

ARTICLE 1

INCORPORATION AND POWERS

Section 1-1 Incorporation

The inhabitants of the Town of Natick, within the territorial limits established by law, shall continue to be a body corporate and politic under the name "Town of Natick".

Section 1-2 Short Title

This instrument shall be known and may be cited as the Natick Home Rule Charter.

Section 1-3 Division of Powers

The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the town shall be vested in an executive branch headed by a board of selectmen. The legislative powers of the town shall be exercised by a representative town meeting.

Section 1-4 Powers of the Town; Intent of Voters

It is the intent and purpose of the voters of Natick, through the adoption of this charter, to secure for the town all of the powers possible to secure under the constitution and statutes of the Commonwealth, as fully and as completely as though each such power were specifically and individually enumerated herein.

Section 1-5 Interpretation of Powers

The powers of the town under the charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the town and the specific mention of any particular power is not intended to limit the general powers of the town as stated in Section 1-4, above.

Section 1-6 Intergovernmental Relations

The town may enter into agreements with any other unit of government to perform jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, any of its powers or functions.