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Oregon City

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Sec 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature
Committee of Oregon
~~Chapter 1st~~ as follows

That so much of the county of
Clatsop as is comprised within
the limits of the town Plat of Oregon
City - laid off by John McLoughlin Esq
and surveyed by Jesse Applegate
in Decr. 1843 with the additions
made thereto by continuing up the
Wallamette River to the head of
the Island, ^{the same, together with} including all that portion
under the Bluff on the East side
of said R.

Be and the same is hereby created a corp-
oration, and shall ~~be~~ hereafter be
known by the name and style of
"Oregon City."

of said corporation
shall meet at some convenient place
within the same on the first Wednesday
of January now next - And on the
first Wednesday of January annually
thereafter at such place ^{Oregon City} as the ~~said~~ Council shall direct And
then and there proceed to elect a Mayor
Recorder and ~~three~~ five Trustees who
shall have the qualifications of electors
and reside within the limits of the corpora-
tion And the Mayor Recorder and
Trustees so elected shall hold their
office as

An act to incorporate the town of
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Be it enacted by the
Legislative Committee of Oregon
as follows

Sec 1st

That so much of the
County of Clackamas as is comprised
within the limits of the town plat
of the town of Oregon City laid off by the
Messrs. [unclear] Esq. and [unclear] Esq. together
with all additions thereto [unclear] together
of the [unclear] including all and sundry on the East side
of the [unclear] all additions that may hereafter
be recorded, thereto by consent of two
thirds of the qualified voters of said town
be and the same is hereby created
a town corporate and shall be known
after be known by the name and
style of Oregon City.

Sec 2d

That the qualified voters for members
of the Legislative Assembly residing
within the limits of said corporation
shall meet at some convenient place
within the same on the first Wednesday
of January now next and on the
first Wednesday of January annually
thereafter at such place in said town
as the town council shall direct and
then and there proceed to elect a Mayor
Recorder and five Trustees who
shall have the qualifications of electors
and reside within the limits of the corpora-
tion and the Mayor Recorder and
Trustees so elected shall hold their
office for one year

And until their successors are elected and
qualified. Provided that a failure to
elect on ~~the day~~ shall not forfeit the
charter, but an election may be had
on any succeeding day by giving due
notice

Sec 3^d That at the first election ~~held~~
to be held under this act, two judges
and a clerk shall be chosen, Viva
Voce by the electors present and at all
subsequent elections the Mayor or any
two of the Trustees shall sit as Judges
and the Recorder, or in his absence
some one of the Council pro tempore
shall sit as clerk and ^{at} all such elections
the polls shall be opened between the hours
of one and two o'clock in the afternoon,
and close by the hour of four of the
same afternoon and at the close of
the polls the votes shall be counted, and
a statement thereof proclaimed at
the door of the house in which the
election shall be held, and the
persons elected shall within ten
days after their election take an
oath to support the laws of Oregon
and an oath of office, a certificate
of which shall be deposited with
the Recorder and by him preserved

Sec 4.

The Mayor Recorder and Trustees
of said ^{city} ~~town~~ shall be a body politic
and corporate with perpetual success-
ion to be known by the name of

"The Corporation
~~the town~~ of Oley City" and shall be
capable in law to acquire property,
real and ^{city} personal for the use of
said town, and sell and convey the
same; May have a common seal
and may alter the same at pleasure.
May ^{be} ^{and} sued, plead and be impleaded,
answer and be answered in any
court of law or equity in Oregon; and
when any suit shall be commenced against
said corporation the first process shall
be a summons, a certified copy
of which shall be left with the record-
er and in his absence with the Mayor
at least ten days previous to the return
thereof.

Sec. 5. That the Mayor Recorder
and Trustees or a Majority thereof
~~whom~~ the Mayor or the Recorder shall always
be one, shall have authority to make
ordain and publish all by laws
and ordinances not inconsistent
with the laws of Oregon as they shall
deem necessary and proper for the
promotion of morality as well as
for the good regulation, interest-
safety health cleanliness and
convenience of said ~~town~~ ^{city} and the
citizens thereof; they shall have
power to fill all vacancies that may
happen by death or otherwise of any
of the officers herein named; they shall
also have power to appoint
Treasurer marshal and such

Subordinate officers as they may deem
needful to prescribe their duties and
require surety for their performance
to remove them at pleasure and to
establish the fees of all officers in
the corporation not established by this
act; they shall have power to impose
fines for the breach of their ordinances
but no fine shall be imposed on
any one person for any one breach
of any one ordinance of more than
ten dollars which fine may be
recovered with costs of suit before
a justice of the peace by action of
debt in the name of the corporation
All fines collected in pursuance
of this act shall by the officer col-
lecting the same be paid over
to the Treasurer of the corporation
Dec 6

It shall be the duty of the re-
corder to keep a true record of the
by-laws and ordinances, and of the
proceedings of the council. Which
record shall be at all times kept
open for the inspection of the elec-
tors of said ^{City} ~~town~~, and the recorder
shall preside at all meetings
in the absence of the Mayor
Dec 7

That the ^{City} ~~town~~ council shall
have power to assess for corpora-
tion purposes an annual tax
on all property in said ~~town~~ ^{City}

Made subject to taxation by the laws of Oregon Not exceeding in any one year one per centum on the value thereof which value shall be ascertained by an assessor, appointed by the ~~town~~^{city} council for that purpose a duplicate of which shall be made out and signed by the recorder, and delivered to the collector. they shall have power to quash any ~~injudicious~~^{unjust} assessment thus made on complaint of the person aggrieved.

Sec 8 That the ~~town~~^{city} Marshal shall be the collector of any tax assessed, and he is hereby authorized and required by his trip and sale of property, as constables on execution, to collect and pay over said tax to the treasurer within three months after the time of receiving the duplicate thereof, and the treasurer's receipt shall be his voucher.

The ~~town~~^{city} Marshal shall make personal demand of every resident charged with tax and shall give ten days notice by advertisement, in ~~three~~^{three} of the most public places in said ~~city~~^{city} corporation of any tax, and if the tax on any lot or piece of land, on which no personal property can be found, shall remain unpaid three months after the expiration of the time by this act allowed the collector for the collection of the tax, then the ~~town~~^{city} Marshal shall give notice in the nearest News paper (if any there shall be in Oregon).

of not posting up at least three public notices
stating the amount of such tax, and
the number of the lot on which it is due
and that the same will be sold to discharge
such tax, unless the payment thereof be
made within three months from the date
of such advertisement, and if such
tax be not paid within that time, the
~~town~~ ^{city} marshal, after giving thirty days
notice of the time and place of sale
at three of the most public places in
said ~~town~~ ^{city} shall proceed to sell, at
public auction, so much of said lot or
piece of land as will discharge
said tax.

Sec. 9 That if the owner of such lot
or piece of land shall appear, at any time
within two years after such sale and
pay the purchase money, with interest
and ~~with~~ twelve per centum penalty
thereon, he shall be entitled to the
right of redemption. It is ordered that
nothing in the two preceding sections
shall affect the right of others, in law
or equity, to the benefit of the right of
redemption, when they shall, at full
age

Sec 10 Twenty days, before each annual
election, the ~~town~~ ^{city} council shall put up
in some conspicuous place within
said ~~town~~ ^{city}, an accurate account of
the ~~money~~ ^{monies} received and expended
by said corporation since the last
annual election, with the sources from
which they were derived, and the objects
on which they were expended which shall

in the most public place in Oregon)
shall be certified by the recorder
Dec 11

The said corporation shall have power to regulate and improve all streets, alleys, sidewalks, drains, sewers; to sink and keep in repair public wells, remove nuisances, and regulate markets, to grant licenses ~~for the benefit~~ within the limits of said corporation, and to appropriate the proceeds of such licenses for the benefit of the ~~town~~ ^{city}; they shall have power to license and regulate, or prohibit, all shows and public exhibitions; Provided, however that the power hereby granted shall not be so construed as to conflict with general laws of Oregon regulating the same
Dec 12

That said ^{Corporation} ~~Council~~ shall have power to establish and organize a fire department, to procure an engine, hose, hook, ladders and other implements of use in the arrest and extinguishment of fire
Dec 13

That the by-laws and ordinances of said corporation shall be posted up in some public place in said ~~town~~ ^{city}, fifteen days before the taking effect thereof, and the certificate of the recorder upon the ~~town~~ ^{city} record shall be sufficient evidence of the same having been done. And every annual election herein authorized, shall be preceded by five days notice thereof.

put up in three public places in
said ~~town~~ ^{City}

Sec 14 That the streets and alleys
of said ~~town~~ ^{City} shall constitute one Road
District, including the several roads
leading from said ~~Town~~ ^{City} for the distance
of one mile from the corporate
limits, and the ~~town~~ ^{City} council shall
have ~~power~~ the exclusive right
of appointing the supervisor for
said district, who in every respect
shall act as though appointed
by the ~~county~~ ^{city} ~~commissioner~~ circuit
Court

That the Mayor or a Majority
of the Council ^{may} ~~may~~, may call a meeting
of the ~~town~~ ^{City} Council whenever, in his
or their opinion, the same may
be necessary. The Mayor and trustees
shall receive no compensation
unless the same shall be authorized
by the inhabitants, in legal meeting
assembled

Sec 15

Any future Legislature
may alter, amend or repeal
this act

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