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An act to incorporate the Town of Olympia.

Article First

- Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington, that the Town of Olympia shall be bounded as follows, to-wit;
- Commencing at a point on Budd's Inlet, where the northern boundary of section No. 11 intersects the shore; thence along the meandering of the beach southerly, to a point of intersection with the bay at the northern boundary of section No. 14; thence east on section line, between sections 14 and 11, to the north east corner of section 14; thence south on section line, between sections 13 and 14 and sections 23 and 24; thence west, on the southern boundary of sections 22 and 23, to the southwest corner of section 22; thence north, on the west boundary of sections 22 and 15, to the north west corner of section 15; thence east, on northern boundary of section 15, to a point of intersection with the western shore of Budd's Inlet; thence northerly, along said western shore, following the meandering of the beach, to the intersection of the northern boundary of section 10 with the beach; thence east, across Budd's Inlet to the place of beginning.
- Sec. 2. The inhabitants of said town of Olympia shall be, and are hereby, constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "the Town of Olympia"; and by that name they and their successors shall be known in law, and have perpetual succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impeached, in all courts whatsoever, and receive property, personal and real, within said town, for public buildings, public works, and town improvements, and may dispose of the same in any way for the benefit of the town; may purchase property beyond the limits of the town to be used for burial purposes and for the establishment of a Hospital for the reception of persons infected with contagious diseases.

Article Second

- Sec. 1. For the government of the said town of Olympia, there shall be annually elected, in the manner hereinafter provided, the following officers: A Board of Trustees (consisting of five members) who shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified; and there shall be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees, one town clerk and one town Marshal.

Article Third

- Sec. 1. That a general election for all town officers of the Corporation required under this act, shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year.
- Sec. 2. No person shall be entitled to vote at any town election who shall not be an elector for territorial offices, and who shall have resided in this town

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The day next preceding the day of election, and no person shall be eligible to any office under this charter who is not a qualified voter of said town.

- Sec. 3. At all elections for town officers, the vote shall be by ballot at the time and place designated by the Board of Trustees.
- Sec. 4. That all vacancies happening before the annual election, shall be filled by the board of Trustees.
- Sec. 5. That all elections for town officers shall continue for one day, during which time the polls shall be kept open from 10 o'clock A.M. to 4 o'clock P.M.
- Sec. 6. The person who shall receive a plurality of votes for any office, shall be declared duly elected, and the clerk shall issue to him a certificate of election, and on presentation of the same to the Board of Trustees, and he shall be sworn into office.

#### Article Fourth

- Sec. 1. The members of the Board of Trustees shall annually elect one of their number President of the Board of Trustees, who shall hold his office for one year or until his successor shall be elected and qualified.
- Sec. 2. The members of the Board of Trustees shall fix the time and place for holding their stated meetings, and may be convened by the President of the board of trustees at any time. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members.
- Sec. 3. Any ordinances which shall have passed by the board of trustees, shall, before it becomes a law, be signed by the President of the board.
- Sec. 4. Said board of trustees shall have full power and authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> To make all needful bylaws, ordinances and town regulations, not repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States, and the laws of this territory.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. To lay taxes for municipal purposes, not to exceed one-half of one per centum per annum upon all taxable property, as is shown by the assessment made for territorial and county purposes.  
3<sup>d</sup>. To prohibit and prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into said town limits, and to make such regulations as shall promote the security of health, peace, cleanliness and good order within said town.  
4<sup>th</sup>. To prevent and restrain any disturbances or disorderly conduct, riot, drunkenness, or any indecent and immoral practices, within the limits of said town.  
5<sup>th</sup>. To appoint one of the justices of the Peace residing within said town as

Committing Magistrate, whose duty it shall be to hear all complaints of violations of the said Ordinances, and to examine all parties arrested by the Town Marshal.

b.c. The roads, streets and alleys within said town limits, shall be under the exclusive control of said Board of Trustees, who shall make all needful rules in regard to the improvement, repair, grading, cleaning &c, &c, thereof. And for the purposes of this act, said town shall not be included in any road district, but the road tax now due by law within said town, shall be collected by the Town Marshal, and laid out and expended by him, as directed by Ordinances.

### Article Fifth.

- Sec. 1. The trustees shall receive no compensation for their services.
- Sec. 2. The Town Clerk shall receive such compensation for his services as may be allowed him by Ordinances.
- Sec. 3. The Marshal shall receive the same fees for his services as constables are entitled to for services of a similar nature, and for other services, such compensation as may be provided for by Ordinances.

### Article Sixth.

- Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees at their first meeting, annually, to elect one of their number to perform the duties of Town Treasurer, who shall hold his office for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified.
- Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Town Marshal, in addition to the duties prescribed by the board of trustees, to execute and return all processes issued by any Justice of the Peace, residing within the town limits; to collect all money and tax, and pay the same over to the Treasurer monthly.
- Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Town Treasurer to receive all money which shall come to said town by taxation or otherwise, and pay out the same as may be provided by Ordinances.
- Sec. 4. The board of trustees shall define the duties of all officers by Ordinances, which are not herein prescribed.

### Article Seventh.

- Sec. 1. All officers required to be elected under this act shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take an oath or affirmation of office before any person competent to administer oaths.
- Sec. 2. All resolutions and Ordinances, calling for an appropriation for any sum exceeding one hundred dollars, shall be over two meetings.

Article Eighth.

Sec 1. This Charter shall go into operation as soon as the law receives the signatures of the presiding officers of the Legislative Assembly; and until the first election held under the provisions of this law, shall have been held, the following persons shall be trustees, viz; George A. Barnes, J. W. Mc Gray, James Sinton, Joseph Curdman and Elwood Cross; and William Mitchell shall be town Marshal. And the said board of trustees shall have power to fill vacancies.

Passed.

Jan'y 28<sup>th</sup> 1859.

*Saml. J. May*

Speaker of the House.

*Crumpton Smith*

President of the Council.