

TOWN OF CAMDEN

"CHARTER"

An act to retain a Town Manager form of government for the Town of Camden.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 30, Section 1912 of the laws of the State of Maine, the voters of the Town of Camden at an election voted to adopt the following charter entitled "Charter of the Town of Camden."

ARTICLE I POWERS OF THE TOWN

SECTION 1 INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, The Plantation of Camden, in the territory of Maine, had in the year 1790 with a population of 331 attained to a sufficient size and importance to be under Town Government and an application to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had been filed by an Act dated February 17, 1791, the Plantation of Camden became the Town of Camden continuing as such until February 25, 1891, when by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Maine, Camden separated from Rockport, so the old Town of Camden ceased to exist and the present Town of Camden came into existence, and shall continue to be a municipal corporation under the name of the Town of Camden established by and in accordance with the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1891.

SECTION 2 POWERS OF THE TOWN

The Town* shall have all powers possible for a municipality to have under the Constitution and laws of Maine. The powers of the Town under this charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the Town, and no mention of particular powers in the charter shall be construed to be exclusive or as limiting in any way the general power stated in this article.

*Defined in glossary as are all other terms indicated by an asterisk.

SECTION 3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Town may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with anyone or more states or civil divisions or agencies thereof, or of the United States or any agencies thereof to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION 4 TOWN MEETINGS

- a) On and after the passage of this Charter Amendment by adoption by a vote of the Town of Camden, annual Town Meetings shall be held in the Town of Camden, County of Knox, for purposes of vote by secret ballot within the meaning of Title 30A, Maine Revised Statutes, Section 2524, and for the purposes of then choosing by ballot, as now provided by law, a moderator, on the second Tuesday in June in each year; and for purposes of the conduct and completion of all other business, the Town Meeting shall meet on the immediately following day. (Amended June 9, 1987, March 14, 1988 and March 12, 1990, effective January 1, 1991.)

- b) The complete warrant shall be posted in at least three conspicuous places seven days before town meeting.
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- d) At such meetings as provided in Article 1, Sec. 4, the voters shall choose by ballot those persons not exceeding five in number to be Select Board, overseers*, tax assessors and wastewater commissioners as provided in Article 11, Sections 1 and 3.
- e) At such meetings as provided in Article 1, Sec. 4, the voters shall choose by show of hands three members and two alternates to serve as a budget committee nominating committee for the following year.
- f) It shall be the duty of this Nominating Committee to submit to the Town Manager not later than April 1, for publication in the Annual Town Report, a slate of nominees to serve on the Budget Committee for three (3) years. A member who has served one 3-year term on the Budget Committee shall not be appointed to a succeeding term.
- g) At least sixty days prior to a regularly scheduled town meeting, the legislative body* may vote to change the provision of appointment of the treasurer, tax collector and town clerk, as given in Article III, Section 2e, to the election of these officers in accordance with Title 30, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.
- h) The Office of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Clerk may be held by duly appointed individuals even though such individual is not a resident in the Town of Camden during his or her term of office. (Amended June 9, 1987)

State Law Reference: Title 30, Sections 2051-2067

SECTION 5 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

In the event that the Town shall be required to operate its own school system, the voters shall provide by ordinance for the administration of such a system.

State Law Reference: Title 20-A, generally