

**Sec. 16 LIMIT OF TAX RATE.**

That the annual tax on property enumerated in the preceding section shall not exceed sixty-six and two-thirds cents on the one hundred dollars valuation thereof, nor shall the poll tax annually exceed two (2) dollars.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 16)

**Sec. 17 LICENSE TAX.**

That in addition to the subjects of taxation for State purposes, the aldermen shall have power to levy and collect a special or license tax not to exceed one hundred dollars on all trades, professions, agencies, business operations, exhibitions, and manufactories in the town of Fremont.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 17)

**Sec. 18 LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR TAXES.**

That all taxes levied by the board of aldermen shall be a lien upon the personal property of the taxpayers from the date of the levy thereon and upon the real property from the first day of June of the year in which the said tax is levied, and in case of any delinquent taxpayer, the tax collector is authorized to levy upon and sell the personal property of such delinquent taxpayer, upon ten days notice after the first day of January, and to sell the real estate of such delinquent taxpayer after thirty days notice at any time after the first day of June in the year in which such tax is levied.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 18)

**Sec. 19 ASSESSMENT FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**

That the town of Fremont shall have power, in its discretion, to assess owners of land abutting on streets paved by the town with an amount not to exceed one-third of the actual cost of such paving in front of such abutting land; and said town shall have like power of assessing not exceeding one-third of the actual cost of any sewer in front of such abutting land, but the costs of common outlets shall not be assessed, and the costs thereof as herein provided for

may be assessed upon such abutting property and added to the taxes on the same, and collected in the same manner that other taxes for assessments are collected.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 23)

**Sec. 20 RATIFICATION; REPEAL.**

That all laws, clauses in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1913.  
(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, §§ 24, 25)



**Sec. 3.2 MODE OF ELECTION.**

The town shall be divided into six single-member electoral districts and the qualified voters of each district shall elect one board member who resides in the district, for the seat apportioned to that district.

(Ord. passed 6-11-87)

**Sec. 3.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR.**

The Mayor shall be elected by all the qualified voters of the city for a term of four years.

(Ord. passed 6-11-87)

**Sec. 3.4 TERMS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEMBERS.**

Members of the Board of Aldermen shall serve for a term of four years.

(Ord. passed 6-11-87)

**Sec. 3.5 NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS.**

Municipal elections shall be conducted according to the non-partisan plurality election method.

(Ord. passed 6-11-87)

**Sec. 4 APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRARS.**

That the board of aldermen of said town shall appoint, at or before their meeting in March, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and biennially thereafter, a registrar of voters for each precinct in said town, who shall give ten days notice at the town hall in said town of Fremont of a registration of voters in and for said town. In case of vacancy in the position of registrars from any cause, the mayor of said town shall fill the vacancy.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 4)

**Sec. 5 REGISTRATION.**

That the registrars shall be furnished by said board of aldermen with the registration books, and it

shall be the duty of the registrar to open his books, at the time and place designated, at least ten days before election, and to register therein the names of all persons applying for registration and entitled to register and vote. It shall be the duty of the registrars to keep the names of the white voters separate and apart from those of the colored voters.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 5)

**Sec. 6 JUDGES OF ELECTIONS.**

That said board of aldermen shall appoint judges or inspectors of election, who with the registrars shall open the polls and superintend the same on the day of election.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 6)

**Sec. 7 TERMS OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.**

That the mayor and aldermen shall hold their offices respectively until the next succeeding election, and until their respective successors are qualified.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 7)

**Sec. 8 OATH OF MAYOR.**

That the mayor, immediately after his election, and before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take before a justice of the peace the following oath, viz.:

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I will diligently endeavor to perform faithfully and truthfully, according to my best skill and ability, all the duties of the office of mayor of the town of Fremont while I continue therein; and I will cause to be executed as far as in my power lies, all the laws, ordinances, and regulations enacted for the government of the city; and in the discharge of my duties I will strive to do equal justice in all cases whatsoever."

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 8)



**Sec. 9 ALDERMEN TO QUALIFY.**

That on Thursday succeeding the day of election the aldermen elected shall qualify by taking the oath of office before the mayor or a justice of the peace as prescribed for commissioners of incorporated towns. (Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 9)

**Sec. 10 INFERIOR COURT.**

That the mayor of said town is hereby constituted an inferior court, and as such shall within the corporate limits of the town of Fremont have all the powers, jurisdiction, and authority of a justice of the peace in criminal cases, to issue process, and to hear and determine all causes of action which may arise upon the ordinances and regulations of the town, and to execute the by-laws and regulations made by the board of aldermen. The mayor shall further be a special court within the corporate limits of the town to arrest and try all persons who are charged with a misdemeanor for violating any ordinance of the city.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 10)

**Sec. 11 VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES.**

That any violation of a town ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished with a fine not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, and no preliminary affidavit shall be necessary to give the mayor jurisdiction over the offenses against the town ordinances.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 11)

**Sec. 12 SALARY OF MAYOR; VOTE.**

That the mayor shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the board of aldermen, to be paid in monthly installments, and when present he shall preside at all meetings of the board; and if there is an equal division upon any question, or in the election of officers by the board, he shall determine the matter by his vote; but he shall vote in no other case.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 12)

**Sec. 13 POWERS OF ALDERMEN.**

That among the powers herein conferred upon the board of aldermen, they shall provide for repairing and draining the streets; take all proper means to prevent and extinguish fires; make regulations to cause the due observance of Sunday; appoint police; regulate, suppress, and relieve nuisances; preserve the health of the town from contagious or infectious diseases; appoint constables or officers to execute such precepts as the mayor and aldermen lawfully issue to them; to preserve the peace and order and execute the ordinances of the town; and shall appoint such other officers, clerks, and collectors and provide for the pay and prescribe the duties of all such other appointees as may be deemed necessary.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 13)

**Sec. 14 POWERS AS TO STREETS.**

The board of aldermen shall have power to lay and open new streets within the corporate limits of the town and shall have power at any time to widen, en-large, change, or extend or discontinue any street or streets within the corporate limits of the town, and shall have full power and authority to condemn, appropriate, or use any land or lands for any of the purposes named in this section, upon making a reasonable compensation to the owner or owners thereof.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 14)

**Sec. 15 TAXING POWER.**

That in order to raise a fund for the expenses incident to the proper government of the town, the aldermen may annually levy and collect the following taxes, viz.: Upon all real estate and personal property within the corporate limits of the city; upon all money on hand; solvent credits; upon all polls and other subjects of taxation taxed by the General Assembly for public purposes.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 15)



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*Editor's Note: The texts of amended and repealed sections of this charter (Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236) are preserved in the Local Laws.*

### Sec. 1 INCORPORATION OF TOWN; NAME.

That the inhabitants of the Town of Fremont shall be and continue as they heretofore have been, a body politic and corporate, and henceforth the corporation shall bear the name and style of the Town of Fremont, and under such name and style is hereby invested with all property and rights of property which now belong to the corporation under any other corporate name or names heretofore used:

and by its name may acquire and hold for the purpose of its government, welfare, and improvement, all such estate as may be devised, bequeathed, or conveyed to it, and shall have the right to contract and be contracted with, and sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to purchase, hold and convey real or personal property.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 1)

### Sec. 2 CORPORATE LIMITS.

That the corporate limits of the Town of Fremont shall be as follows: Beginning at Jenkins' crossing in the center of said crossing and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and running thence north sixty-four degrees fifty-one minutes west two thousand six hundred and forty (2,640) feet; thence north twenty-five degrees nine minutes east six thousand nine hundred and eight (6,908) feet; thence south sixty-four degrees fifty-one minutes east five thousand two hundred and eighty (5,280) feet; thence south twenty-five degrees and nine minutes west six thousand nine hundred and eight (6,908) feet; thence north sixty-four degrees fifty-one minutes west two thousand six hundred and forty (2,640) feet to the first station.

(Private Laws of 1913, Ch. 236, § 2)

### Sec. 3.1 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Regular municipal elections shall be held in the town every four years in odd-numbered years beginning in 1987 and quadannually [i.e., quadrennially] thereafter, and shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina.

(Ord. passed 6-11-87)

*Editor's note: Ordinance 17 repealed Sec. 3, Governing Body; Term, and replaced it with Secs. 3-1 through 3-5.*