

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

SECTION 18. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Section 46 of the Charter be changed to new Section 44, and is hereby amended to read:

"(When Taxes Are Overdue.) The taxes provided for in Section [43] 41 of this Charter shall be due and payable on the first day of [January] JULY in the year for which they are levied and shall be overdue and in arrears on the first day of the following [April] OCTOBER. They shall bear interest while in arrears at the MAXIMUM rate [of one-half of one percentum (0.5%)] ALLOWED BY STATE LAW for each month or fraction of a month until paid. All taxes not paid and in arrears after [the first day of the following January] EIGHTEEN MONTHS FROM THE TIME WHEN THEY WERE FIRST DUE shall be collected as provided in Section [47] 45."

SECTION 19. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Section 53 of the Charter be changed to new Section 51, and is hereby amended to read:

"(Purchasing and Contracts.) All purchases and contracts for the Town government shall be made by the [Clerk-Treasurer] COUNCIL. The [Commission] COUNCIL may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for all Town purchases and contracts. All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service involving more than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) shall be made on written contract. The Clerk-Treasurer shall be required to advertise for sealed bids, in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts. Such written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered. All such written contracts shall be approved by the [Commission] COUNCIL before becoming effective. The [Clerk-Treasurer] COUNCIL shall have the right to reject all bids and readvertise. The Town at any time in its discretion may employ its own forces for the construction or reconstruction of public improvements without advertising for (or readvertising for) or receiving bids. All written contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the Town may require."

SECTION 20. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Section 54 of the Charter be changed to new Section 52, and is hereby amended to read: