THE CHARTER
OF THE
City of Seattle

PREPARED AND PROPOSED BY THE FREEHOLDERS ELECTED MARCH 3, 1914.

GENERAL POWERS OF THE CITY.

Section 1.—The municipal corporation now existing and known as "The City of Seattle" shall remain and continue a body politic and corporate by the name of the City of Seattle, and as such shall have perpetual succession; may use a corporate seal, may sue and be sued, may acquire real and personal property within and without the corporate limits of the City of Seattle by purchase, eminent domain, lease, gift and devise, and may sell, convey, lease, mortgage and dispose of the same for the common benefit, and may receive bequests, devises, gifts and donations of all kinds of property within and without the city for its own use and benefit, or in trust for charitable or other purposes, with full power to carry out the purposes of such trusts; may acquire, construct, own, lease, operate and regulate public utilities, conveniences and industries; may define, prohibit, abate, suppress and prevent all things detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the city, and may make and enforce local, police, sanitary and other regulations, and may do all things expedient for maintaining and promoting the peace, good government, health and welfare of the city and of the inhabitants thereof, and for the performance of the municipal functions. The city shall have and exercise all powers, functions, rights and privileges now or hereafter given or granted to incorporated towns and cities by the constitution and laws of this state, and shall have and exercise all other powers, functions, rights and privileges usually exercised by or which are incidental to or inherent in municipal corporations of like character and degree, whether enumerated or not enumerated in the constitution and laws of the state of Washington or in this charter.

Section 2. The enumeration of particular powers by this charter shall not be held or deemed to be exclusive, but in addition to the powers enumerated herein, implied thereby, or appropriate to the exercise thereof, the city shall have and may exercise all other powers which under the constitution and laws of the State of Washington it would be competent for this charter specifically to enumerate and for the city to assume, have and exercise.

DISTRICTS.

Section 3. The City of Seattle shall be divided into thirty councilmanic districts, which shall include the election precincts in the City of Seattle as they exist May 1, 1914, as follows:

University District.
Precincts one, two, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and eighteen.

East Green Lake District.
Precincts nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight.

West Green Lake District.
Precincts twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four and thirty-five.

South Green Lake District.
Precincts three, four, five, six, seven, eight and twenty.

Northlake District.
Precincts fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, sixty-four, sixty-five and sixty-six.

Woodland District.
Precincts twenty-two, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two and sixty-three.

Greenwood District.
Precincts fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six and sixty-seven.

Ballard District East.
Precincts thirty-six, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-eight, forty-nine and fifty.

Ballard District West.
Precincts thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six and forty-seven.

Lawton District.
Precincts sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four and seventy-eight.

West Queen Anne District.
Precincts seventy-six, seventy-seven, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven and eighty-eight.

East Queen Anne District.
Precincts sixty-eight, seventy-five, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-four, ninety-five and ninety-eight.

South Queen Anne District.
Precincts eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-nine, one hundred, one hundred and forty-five, one hundred and forty-six, one hundred and forty-seven, one hundred and forty-eight and one hundred and forty-nine.

Westlake District.
Precincts ninety-three, one hundred and twelve, one hundred and twenty-three, one hundred and twenty-four, one hundred and twenty-five, one hundred and thirty-seven, one hundred and thirty-eight, one hundred and thirty-nine, one hundred and forty-four, one hundred and fifty, one hundred and fifty-one and one hundred and fifty-two.

North Broadway District.
Precincts one hundred and one, one hundred and two, one hundred and three, one hundred and four, one hundred and five, one hundred and ten, one hundred and eleven, one hundred and thirteen and one hundred and sixteen.

East Capitol Hill District.
Precincts one hundred and six, one hundred and eight, one hundred and nine, one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and nineteen, one hundred and twenty, one hundred and thirty and one hundred and thirty-one.

Lincoln Park District.
Precincts one hundred and fourteen, one hundred and fifteen, one hundred and twenty-one, one hundred and twenty-two, one hundred and twenty-six, one hundred and twenty-seven, one hundred and twenty-eight, one hundred and twenty-nine, one hundred and thirty-four and one hundred and thirty-five.

Pike District.
Precincts one hundred and thirty-six, one hundred and forty, one hundred and fifty-seven, one hundred and fifty-eight, one hundred and fifty-nine, one hundred and sixty, one hundred and sixty-one, one hundred and sixty-three, one hundred and sixty-four and one hundred and sixty-five.

Pine Hill District.
Precincts one hundred and forty-one, one hundred and forty-three, one hundred and sixty-eight, one hundred and sixty-nine, one hundred and seventy, one hundred and seventy-two, one hundred and seventy-three, one hundred and seventy-four, one hundred and seventy-five, one hundred and seventy-six, one hundred and seventy-seven, one hundred and seventy-eight and one hundred and eighty-two.

Pacific District.
Precincts one hundred and thirty-two, one hundred and thirty-three, one hundred and forty-two, one hundred and eighty-four, one hundred and eighty-five, one hundred and eighty-six, one hundred and ninety-nine, two hundred, two hundred and one, two hundred and two, two hundred and twelve and two hundred and thirteen.

Walla Walla District.
Precincts one hundred and eighty-seven, one hundred and eighty-eight, one hundred and eighty-nine, one hundred and ninety-five, one hundred and ninety-six, one hundred and ninety-seven, one hundred and ninety-eight, two hundred and three, two hundred and four, two hundred and nine, two hundred and ten and two hundred and eleven.

Lake District.
Precincts one hundred and seven, one hundred and nineteen, one hundred and ninety, one hundred and ninety-one, one hundred and ninety-two, one hundred and ninety-three, one hundred and ninety-four, two hundred and five, two hundred and six, two hundred and seven and two hundred and eight.

Water Front District.
Precincts one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and fifty-five, one hundred and fifty-six, one hundred and sixty-six, one hundred and sixty-seven, one hundred and seventy-one, one hundred and seventy-two, one hundred and seventy-nine, one hundred and eighty, one hundred and eighty-one, one hundred and eighty-three, two hundred and fourteen, two hundred and fifteen, two hundred and sixteen, two hundred and seventeen, two hundred and eighteen, two hundred and nineteen and two hundred and twenty.

Beacon District.
Precincts two hundred and twenty-one, two hundred and twenty-two, two hundred and twenty-three, two hundred and twenty-four, two hundred and twenty-six, two hundred and twenty-seven, two hundred and thirty-four, two hundred and thirty-five, two hundred and thirty-six, two hundred and forty-two and two hundred and forty-three.

Mount Baker District.
Precincts two hundred and twenty-eight, two hundred and twenty-nine, two hundred and thirty, two hundred and thirty-one, two hundred and thirty-two, two hundred and thirty-three, two hundred and thirty-seven, two hundred and thirty-eight, two hundred and thirty-nine, two hundred and forty and two hundred and forty-one.

Valley District.
Precincts two hundred and forty-four, two hundred and forty-five, two hundred and forty-six, two hundred and forty-seven, two hundred and forty-eight, two hundred and forty-nine and two hundred and fifty-one.

Rainier District.
Precincts two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-two, two hundred and fifty-three, two hundred and fifty-five, two hundred and fifty-six, two hundred and fifty-seven and two hundred and fifty-eight.

Duwamish District.
Precincts two hundred and twenty-five, two hundred and fifty-four, two hundred and fifty-nine, two hundred and sixty, two hundred and sixty-one, two hundred and sixty-two, two hundred and sixty-three, two hundred and sixty-four, two hundred and sixty-five, two hundred and sixty-six and two hundred and eighty-one.

Alki District.
Precincts two hundred and sixty-seven, two hundred and sixty-eight, two hundred and sixty-nine, two hundred and seventy, two hundred and seventy-one, two hundred and seventy-two, two hundred and seventy-four and two hundred and seventy-five.

Fauntleroy District.
Precincts two hundred and seventy-three, two hundred and seventy-six, two hundred and seventy-seven, two hundred and seventy-eight, two hundred and seventy-nine and two hundred and eighty.

Section 4. The city council shall have power in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, and in every fourth year thereafter, to redistrict the city into districts. In any redistricting the districts shall be made as nearly equal in population and as geographically compact as possible. No such ordinance for redistricting the city take effect within sixty days preceding any election held in the city for municipal, county, district or state officers.

Section 5. Whenever any new territory is added to the city the same shall be attached to and be a part of the district adjoining thereto; and if such territory shall adjoin more than one district it shall be added to and be made a part of the district adjoining thereto which shall have cast the smallest vote at the regular municipal election last preceding such annexation; provided, that if such city council shall deem the population of such territory to be sufficiently large to constitute a separate district it may by ordinance declare such territory a distinct district and the same shall remain a distinct district until the city is redistricted.

Section 6. The precincts of the city shall remain as at present; provided, however, that as often as may be necessary the city council shall divide each district into two or more election precincts so that each precinct shall contain as nearly as may be an equal number of voters, and in such manner as will best subserve the convenience in voting and will conform to the general laws of the state; provided, that no alteration of such precincts shall take effect within sixty days next preceding any election held in the city for municipal, county, district or state officers.

Section 7. No change in the boundary of any district shall operate to abolish any office or exclude any councilman or other city officer from office before the expiration of the term for which the incumbent was elected or appointed.

ELECTIONS.

Section 8. A general municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, 1915, and biennially thereafter. All other elections held under the provisions of this charter shall be known as special municipal elections. Charter amendments shall be submitted only at general municipal elections.

Section 9. The manner of nomination of all elective officers shall be by petition. The names of no other of than a city shall be printed upon the ballot, when a petition in the form hereinafter prescribed shall have been filed in his or her behalf with the city clerk. Such petition shall be signed by at least five hundred qualified electors of the city, if for the nomination of a candidate for an office filled by election from the city at large, and by at least fifty qualified electors of the district, if for an office to be filled by election from such district.

Section 10. The signatures to a nominating petition need not all be appended to one paper, but to each separate paper there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator thereof, stating the number of signers of such paper and that each signature appended thereto was made in his or her presence, and is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signers of a nominating petition shall sign their names in ink or indelible pencil, adding their place of residence by street and number.

Section 11. The form of the petition papers shall be substantially as follows:

(FORM OF PETITION PAPER.)

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate ..... whose residence is ..... street, Seattle, for the office of ..... to be voted for at the election to held in the City of Seattle on the ..... day of ..... 19...; and we individually certify that we are qualified to vote for candidates for the above office, and that we have not signed any other petition presenting any other candidate for the said office.

Name .....
Street and Number .....
(Space for Signatures.)
.....
(Here insert affidavit of circulator).

Section 12. All nominating papers comprising a petition shall be assembled and filed with the city clerk, as one instrument, not earlier than sixty days nor later than thirty days prior to the date of the election with respect to which such petition is filed. The clerk shall endorse thereon the date of its presentation and by whom presented, and shall forthwith examine the same. If the petition complies with this charter he shall file the same at once; if not, he shall state immediately in writing on said petition why it cannot be filed, and within three days thereafter shall return the defective petition personally or by mail, to the person presenting the same. Such returned petition may be amended and again presented for filing within five days of its return by the clerk, but in no case later than thirty days before the election, and if then found to comply with this charter it shall be filed. The fee for filing such petition of nomination shall be one per cent of the annual salary or compensation attached to the office in question, but in no case less than ten dollars.

Section 13. Any person whose name has been submitted for candidacy by any such petition shall file with the city clerk an acceptance of such candidacy, containing a declaration that he is not a nominee or representative of any political party or organization, not later than seven days after the filing of his petition of nomination, and in the absence of such acceptance the name of the candidate shall not appear on the ballot. Not later than fifteen days before the election any candidate may withdraw from nomination by filing with the city clerk a request for withdrawal, over his own signature duly attested by a notary public, and no name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot.

Section 14. No ballot used in elections held under the authority of this charter shall have printed thereon any party or political designation or mark, or anything indicating a candidate's views or opinions. The ballots shall contain a complete list of the offices to be filled, and the names of the candidates for such office shall be arranged under the title thereof in alphabetical order. All ballot papers shall be indistinguishable one from another, except as to matters provided by law to be printed thereon.

FORM OF BALLOT.

The ballots shall be substantially in the following form:

General (or Special) Election, City of Seattle, to be held ....., 19...

Official ballot for use in (designation of precinct to be printed or stamped).

Directions to voters: To vote for candidates, write the figure "1" opposite the name of your first choice for any office. You may express as many additional preferences as you please by writing the figure "2" opposite the name of your second choice, the figure "3" opposite the name of your third choice, and so on. You may also write in the blank space provided below each group the name of any other person or persons for whom you desire to vote, or attach a paster bearing the printed name of any such person or persons.

Do not write more than one number opposite the same name. If you spoil this ballot, tear it across once, return to the election officer and get another.

(Name)	(Domicile Address)	(Occupation)	(Vote in this column)
John Doe	.....	.....	.....
Richard Roe ...	.....	.....	.....
Henry Poe	.....	.....	.....
James Roe	.....	.....	.....
William Coe ...	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

Insert here (or on separate ballot) propositions and other matters, if any, to be voted on, with appropriate directions to voters printed in a conspicuous position.

Section 15. The city clerk shall cause a sufficient number of official ballots to be printed, in form as herein prescribed, and distributed to the election officers for use in the respective voting precincts throughout the city. He shall also have printed a sufficient number of sample ballots, upon paper of different color, but otherwise identical with the ballot to be used at the election, and shall mail one such sample ballot to each registered voter at least seven days before the election.

Section 16. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the judges and inspectors of election shall then and there without removing the ballot box from the place where the ballots were cast, proceed to canvass the votes, entering the total number thereof on the tally sheets provided therefor. They shall enter the number of the first, second, third and further choice votes for each candidate on said tally sheets, and as soon as such canvass is completed a return thereof shall be signed by the judges and inspectors, securely enveloped and sealed, and forthwith delivered to the city clerk by one of their number.

Directions to election officers, in conformity with this section, shall be printed conspicuously on the tally sheets furnished by the clerk.

On the first Friday evening after the election, the city council shall, at eight o'clock p. m., meet and proceed to canvass the returns of such election and shall thereupon declare the result.

Section 17. A ballot marked with a cross opposite one name, with no other mark, shall be treated exactly as if it had been marked with the figure "1" opposite the same name. If the same number or mark is placed opposite more than one candidate for the same office, such conflicting preference shall not count for either.

(a) Candidates receiving a majority of all first choice votes cast for any office shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the first choice votes cast for the office in question, a canvass shall then be made of the second choice votes received by the candidates for office in question, and the total of such second choice votes shall be divided by two and the quotient (disregarding fractions) added to the first choice votes received by such candidate, and the candidate who by such addition shall receive a majority of all first and second choice votes (counting second choice votes at one-half value) shall be elected.

(b) If no candidate receives a majority by adding first and second choice votes, as directed in the next preceding subsection, a canvass shall then be made of the third choice votes received by the candidates for said office. The total of third choice votes received by such candidates shall then be divided by two and the quotient (disregarding fractions) added to the combined first and second choice votes for such candidate, and the candidate who by such addition shall receive a majority of all first, second and third choice votes (counting second choice votes at one-half value and third choice votes at one-third value) shall be elected.

(c) If no candidate receive a majority by adding first, second and third choice votes, as directed in the next preceding subsections, the process of adding the next lower preference shall be thus continued until some candidate has a majority of all the votes cast for the office in question (counting second choice votes at one-half value, third choice votes at one-third value, fourth choice votes at one-fourth value, and so on to the lowest preferences expressed for any candidate for the office in question.)

(d) If no candidate receive a majority by adding first, second, third and all further choices down to the lowest preferences expressed for the office in question, as directed in the next preceding subsections, then the candidate who receives the highest number of votes by such addition of all the preferences expressed shall be elected.

(e) A tie between two or more candidates shall be decided in favor of the candidate having the highest number of first choice votes. If this does not decide, then the highest total number of second choice votes shall determine the result. If they are also equal in that respect then the process of comparing the next lower choices shall be continued down to the lowest preference expressed for the candidates concerned, and if this still results in a tie it shall be decided by lot under the direction of the canvassing board.

(f) A statement of such canvass shall be made out and signed by the president of the council and filed with the city clerk, who, within three days thereafter, shall make out and cause to be delivered to each person so elected a certificate of election.

Section 18. No informalities in conducting municipal elections shall invalidate the same, if they have been conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of law.

Section 19. The total expenditure by or on behalf of any one candidate, whether directly or indirectly, shall not exceed five hundred dollars in case of a candidate elected at large, nor one hundred dollars in case of a candidate elected from a district. This shall not include filing fees nor the cost of printing and mailing circulars or letters.

No candidate nor any person, association or organization on his behalf, directly or indirectly, shall pay or cause any person to be paid, in cash or by any other material inducement, for work in his behalf at the polls on election day.

A violation of any of the provisions of this section by any candidate, or by any person, association or organization in his behalf and with his knowledge, shall disqualify him from holding the office for which he is a candidate.

Every candidate for an elective office shall, within five days after the election, make and file with the clerk an affidavit that he has not violated any of the provisions of this section, which shall enumerate specifically the prohibitions in this section, and shall contain a complete itemized statement of expenditures of money in such election, and of the giving of any other consideration or promise, by him or by any other person in his behalf.

Section 20. At least twenty days prior to any election, the city council shall designate one place of voting in each precinct and shall appoint such judges and inspectors for each place of voting as may be required by the general laws of the state for state and county elections.

Section 21. At all elections the vote shall be by ballot, and the polls shall be opened at eight o'clock a. m. and closed at eight o'clock p. m. The manner of conducting and voting at elections under this charter, opening and closing of polls, keeping the poll lists, canvassing the votes, declaring the result and certifying the returns, shall be the same as provided by the laws of this state for the state and county elections therein, except as otherwise provided in this charter.

Section 22. The city clerk, under the direction of the city council, shall give thirty days' notice by posting at each voting place in the city, a notice of the time and place of holding each election, and the offices to be elected, or measure to be submitted, and in all cases notices shall be published in the city official newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks next preceding such election of the time, place and purpose of such election.

Section 23. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to cause to be made out and delivered at each voting place, by the time fixed by law for the opening of the polls, on the day of each election, all necessary books and lists required by the general laws of the state for holding such elections.

Section 24. A certificate of election shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, but the city council shall decide all questions as to the qualifications and election of its own members, and in all cases of contested election for any office the contest shall be decided by the city council according, as nearly as may be, to the laws of the state regulating proceedings in cases of contested elections for county officers.

Section 25. Whenever any question is to be submitted to the electors of the city and the method of such submission is not specifically provided by this charter or by general law, the same shall be submitted at a general or special election.

RECALL.

Section 26. The holder of any elective office may be removed from office by recall as provided by law.

CITY COUNCIL.

Section 27. The legislative powers of the City of Seattle, except as reserved to the people by this charter, shall be vested in a mayor and city council.

Section 28. The city council shall be composed of one member elected from each councilmanic district of the city.

Section 29. No person shall be eligible for election to the city council unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident and elector of the City of Seattle or annexed territory for a continuous period of at least four year next prior to his election.

Section 30. A majority of all members elected shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from day to day, or till the time of the next regular meeting, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as the council shall prescribe.

Section 31. The mayor shall be ex-officio president of the city council and shall perform the usual functions of a presiding officer, but shall have no vote in elections, appointments and removals of officers by the council, and in all other matters, only in case of a tie.

Section 32. The council shall elect from among its members a vice president who shall be presiding officer of the council during the absence or disability of the mayor.

Section 33. The city manager, city comptroller, city treasurer and corporation counsel shall have seats in the city council and may take part in all discussions relating to their respective departments, but shall have no vote.

Section 34. All elections and appointments by the council shall be determined by the system of preferential voting provided by this charter for popular election of officers, except as otherwise provided in this section. All such elections and appointments shall be determined at a meeting to be fixed by the council, to be held within sixty days after a vacancy occurs. Nominations may be made orally by any councilman, and shall close one week before the time fixed for such election or appointment. The ballot cast by each councilman shall be signed by him, and a record of the vote entered in the journal. Whenever there are three or more nominees for the same office, each councilman voting must express at least his first, second and third preference for the office in question, otherwise his ballot shall not be counted. The result of the election shall be announced immediately.

Section 35. The city council shall First—Establish rules for its proceedings.

Second—Keep a journal of its proceedings and allow the proceedings to be published, and take the yeas and nays on any question on demand of any two members and enter the same in the journal.

Third—Have authority to punish its members and others for disorderly or otherwise contemptuous behavior in its presence, and to expel for such behavior in its presence any member by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of its members, specifying in the order of expulsion the cause thereof.

Fourth—Have authority to create and use committees of its members which shall have power to compel attendance of witnesses and the production of papers and things before them.

Section 36. The city council shall meet on the first Monday of each month, or if that day be a legal holiday, then upon the next day not a legal holiday thereafter, and at such other times as it may by its rules provide. The mayor, the vice president of the council, in case of the absence or disability of the mayor, or any five councilmen may call a special meeting of the council. All its sessions shall be public, and it shall not adjourn to any other place than its regular place of meeting.

Section 37. Every legislative act of said city shall be by ordinance. Every ordinance shall be clearly entitled and shall contain but one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause of every ordinance shall be: "Be it ordained by the City of Seattle as follows:"

Section 38. No bill shall become an ordinance unless on its final passage at least a majority of the members elected vote in its favor and the vote be taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those voting for and against the same be entered in the journal.

No ordinance, other than an ordinance providing for appropriations for salaries or current expenses, shall be passed on its final reading at the meeting at which it is introduced.

Section 39. No ordinance shall be revised, re-enacted or amended by reference to its title; but the ordinance to be revised or re-enacted or the section thereof amended, shall be re-enacted at length as revised or amended.

Section 40. When a bill is put upon its final passage and fails to pass, and a motion is made to reconsider, the vote upon such motion shall not be taken before the next meeting of the council.

Section 41. No bill for the grant of any franchise shall be finally passed within thirty days after its introduction nor until it has been published in the official newspaper of the city at the expense of the applicant once each week for two consecutive weeks, the first publication to be within ten days after its introduction.

Section 42. All ordinances shall take effect thirty days after their passage and authentication, except emergency ordinances and ordinances approving local improvement assessment rolls and authorizing the issuance of local improvement bonds which shall take effect upon their passage and authentication. When the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety requires that an ordinance shall become effective immediately the facts creating the necessity and emergency shall be stated in the ordinance and such ordinance shall not become immediately effective as an emergency ordinance unless on its final passage at least two-thirds of all the members of the council vote in its favor.

Section 43. Every bill, after it has passed, shall be signed by the president of the council in open session, in authentication of its passage; in signing such bill the president shall call the attention of the council to the bill and that he is about to sign it, and if any member so request, the bill shall be read at length for information as to its correctness as enrolled. If any member object that the bill is not the same as when considered and passed, such objection shall be passed upon, and if sustained the president shall withhold his signature and the bill shall be corrected and signed before the council proceeds to any other business.

Section 44. All ordinances of a general, public or permanent nature and those imposing a fine, penalty or forfeiture shall be published once in the city official newspaper within ten days after the same shall have become a law. The publication of all ordinances granting any franchise or private privilege or approving or vacating any plat shall be published at the expense of the applicant therefor.

Section 45. The city council shall have power, by ordinance and not otherwise, to carry into execution all of the powers given to the City of Seattle by the constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and all other powers usually exercised by legislative bodies of municipal corporations of like character and degree with the City of Seattle, and all powers which now are or which may hereafter be conferred upon incorporated towns and cities by the constitution and laws of this state, and also all the powers of the City of Seattle which now are or may hereafter be adopted and enumerated in the city charter.

Section 46. The city council shall neither have nor exercise any administrative or executive power as distinguished from the legislative power.

Section 47. No exclusive franchise or privilege shall be granted for the use of any street, alley or highway or other public place or any part thereof.

Section 48. The city council shall make no appropriation in aid of any corporation, person or society, unless expressly authorized by this charter or the laws of the state; provided, that the city council may grant to any institution which is supported in whole or in part by public charity the free use of city water.

Section 49. No debt or obligation of any kind against the city shall be created by the city council except by ordinance specifying the amount and object of such expenditure.

Section 50. No proposition involving the issue of bonds for any public utility or improvement shall be submitted to the people until a detailed estimate of the cost thereof shall have first been made by the city manager and adopted by the council.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Section 51. Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the city council by petition signed by registered voters of the number of at least eight per cent of the total registration of the preceding year. All petitions circulated with respect to any proposed ordinance shall be uniform in character, shall contain the proposed ordinance in full, and shall be signed, certified and filed in the manner required by this charter for petitions nominating candidates for elective offices.

Section 52. The city clerk shall, within twenty days after the filing of such petition, verify the sufficiency of the signatures thereto. If he finds the same to be insufficient he shall forthwith notify the person filing the same, and an additional twenty days shall be allowed in which to complete such petition. When such petition is found sufficient by the clerk, he shall forthwith transmit the same, together with his report thereon, to the city council, which shall take final action upon such proposed ordinance within thirty days.

Section 53. The city council may enact or reject any initiative ordinance, but shall not amend or modify the same. If the city council shall reject any such ordinance, or shall within thirty days after receipt thereof fail to take final action thereon, the same shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular election, or at a special election called for that purpose. If the initiative petition shall be signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least fifteen per cent of the total registration of the preceding year, or shall at any time be raised in qualified signatures to such percentage, then the council shall provide for the submission of the same to a vote of the people at a special election to be held within forty days from the certification by the clerk of the sufficiency of the signatures; provided, that if any general election is to be held by the state or any political subdivision thereof within which the City of Seattle is included within three months after such last above named certification, then such special election shall be held on the date of such other election.

Section 54. If prior to the date when any ordinance shall take effect a petition signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least six per cent of the total registration of the preceding year shall be filed with the clerk and verified as to sufficiency of signatures, as in case of an initiative ordinance, such ordinance shall be suspended from taking effect and the council shall immediately reconsider the same, and if it do not repeal such ordinance it shall submit it to the people for their approval or rejection at the next municipal election or at a special election called for that purpose as in case of initiative ordinances.

Section 55. The council by its own motion may submit to popular vote for adoption or rejection at any election any proposed ordinance in the same manner as provided for their submission upon petition.

Section 56. If a majority of the qualified electors voting upon any initiative or referendum ordinance shall vote in favor thereof, the same shall take effect five days after the election; provided, that if the city council shall, after the rejection of an initiative ordinance, have passed a different ordinance on the same subject, they shall submit it, together with the initiative ordinance, at the same election, and the ordinance receiving the highest number of votes, provided that be a majority, shall be adopted. All initiative and referendum elections shall be conducted in all respects as elections submitting propositions to the people. Initiative ordinances shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the city official newspaper immediately prior to the election at which the same is submitted.

Section 57. No ordinance enacted by the vote of the people shall be amended or repealed by the city council within two years after its enactment, and then only by a three-fourths vote of the entire city council.

CLERICAL DEPARTMENT.

Section 58. There shall be a clerical department which shall consist of a city clerk, deputies and employes. The city clerk shall be appointed by the city council for the term of four years subject to removal by it. The city clerk shall have power to appoint from the employes of the clerical department such deputies as he shall deem expedient and to revoke any such appointment.

Section 59. The city clerk shall be clerk of the city council, shall attend all meetings thereof and keep complete records of its proceedings; have the custody of the city seal, all public records, except such as are entrusted by this charter to other officers, and all papers and documents relative to the title of city property; shall have general charge of all elections and of all matters pertaining thereto; shall attest by his signature and the city seal all public instruments and acts of city officials requiring attestation, and shall certify under his hand and the city seal all copies of original documents, records and papers in his office as may be required by any officer or person, and charge therefor such fees for the use of the city as are or may be provided by ordinance, and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by ordinance.

THE MAYOR.

Section 60. The official head of the city shall be a mayor. He shall be at least thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States and of the State of Washington, and a qualified elector of the city at the time of his election, and shall have been a citizen and taxpayer of the city for at least four years before the date of his election.

Section 61. The mayor shall

(a) Be recognized as the official head of the city for all legal and ceremonial purposes;

(b) Execute for the City of Seattle all deeds, conveyances, contracts and bonds, except as otherwise expressly provided in this charter;

(c) Be the head of the police department and maintain peace and good order in the city.

Section 62. In case of the disability or absence of the mayor from the city, the vice president of the city council shall act as mayor. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the vice president of the city council shall become mayor and shall hold office until the next general election.

Section 63. The mayor shall not have nor exercise any executive, administrative or legislative power except such as are expressly given to him by this charter and the constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE.

Section 64. There shall be a police department which shall consist of a chief of police and as many subordinate officers, detectives, policemen and policewomen as the council may from time to time by ordinance prescribe. The policewomen of the department shall constitute a women's division under the immediate charge of a woman officer with rank and pay not less than that of a police sergeant. This division, under the direction of the chief of police, shall have the care and protection of all women and girls and the custody of female prisoners until after conviction. The mayor may, when the public safety requires it in case of emergency, to be determined by him, appoint any number of emergency policemen, who shall hold their positions and discharge their duties at his pleasure until the conclusion of the next meeting of the council and no longer, except by consent of the council. Such appointments shall be made from the civil service classified list when available.

Section 65. The mayor shall appoint the chief of police and remove him in his discretion. In case the chief of police shall be appointed from the classified civil service, and shall not be removed for cause, he shall upon retirement resume his former position in such service, and the last appointees in positions subordinate thereto shall resume their former positions respectively in the classified civil service.

Section 66. The chief of police shall be the chief peace officer of the city, shall serve and execute all process issued under authority of this charter or any ordinance, shall be the keeper of the city jail, and shall have such other powers and duties as shall be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 67. He shall receive and be responsible on his official bond for all property and money taken from any person.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

Section 68. There shall be a department of public welfare which shall be under the management of three non-salaried commissioners to be appointed by the mayor for the term of three years and subject to removal by him. The first appointments shall be for terms of one, two and three years respectively. They shall manage all charitable, correctional and reformatory institutions and agencies, lodging houses, bath houses, farms and similar institutions belonging to or controlled by the city, except such as are placed by this charter under the control of some other officer or board. They shall inspect and regulate all privately owned places of public amusement and entertainment. They shall make research into the causes of poverty, delinquency, crime and other social problems and shall promote the education and understanding of the community in matters of public welfare.

Section 69. There shall be a free employment office which, subject to the supervision and control of the board of public welfare, shall be managed by a superintendent appointed by it. The superintendent shall collect, arrange and systematize all statistics relating to the various branches of labor in the city, assist in obtaining employment for all persons who may apply therefor, keep in touch with labor conditions in Seattle and vicinity and inform those seeking employment thereof. He shall inspect and regulate all private employment agencies in the city and require them to notify those seeking employment of the true labor conditions, including strikes, prevailing at the places where employment is offered.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

Section 70. There shall be a department of parks and recreation, which shall consist of five non-salaried commissioners, subordinate officers and employes. The commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor for the term of five years, and be subject to removal by him. The commissioners of the existing department of parks shall serve as commissioners of this department for the terms for which they were appointed respectively.

Section 71. This department shall manage, control, improve and regulate all parks, play and recreation grounds, public squares, park drives, parkways, boulevards and bathing beaches of the city, except as otherwise provided in this charter, and shall have power to designate, purchase, take and condemn lands acquired and used for such purposes, whether within or without the city, and to grant concessions and privileges therein, the revenue of which shall go into the city park fund; provided, that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold or used upon any property under the jurisdiction of this department.

Section 72. Whenever the United States, State of Washington or any political subdivision thereof, shall own any real property within or without the City of Seattle, and the same or any interest therein shall not then be necessary for the purposes for which the same was acquired, the board of park commissioners shall have power to enter into an agreement to occupy and use any such public property or interest therein, and to expend money thereon for the improvement thereof as a part of the public park and recreation system of the city.

Section 73. There shall be a park fund, to be expended solely by the park commissioners, which shall consist of all gifts, bequests and devises made for park and recreation purposes; ten per cent of the gross receipts of the city from all fines, penalties and licenses; rents, issues and profits derived from any property which may be held or owned in trust for park or recreation purposes; such tax levies and appropriations as the city shall make therefor; provided, that no annual tax levy for this department shall be less than three-quarters of a mill.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Section 74. There shall be a free public library under the management and control of a non-salaried board of five trustees, who shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city council, for the term of five years and be subject to removal by the maybr. The five members of the present board of trustees having the longest unexpired terms shall hold office until the expiration of the terms for which they were appointed respectively, and the other two members shall serve upon the taking effect of this charter.

Section 75. There shall be a library fund which shall consist of all gifts, bequests and devises made for the benefit of said library; ten per cent of the gross receipts of the city from all fines, penalties and licenses; the rents, issues and profits derived from any property held or owned in trust for said library; such tax levies and appropriations as the city shall make therefor.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 76. There shall be an administrative department which shall consist of a city manager, subordinate officers and employes. The city manager shall be a person of known administrative ability, with experience in responsible and important executive capacity in the United States; he must be a citizen of the United States and need not be, when appointed, a resident of the City of Seattle. The city manager shall be appointed by the city council for the term of four years, subject to removal as follows: By a two-thirds vote of the entire city council acting on its own initiative, and by a majority vote of the entire city council upon the filing with it of a petition asking for his removal signed by qualified electors equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the registered voters of the city for the previous year. In case the city council shall, upon the filing of such petition, decline to remove the city manager, it shall submit the question of his removal to a vote of the people in the manner and within time provided for the submission of initiative ordinances, and if a majority of the votes cast thereon shall be in favor of removal, he shall be deemed removed from office. During the absence or disability of the city manager, or in case of a vacancy in said office, the city council may designate some properly qualified person temporarily to perform the duties of the office. The commissioners, superintendents and other subordinate officers of the administrative department shall be appointed by the city manager subject to removal by him. The employes of the administrative department, in such number as shall be provided by ordinance, shall be appointed by the superintendent or officer in charge under civil service rules.

Section 77. The city manager shall exercise control over all bureaus, divisions and other branches of the administrative department created herein, or that may hereafter be created, and except as otherwise expressly provided in this charter, shall have full administrative control over, and responsibility for all administrative activities of the city, and have the custody and management of all property, real and personal, and all public places owned, possessed, used or controlled by the city, shall supervise and direct the care, use, maintenance, improvement and operation thereof, shall superintend and carry on all public works, utilities, conveniences, industries and administrative affairs of the city, and shall account therefor.

Section 78. Included in the administrative department shall be the following divisions: Division of contracts, purchases and supplies; division of engineering; division of public utilities; division of streets and sewers; division of water works; division of lighting; division of buildings; division of fire protection; division of health and sanitation. The heads of the various divisions, except as otherwise designated herein, shall be known as superintendents.

Section 79. The division of contracts, purchases and supplies shall assemble data relative to all proposed contracts, advertise and receive bids therefor, and keep records of the same. It shall make all purchases, have charge of and distribute all supplies for the city and its departments, and have charge of and the disposal of all unsuitable or surplus material and articles. All purchases shall be made under fair competition. All standard supplies shall be purchased in bulk and carried in stock as may be practicable or expedient in the judgment of the city manager.

Section 80. The division of engineering, the superintendent of which shall be known as the city engineer, shall have charge of all surveying and engineering work of the city, and, except as otherwise provided, the designing and construction of all public works, including the construction of park drives and boulevards after their improvement shall have been determined by the department of parks and recreation, and shall have the control and regulation of the harbor and waterfront of the city. It shall make and have the custody of all engineering records of the city.

Section 81. The division of public utilities shall enforce the provisions of all franchises, and have charge of the inspection of weights and measures. It shall have charge of the regulation of all public service corporations under the franchises and ordinances of the city, and superintend all street railways operated by the City of Seattle.

Section 82. The division of streets and sewers shall have charge of the maintenance, repair and cleaning of all streets, sidewalks, sewers and drains in the city, and of all public places the charge of which is not vested in some other department. It shall have charge of the collection and disposal of garbage.