

and all other county and State officers, shall have, hold and exercise their offices and jurisdiction in said town within the limits of their respective counties.

20. From and after the date of the enactment of this Charter, no subdivision of property within the corporate limits of the town hereafter made, shall have any force or effect unless and until a map or plat of the same shall have been filed with the Clerk, and approved by the Council, by the passage of an ordinance; and no plat or map purporting to indicate such a subdivision of property within the corporate limits of the town shall be received for record or recorded among the land records of Montgomery or Prince George's Counties, unless and until the said subdivision shall have been approved by the Council as aforesaid, and certification of such approval shall appear upon the face of the plat or map proposed to be recorded, such certification to be by the Town Clerk.

21. Neglect or non-user shall not work a forfeiture of this Charter.

22. The "Town of Takoma Park" is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the "Mayor and Council of Takoma Park," and shall be entitled to, and is hereby vested with, all the property and rights of every nature whatsoever, belonging to the "Mayor and Council of Takoma Park." The Mayor, Councilmen, and all other officers of the town in office at the date of the enactment of this Charter, shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, or appointed and qualified as herein provided. All ordinances, regulations and resolutions now in force, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter shall remain in force until altered or repealed by competent authority. No provisions of this Charter shall affect any right, lien or liability subsisting at the date of its enactment.

23. This Charter is hereby declared to be a public Act, and may be used in evidence in all the courts of this State without proof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 571 to 628, inclusive, of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws