within the limits of the proposed town, shall be eligible to vote at such election upon taking and subscribing, before a member of the Board of Election Supervisors, (each of which said members of said Board are hereby authorized to administer oaths for this purpose), an oath as follows: "I........... do hereby solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States, and that I have been a resident of the proposed Town of Hillside, Maryland, for a period of six (6) months.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this......day of......

Member of the Board of Election Supervisors."

No person who shall fail or refuse to take and subscribe such oath, shall be eligible to vote at such election, and any person who swears to anything that is false, in taking and subscribing such oath, shall be guilty of the crime of perjury and subject to the penalties provided by the law of the State of Maryland.

(H) That, for the convenience of the residents of said town, and for the convenience of said Board of Election Supervisors, such Board may permit such oaths, (referred to in Paragraph G of this section), to be taken and subscribed prior to the day of such election. But no person shall be required to take and subscribe such oath, nor shall said Board be required to administer such oath prior to the day of such election.

(I) That, upon the closing of the polls, said Board of Election Supervisors shall count the votes and publicly announce the result of such election.

- (J) That, within one (1) week after publicly announcing the result of such election, said Board of Election Supervisors shall make a certificate, to be sworn to by each member of said Board before a Justice of the Peace, or other officer or person, (including a Notary Public), authorized to administer oaths in Prince George's County, stating the result of such election, and the number of votes cast for, and the number of votes cast against, incorporation. One such certificate, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed by said Board of Election Supervisors with the Secretary of the State of Maryland, and another such certificate, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed by said Board among the records of said town (in the event that this Charter is adopted). Failure on the part of said Board of Election Supervisors to make or file such certificate shall in no wise affect the validity of such election.
- (K) That if in such election a greater number of persons shall vote "For Incorporation" than shall vote "Against Incorporation," this Charter shall become immediately effective and operative.