FINANCES:

SECTION 13. 6. Separate accounts shall be kept for each public utility owned or operated by the city. Such accounts for utilities for the furnishing of public utility services shall be designed to show the financial results of city ownership or operation in the same manner as the financial results of a corresponding privately-owned utility would be shown, except that taxes need not be accounted for. To that end the accounts shall show all assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, reserves and surplus. Revenues shall include charges rendered by such utility to any other city department or fund, including by way of illustration but not limited thereto, charges for water for municipal buildings and fire hydrants rentals. Such charges shall be computed in a reasonable manner considering cost and value of the service and the practice of privately owned utilities and, where the service is comparable to that provided to other customers, the charge shall be the same as to other customers.

Expenses shall include charges for services rendered to such utility by other city departments. All the inter-departmental charges provided for herein shall actually be made in the accounts of the city.

The rates and charges for any municipal public utility for the furnishing of public utility services shall be so fixed as to at least meet all costs of such utility.

Except for the inter-departmental charges provided for herein and except for temporary short-term loans in anticipation of taxes, there shall be no transfer of funds to or from any utility for the furnishing of public utility services from or to any other fund or account of the city, unless approved by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting thereon or unless such utility is discontinued. If money is loaned to other city funds in anticipation of tax collections, it shall be repaid to the utility of the earliest possible date at which monies are available, but in no case more than one year after borrowing.

Nothing contained herein, however, shall prevent the city from pledging its full faith and credit for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued for the purpose of any such utility or to use general city moneys to pay such principal and interest if sufficient moneys therefor are not available in the funds of such utility.

CHAPTER XIV

PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISES

FRANCHISES REMAIN IN EFFECT:

SECTION 14. 1. All franchises to which the city is a party when this charter becomes effective shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.

GRANTING OF PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISES:

SECTION 14. 2. Public utility franchises and all renewals, extensions thereof and amendments thereto shall be granted by ordinance only. No exclusive franchise shall ever be granted. No franchise shall

be granted for a longer period than thirty years.

No franchise ordinance which is not subject to revocation at the will of the Council shall be enacted nor become operative until the same shall have first been referred to the people at a regular or special election and received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the electors voting thereon. No such franchise ordinance shall be approved by the Council for referral to the electorate before thirty days after application therefor has been filed with the Council nor until a public hearing has been held thereon, nor until the grantee named therein has filed with the Clerk his unconditional acceptance of all terms of such franchise. No special election for such purpose shall be ordered by the Council unless the expense of holding such election as determined by the Council, shall have first been paid to the Treasurer by the proposed grantee.

A franchise ordinance or renewal or extension thereof or amendment thereto which is subject to revocation at the will of the Council may be enacted by the Council without referral to the voters, but shall not be enacted unless the form in which it is finally enacted shall have been on file in the office of the Clerk for public inspection for at least four weeks after publication of a notice that such ordinance is so on file.

CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISES:

SECTION 14. 3. All public utility franchises granted after the adoption of this charter, whether it be so provided in the granting ordinance or not, shall be subject to the following rights of the city, but this enumeration shall not be exclusive or impair the right of the Council to insert in such franchise any provision within the power of the city to impose or require:

(a) To repeal the same for misuse, nonuse or failure to comply with the provisions thereof.

(b) To require proper and adequate extension of plant and service and maintenance thereof at the highest practicable standard of efficiency.

(c) To establish reasonable standards of service and quality of products and prevent unjust discrimination in service or rates.

(d) To require continuous and uninterrupted service to the public in accordance with the terms of the franchise throughout the entire period thereof.

(e) To use, control and regulate the use of its streets, alleys, bridges and other public places and the space above and beneath them.

(f) To impose such other regulations as may be determined by the Council to be conducive to the safety, welfare and accommodation of the public.

REGULATION OF RATES:

SECTION 14. 4. All public utility franchises shall make provision therein for fixing rates, fares and charges and may provide for readjustments thereof at periodic intervals. The value of the property of the utility used as a basis for fixing such rates, fares and charges shall in no event include a value predicated upon the franchise, goodwill or prospective profits.

USE OF PUBLIC PLACES BY UTILITIES:

SECTION 14. 5. Every public utility whether it has a franchise or not shall pay such part of the cost of improvement or maintenance of streets, alleys, bridges and public places as shall arise from its use thereof and shall protect and save the city harmless from all damages arising from said use. Every such public utility may be required by the city to permit joint use of its property and appurtenances located in the streets, alleys and other public places of the city by the city and by other utilities insofar as such joint use may be reasonably practicable and upon payment of reasonable rental there-

for. In the absence of agreement and upon application by any public utility, the Council shall provide for arbitration of the terms and conditions of such joint use and the compensation to be paid therefor, and the arbitration award shall be final.

CHAPTER XV

MISCELLANEOUS

VESTED RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES CONTINUED:

SECTION 15. 1. After the effective date of this charter, the city shall be vested with all property, moneys, contracts, rights, credits, effects, and the records, files books and papers belonging to it previous to and upon the effective date of this charter. No right or liability, either in favor of or against the city, existing at the time this charter becomes effective and no suit or prosecution of any character shall in any manner be affected by any change resulting from the adoption of this charter, but the same shall stand or proceed as if no change had been. All debts and liabilities of the city shall continue to be its debts and liabilities and all fines and penalties imposed at the time of such change shall be collected by the city.

RECORDS TO BE PUBLIC:

SECTION 15. 2. All records of the city shall be public, shall be kept in city offices except when required for official reasons or for purposes of safekeeping to be elsewhere and shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

SECTION 15. 3. Except as otherwise specifically provided or indicated by the context, of this charter:

(a) All words indicating the present tense shall not be limited to the time of the adoption of this charter but shall extend to and include the time of the happening of any event or requirement for which provision is made herein.

(b) The singular number shall include the plural, the plural number shall include the singular and the masculine gender shall extend to and include the feminine gender and the neuter.

(c) The word "person" may extend and be applied to bodies politic and corporate and to partnerships as well as to individuals.

(d) The word "printed" and "printing" shall include reproductions by printing, engraving, stencil duplicating, lithographing or any similar method.

(e) Except in reference to signatures, the words, "written" and "in writing" shall include printing and typewriting.

(f) The word "officer" shall include the Mayor and other members of the Council, the administrative officers, deputy administrative officers, members of the city boards and commissions created by or pursuant to this charter.

(g) The word "statute" shall denote the Public Acts of the State of Michigan as they are in effect at the time the provision containing the word "statute" is to be applied.

(h) The word "Constitution" shall denote the Constitution of the State of Michigan as it is in effect at the time the provision containing the word "Constitution" is to be applied.

(i) All references to specific Local or Public Acts shall be to such Local or Public Acts of the State of Michigan as they are in effect at the time the references to such act is to be applied.

(j) The words "law" or general laws of the "State" shall denote the Constitution and statutes of Michigan as herein defined and applicable common law.

(k) All references to section numbers shall refer to section numbers of this charter.

DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION: MAILING OF NOTICES:

SECTION 15. 4. The requirement contained in this charter for the publishing or publication of notices ordinances or proceedings shall be met by publishing an appropriate insertion in a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of news of a general character, which newspaper shall have had a general circulation at regular intervals in the city immediately preceding that the time that it is used for such publication purposes. The affidavit of the printer or publisher of such newspaper or his foreman or principal clerk, annexed to a printed copy of such notice, ordinance or proceeding taken from the paper in which it was published and specifying the times of publication shall be prima facie evidence of such publication.

In any case in which this charter requires the mailing of notices, the affidavit of the officer or employee responsible for such mailing that such notice was mailed shall be prima facie evidence of such mailing.

CITY LIABILITY:

SECTION 15. 5. The city shall not be liable for damages sustained by any person either to his person or property by reason of the negligence of the city, its officers or employees, nor by reason of any defective condition of or obstruction in any public place unless such person shall serve or cause to be served upon the Clerk within ninety days after the injury resulting in such damages shall have occurred a notice in writing; which notice shall set forth substantially the time and place of such injury, the manner in which it occurred, the extent of such damages as far as the same has become known, the names and addresses of the witnesses known at the time by the claimant and a statement that the person sustaining such damages intends to hold the city liable for such damages as may have been sustained by him.

The city shall not be liable for any damages to person or property arising out of any such injury unless there shall have been first presented to the Clerk a claim in writing and under oath setting forth particularly the time, place, nature and extent of such injury and the amount of damages claimed by reason thereof. No person shall bring any action against the city for any such damages until such claim shall have been filed with the Clerk and until the Council shall have been given reasonable opportunity to act thereon either by allowing or refusing to allow the claim.

It shall be a sufficient bar and answer in any court to any action or proceeding for the collection of any demand or claim against the city under this section that the notice of injury and the verified proof of claim as in this section required were not presented and filed within the time and in the manner herein provided.

TRUSTS:

SECTION 15. 6. All trusts established for any municipal purpose shall be used and continued in accordance with the terms of such trust, subject to the cy pres doctrine. The Council may in its discretion receive and hold any property in trust for any municipal purpose and shall apply the same to the execution of such trust and for no other purpose except in cases where the cy pres doctrine shall apply.

QUORUM:

SECTION 15. 7. A quorum of any board or commission created by or pursuant to this charter shall be a majority of the members of such board or commission in office at the time, but not less than two members.

SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

SECTION 15. 8. Whenever the date fixed by this charter or by ordinance for the doing or completion of any act falls on Sunday or legal holiday, such act shall be done or completed on the next succeeding day which is not a Sunday or legal holiday.

PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE:

SECTION 15. 9. Any officer of the city found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of any act declared by this charter to constitute misconduct in office may be punished by a fine of not to exceed five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not to exceed ninety days or both in the discretion of the court. The punishment provided in this section shall be in addition to that of having the office declared vacant as provided in Section 5. 2. and 5. 3.

AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 15. 10. This charter may be amended at any time in the manner provided by statute. Should two or more amendments adopted at the same election have conflicting provisions the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail as to those provisions.

SEVERABILITY OF CHARTER PROVISIONS:

SECTION 15. 11. If any provision, section, article or clause of this charter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be found to be invalid by a court, such invalidity shall not affect any remaining portion or application of the charter which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, provided such remaining portions or applications are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end this charter is declared to be severable.

CHAPTER XVI

SCHEDULE

STATUS OF SCHEDULE CHAPTER:

SECTION 16. 1. The purpose of this schedule chapter is to inaugurate the government of the city under this charter and to accomplish the transition from the old to the new charter, and it shall constitute a part of this charter only to the extent and for the time required to accomplish this end.

ELECTION TO ADOPT THIS CHARTER:

SECTION 16. 2. This charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City of St. Ignace at a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1969. This election shall be conducted by the officers under the existing city government, charged with the conduct and supervision of elections, and shall follow the election procedure established by law.

FORM OF BALLOT:

SECTION 16. 3. The form of the ballot for the submission of this charter shall be as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS: A cross (X) in the square before the word "Yes" is in favor of the proposed charter, and a cross (X) in the square before the word "No" is against the proposed charter. Before leaving the booth, fold the ballot so that the numbered corner of the ballot may be seen from the outside.

Shall the Proposed charter for the City of St. Ignace drafted by the Charter Commission elected on April 7, 1969 be adopted?

YES

NO

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHARTER:

SECTION 16. 4a. Only for the purposes of nominating and electing the first officers provided for in this charter, this charter shall take effect on December 29, 1969.

(b) For all other purposes not provided for herein, this charter shall take effect at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on April 20, 1970.

ALTERATION OF 1970 ELECTION SCHEDULE:

SECTION 16. 5. If this charter is adopted by the electors, the regular municipal election which would have been held on Tuesday, November 3, 1970, shall be cancelled.

FIRST ELECTION OF OFFICERS UNDER THIS CHARTER:

SECTION 16. 6. The first election of officers under this charter shall be held on Monday, April 6, 1970, and the primary therefor shall be held on Monday, February 16, 1970.

In the year 1970, the first primary and first election under this charter shall be conducted by the officers of the city then in office in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and of Chapter 3 of this charter. The City Clerk shall, not later than Thursday, January 8, 1970, publish the first notice of the last day of registration of electors for the February 16, 1970, primary election and shall thereafter publish all notices and do all things necessary to prepare for, and hold, the elections provided for herein.

At the first election of officers under this charter on April 6, 1970, the electors shall be entitled to vote for not more than six candidates for Councilmen one candidate for Mayor.

At the first election of officers on April 6, 1970, there shall be elected six Councilmen and a Mayor. All such officers shall be elected for terms beginning April 20, 1970.

The three candidates for Councilmen with the first, second, and third highest number of votes respectively shall be elected for a term ending at 8:00 P.M. on the Monday following the regular city election in 1974 and the three candidates with the fourth, fifth, and sixth highest number of votes respectively shall be elected for a term ending at 8:00 P.M. on the Monday following the regular city election in 1972.

The Mayor shall be elected for a term ending at 8:00 P.M. on the Monday following the regular city election in 1972.

After 1970, the provisions in Chapter 3 of this charter on the various terms of office shall apply.

The nomination of candidates for the February 16, 1970, primary election shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of this charter.

TAKING OF OFFICE:

SECTION 16. 7. The Council first elected under this charter shall assemble in the existing city Council chambers at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on April 20, 1970.

The Clerk shall administer the oath of office to its members and the Mayor shall call the Council to order. The offices of the previously existing Mayor and city Council shall then cease to exist and the term and office of each and every member thereof shall terminate.

HOLDOVER OFFICES:

SECTION 16. 8. All city officers both elected and appointed holding office under the previous charter, except the members of the Common Council and Mayor holding office under and by the previous charter, shall continue in office until their successor shall be chosen and shall qualify or the office be abolished in accordance with the provisions of this charter. Where questions arise concerning the responsibility and authority of officers, pending the appointment of a City Manager, the Council shall temporarily fix such responsibility and grant such authority as is necessary to maintain the services of the city.

INTERIM FINANCE AND TAXATION PROVISIONS:

SECTION 16. 9. The fiscal period of the city which will begin May 1, 1970, shall continue through December 31, 1970, without change.

Any budget, appropriation ordinance, or tax levy for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1970, which may have been adopted prior to April 20, 1970 shall be abrogated by the taking of effect of this charter. Instead the following provisions of this section shall apply.

The budget and taxation procedures provided in Chapters 8 and 9 of this charter shall apply as nearly as possible for the adoption of the budget for the 1970 fiscal year and the levy of taxes therefor in July, 1970, subject to the following exception:

(a) The budget shall be adopted not later than June 1, 1970 and appropriate changes shall be made by the Council in the schedule of events leading to its adoption.

(b) The assessment roll as fixed prior to May 1, 1970 shall become the assessment roll of the city for the purpose of the 1970 tax roll.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION:

At a regular meeting of the Charter Commission of the City of St. Ignace, held on the 4th day of September, 1969, the following resolution was offered by Commissioner William LaRocque:

RESOLVED: that the Charter Commission of the City of St. Ignace does hereby adopt the foregoing proposed revised charter of the City of St. Ignace and the Clerk of this Commission is directed (1) to transmit a copy of this charter to the Governor of the State for his approval in accordance with statute, (2) to file forthwith with the City Clerk a copy of this charter, and (3) to cause this proposed charter to be published in the Republican News for St. Ignace, Michigan, on or before October 16, 1969.

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Bob Belonga and adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Commissioners LaRocque, Belonga, Tromblay, Allers, Boynton, LaChapelle, Lee, Bell, and Hagen. Nays - None. Absent - None.

The Chairman declared the foregoing resolution carried and requested the members of the Charter Commission to authenticate said

resolution and also the copies of the charter to be presented to the Governor and filed with the City Clerk by attesting their names in the following manner;

(Signed) John O. Boynton
John O. Boynton,
Chairman

(Signed) Warren Hagen
Warren Hagen,
Vice Chairman

(Signed) Bob Belonga
Bob Belonga

(Signed) Jack LaChapelle
Jack LaChapelle

(Signed) Leonard Tromblay
Leonard Tromblay

(Signed) Roy Bell
Roy Bell

(Signed) Paul Allers
Paul Allers

(Signed) Billy T. LaRocque
Billy T. LaRocque

(Signed) Henry M. Lee
Henry M. Lee

All of the Commissioners having attested as to said resolution and also having attested the copies to be signed by the Governor and filed with the City Clerk, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

STATE OF MICHIGAN County of Mackinac

Virginia Olmstead, Clerk of the Charter Commission of the City of St. Ignace, being duly sworn, affirms that at an election duly called and held in the City of St. Ignace on the 7th day of April, 1969, the following named persons were duly elected as Commissioners to draft, prepare and revise a new Charter for the City of St. Ignace, Michigan; namely: John O. Boynton, Warren Hagen, Bob Belonga, Jack LaChapelle, Leonard Tromblay, Roy Bell, Paul Allers, Billy T. LaRocque, and Henry M. Lee; and that she personally knows each of the above signatories; and that the above signatures are the genuine signatures of the members of the Charter Commission, and that they did in fact serve on such Charter Commission and voted for the above resolution.

And that subsequent to said election and pursuant to statute a meeting of said Commission was held on the 15th day of April, 1969, at which John O. Boynton was selected Chairman, Warren Hagen was selected Vice Chairman by the members of the Commission, and that the annexed and foregoing charter was duly drafted, prepared, revised and adopted by the said Charter Commission by the foregoing resolution, which is a true copy of the resolution of adoption and that said Charter Commission directed that the said Charter be presented to the electors of the City of St. Ignace for adoption or rejection in accordance with

the requirements of the laws of the State of Michigan, at a special election to be held on the 4th day of November, 1969.

(Signed) Virginia Olmstead
Virginia Olmstead,
Clerk of the Charter
Commission of the City
of St. Ignace

STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Lansing, Michigan

Notice is hereby given of my approval of the submission of the Proposed Charter for the City of St. Ignace to the vote of the people.

William G. Milliken
Governor

Dated: October 31, 1969



