

GORDONSVILLE, TOWN OF
Located in County of Orange.
Incorporated by an 1870 Act of Assembly.

Charter, 1870, c. 250; repealed 1932, c. 226.

Charter, 1932, c. 226, repealed 1975, c. 346.

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§ 1. Corporate status and powers. The inhabitants of the territory comprised within the present limits of the town of Gordonsville or as such limits may be hereafter altered by law shall constitute and continue a body politic and corporate known as the town of Gordonsville and as such shall have and may exercise all powers which are now or hereafter may be conferred upon or delegated to towns under the Constitution and general laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia as fully and completely as though such powers were specifically enumerated herein including, but not limited to, the powers set forth in §§ 15.1-837 through 15.1-907, both inclusive, of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and as in force on January one, nineteen hundred seventy-five are hereby conferred on and vested in the town of Gordonsville. The town shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and obligations now pertaining to and incumbent on it as a municipal corporation and shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, contract and be contracted with and may have a corporate seal which it may alter at its pleasure by proper ordinance. (1975, c. 346)

§ 2. Corporate limits. The present corporate limits of the town of Gordonsville are hereby reestablished in accordance with a survey and plat on file in the Clerk's Office of the County of Orange, Virginia, in Law Order Book 7, page 323, the courses and distances of which are set forth in an order styled "in re: Annexation Proceedings, town of Gordonsville vs. County of Orange" dated March 11, 1949, and recorded in Law Order Book 7, page 321, on file in the office of the Circuit Court of Orange County, Virginia. (1975, c. 346)

§ 3. Form of government. The town shall be governed under the general councilmanic plan. The administration and government of the town shall be vested in one principal officer styled mayor and six councilmen who, together with the mayor, shall constitute the council of said town and shall be elected at large. The mayor and the councilmen shall be electors of said town. The council shall elect one of its members to serve as vice-mayor. Vacancies in the office of mayor or councilmen shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council.

The present mayor and six members of the town council shall continue in office until July 1, 1976, or until their successors are legally elected and qualify.

Subject to the general election to be held in May of 1976, the town council which takes office July 1, 1976, shall hold office as follows:

Mayor - Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Councilman No. 1 - (Candidate who receives most votes) - Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Councilman No. 2 - (Candidate who receives next highest number of votes) - Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Councilman No. 3 - (Candidate who receives next highest number of votes) -
Four-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Councilman No. 4 - Two-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Councilman No. 5 - Two-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Councilman No. 6 - Two-year term beginning July 1, 1976

Except for the terms of councilmen and the mayor as hereinabove specified, the term of the mayor and each member of council shall be four years. The date for the election for mayor and councilmen and the date such officers shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices shall be in accordance with general law.

The council may appoint a town manager who shall, under the control of council, have general charge and management of the administrative affairs and work of the town with the powers and duties specified in §15.1-920 of the Code of Virginia as amended, and such other powers and duties as may be delegated to him by council. (1975, c. 346)

§ 4. Taxation. The town is empowered to levy and collect taxes on all subjects of taxation except as restrained by the constitution or by general laws heretofore or hereafter adopted provided that the town shall impose no tax on bonds of the town and provided further that the levy of ad valorem taxes without limitation of rate or amount for payment of general obligation bonds of the town is authorized upon all taxable property within the town as now and hereafter constituted. (1975, c. 346)

§ 5. Reference. This act may be referred to or cited as the town of Gordonsville Charter of 1975. (1975, c. 346)