

Title 24 APPENDIX: Municipal Charters

Chapter 239: Village Of Manchester

§ 239-1. Village boundaries and establishment of body politic

All estate in the Town of Manchester, included in the following boundaries, is hereby incorporated and shall hereafter be known as the Village of Manchester:

(1) Being all that part of the Town of Manchester in the County of Bennington, contained within the bounds of Fire District Number Two as originally laid out and established by the Selectboard of the Town of Manchester in 1878, and recorded in volume 19, pages 505 and 506 of the land records of the Town; and also lands added and included within the limits of the Village in addition to limits specified in a former charter of the Village, being No. 182 of the Acts of 1900, and described in the minutes of meetings of the Village as follows: One hundred eleven acres of land of Robert T. Lincoln included in the Village limits by a vote at a Village meeting on January 2, 1905 as described in a plot on file in the Village records.

(2) Farms of Fred E. Fish and E.A. Wilcox lying west of the Battenkill River, included in the Village limits by vote of a Village meeting held on August 25, 1902.

(3) Lands of R.D. Brown, C.F. Orvis, W.G. Beebe, A.L. Mosley, R.E. Way, Nathan Cook, and C.L. Towsley included in the Village limits by vote of a Village meeting held on June 25, 1906.

(4) The inhabitants within the bounds are constituted a body politic and corporate with all of the usual powers incident to public corporations, to be known by the name of the Village of Manchester. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 1.)

§ 239-2. Alteration of Village boundaries

The inhabitants of the Village may alter the bounds of the Village with the written consent of the persons owning real estate which will be included or excluded thereby, the written consent and alteration being first recorded in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Manchester, and with the approval of the Town of Manchester as evidenced by the majority vote of the Town in Town meeting duly warned therefor. If the Town of Manchester votes its approval, the consent, alteration, and the vote of the Town of Manchester shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Village, and upon recording, the alterations in the bounds of the Village so made shall become effective. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 2.)

§ 239-3. Powers of Village; general authority

The Village shall have and is hereby granted the authority to exercise all powers relating to municipal affairs and no enumeration of powers in this chapter shall be deemed to limit or restrict the general grant of authority hereby conferred; but this grant of authority shall not be deemed to limit the authority of the Legislature to alter, amend, or repeal this charter; or to limit the right to hereafter pass general laws applicable alike to this and all other municipal corporations of the State; nor shall this grant of authority be deemed to limit the patronage or control of the State with respect to the Village. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 3.)

§ 239-4. Village powers; specific authority

The generality of the preceding section and the grant of powers therein made, but as a more specific designation of some of the powers conferred upon the Village, the Village of Manchester has authority:

(1) To levy, assess, and collect taxes, in order to carry out its powers; to appropriate and to borrow money, within the limits prescribed by law; and to levy and collect special assessments for benefits conferred.

(2) To purchase, hold, and convey real and personal property and to purchase, erect, and keep in repair buildings and other structures for Village purposes; to furnish all local public services; to purchase, hire, construct, own, maintain, and operate, or lease local public utilities, including aqueducts, reservoirs, a water supply system, and an electric light and power system; to acquire, by condemnation or otherwise, within or without the corporate limits, property necessary for any public utility and other Village purposes, subject to restrictions imposed by law.

(3) To make local public improvements and to acquire, by condemnation or otherwise, property within its corporate limits necessary for the improvements; and also to acquire an excess over that needed for the improvements, and to sell or lease the excess property with restrictions, in order to protect and preserve the improvements.

(4) To issue and sell bonds as permitted by the laws of this State without specific security therefor.

(5) To purchase or lease lands within or without the corporate limits of the Village; to lay out, alter, and discontinue streets, highways, lanes, commons, alleys, and walks; to provide places of healthful recreation in summer or in winter such as a skating rink, a swimming pool, a playing field, and a public park; to provide for and maintain tourist camp sites, airports, aviation landing fields, a municipal forest reserve, and all other municipal undertakings and services authorized by law.

(6) To adopt and enforce within its limits building, police, sanitary, zoning, Village planning, and other similar regulations and ordinances not in conflict with law.

(7) Subject always to the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States, and to the limitations of section 3 of this chapter, to enact, adopt, repeal, alter, or amend ordinances, bylaws, and other regulations respecting the following matters within the Village limits:

(A) The construction, establishment, use, operation, and licensing of markets dealing in food stuffs, slaughterhouses, restaurants, and other eating establishments; manufacturing establishments; advertising billboards, signs; lunch carts, bowling alleys, moving picture houses, public garages, hog pens, poultry houses, dog kennels, stables, gasoline filling stations, private drains, sewers, and public dumps.

(B) The suppression of disorderly and public gambling houses, loafing, obscenity, disturbances, noises, vagrancy, and smoke nuisances.

(C) The protection of buildings against fire by precautionary measures and inspection, the maintenance, replacement, and repair of stovepipes, furnaces, chimneys, electric wiring, and all other instrumentalities capable of causing damage by fire, and the erection and repair of buildings within fire limits as designated and prescribed by Village ordinances.

(D) Vagrants, mendicants, peddlers, itinerant vendors, and transient business establishments.

(E) The water supply for the protection of the Village against fire and for other purposes, and to regulate the use of the same.

(F) The erection of poles and the placing of wires, cables, pipes, and electrical conduits, and the use of the same; the suspension, putting up, or removal of any sign or awning in or over any street, alley, highway, walk, park, common, or other public place, the clearing, repairing, and improvement of streets, alleys, highways, parks, commons, and other public places, and the use of the same; the planting, preservation, maintenance, and removal of shade and other trees; and the prohibiting and punishing of damage or injury to the same; the use of rockets, squibs, firecrackers, and all other fireworks in public places; preventing the practice of any amusement in any public place tending to injure or annoy any person therein or to endanger the security of property, coasting or skiing on all public places; the removal of snow, ice, garbage, refuse, and dirt from sidewalks and gutters by the owners or occupants of the premises upon which those sidewalks and gutters abut; and the cutting and removal of grass, thistles, or weeds, growing or being on those sidewalks and gutters by those owners and occupants. The regulation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, parking, the erection and

maintenance of guide posts, street signs, street safety devices; and the regulation of taxicabs, other vehicles, and animals used in the transportation or conveyance of persons or goods for hire. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 4.)

§ 239-5. Village meetings

(a) The annual meetings of the Village shall be on the second Monday of July in each year at the place within the Village and at the hour as may be named in the warning therefor for the purpose of electing the officers hereinafter named, and for the purpose of transacting business specified in the warning, which warning shall be signed by the Clerk, or, in the absence of the Clerk, by one of the trustees, and shall be posted in at least three public places within the limits of the Village, not less than six nor more than 20 days before the time of holding the meeting.

(b) Special Village meetings may be called at any time by the Clerk under the direction of the trustees or a majority of them, to fill vacancies which may occur in any of the offices, by death, resignation, or otherwise, and for the transaction of any business proper to be considered at a special meeting of the corporation.

(c) The trustees shall, upon written application by ten legal voters of the Village, stating the purpose for which they wish it called, direct that a special meeting be called. All special meetings shall be called by warnings in the same manner as annual meetings. At all meetings, persons residing in the Village, who are legal voters in Town meeting in the Town of Manchester, shall be qualified to vote, provided they have resided in the Village for three months next prior to the meeting. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 5.)

§ 239-6. Election of Village officials

(a) At the annual meeting to be held on the second Monday of July, the Village shall, by ballot, if called for by three or more legal voters in the meeting, elect for the ensuing year, and, until their successors are chosen; a President, who shall preside at all Village meetings, and be vested with the powers of a moderator at town meeting and who shall be, by virtue of this office, one of the trustees of the Village and President of the Board of Trustees; a Clerk; a Treasurer; and a Tax Collector; and the Treasurer and Tax Collector shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in the sums as the trustees shall direct; and if a Treasurer or Collector shall fail to give the bonds within 10 days after election or appointment, the office shall be vacant; three auditors who shall have the powers and perform the duties in the Village which town auditors perform in towns; and the corporation at each annual meeting shall elect two trustees for a term of two years; the trustees shall have charge of the prudential affairs of the corporation, with powers necessary for that purpose, and may fill all vacancies in the offices of the corporation and may act by a majority, and of whom the elder of those oldest in office present at any Village meeting, shall act in the absence of the President.

(b) In case of failure to elect any or all of the officers at an annual meeting, they may be elected at a special meeting called for that purpose. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 7.)

§ 239-7. Village Clerk

The Clerk shall keep records of all Village meetings, all trustees meetings when requested so to do, and other proceedings of the Village. The ordinances and regulations of the Village shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk, and the Clerk's certificate that the ordinances and regulations of the Village were adopted at a meeting of the trustees called and held for that purpose, shall be prima facie evidence of the fact in any court in this State, and certified copies of the bylaws, ordinances, and regulations, and Clerk's certificates shall also be received as evidence in all courts in this State. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 7.)

§ 239-8. Village trustees; powers

(a) The trustees shall have the same powers to lay out, alter, and discontinue streets and highways in the Village as are vested by law in the selectboard of towns, and all proceedings in respect to laying out, altering, or discontinuing streets and highways in the Village shall be had in the same manner as is prescribed by law in respect to these matters in towns.

(b) The trustees shall have power to enact, amend, alter, or repeal bylaws, ordinances, and regulations, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States, or to the charter of this Village, and to enforce the same by fine, penalty, forfeiture, or any other proper remedy, and shall have the other powers as are stated in this chapter.

(c) The trustees shall assess all taxes required by law or by vote of the Village, and shall direct the expenditure of all moneys belonging to the Village, and shall draw orders for all moneys disbursed by them, and generally shall perform all duties enjoined upon them by the Village. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 8.)

§ 239-9. Village trustees; appointments

The trustees shall have authority to appoint annually and to prescribe the duties of a Chief of Police and police officers; of a Chief Engineer and the assistant engineers of the Fire Department; of the superintendents of the Village departments; of a Building Inspector; and of other Village officials as they may judge necessary for the welfare of the Village; and the number of police officers, engineers, and Village firemen and other employees shall be within the discretion of the trustees. Those officers as the trustees may direct shall be qualified by taking appropriate oaths of office, and their appointments and the certificates of their oaths shall be recorded by the Village Clerk. The appointments may be revoked at the pleasure of the trustees, and the trustees may make rules and regulations governing the activities of these officers and of all other Village employees. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 9.)

§ 239-10. Fire Department; Chief Engineer

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the Chief's assistants shall be ex officio fire wardens of the Village, and the duties of the Engineer shall be those as may be prescribed by the bylaws, ordinances, and regulations of the Village. The Chief Engineer, and in the Chief's absence the acting chief designated by the Trustees, shall have charge of all machines and apparatus within the Village for the prevention and extinguishment of fires. On the occasion of any fire in the Village, the Chief Engineer shall have control of both the regular Fire Department and all volunteer fire companies, and may demand the assistance of any person present in order to extinguish the fire; the Chief Engineer shall have the power to cause to be pulled down, blown-up, or removed any building which the Chief Engineer may deem necessary for the suppression, or to prevent the extension, of the fire, and neither the Chief Engineer, nor anyone obeying the Chief Engineer's orders, shall be liable personally for any property damage done thereby. The Chief Engineer may work in conjunction with the Building Inspector, as the Trustees may direct, and may have the authority of the Building Inspector in the discretion of the trustees. The engineers when on duty shall wear conspicuously on their person a badge of office, with their respective rank inscribed thereon, without which no person shall be bound to obey their directions. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 10.)

§ 239-11. Building Inspector

Within the Village limits, the Building Inspector shall have authority to oversee the location and construction of all buildings, and all repairs on buildings already constructed, and shall oversee the construction and repair of elevators, oil storage tanks, fireplaces, stoves, flues, chimneys, and all electrical wiring. The Building Inspector may order the occupants or owners of any building or premises to repair the same, or any elevator, oil storage tank, fireplace, stove, flue, chimney, or electrical wiring, which in the opinion of the trustees is unsafe or dangerous; and the Building Inspector may inspect the manner of manufacture and keeping of all explosives and combustibles.

No building shall be located, built, constructed, or reconstructed until the plans of the building have first been submitted to and approved by the Building Inspector, if the trustees by proper ordinance shall so order and require. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 11.)

§ 239-12. Trustee meetings

The trustees shall meet regularly at suitable times to enact ordinances and to transact any and all other proper business, and at those meetings shall give audience to all complaints and protests. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 12.)

§ 239-13. Ordinances

(a) No ordinance passed by the trustees shall be enforceable until notice thereof has been posted in four public places, within the bounds of the Village, for a period of two weeks and published twice within the period of two weeks in a newspaper printed in the Village, or, if no newspaper be printed, in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village.

(b) If during the two weeks' period a petition signed by 10 or more qualified voters of the Village be presented to the trustees objecting to an ordinance so passed and published by the trustees, the question of the approval of the ordinance shall be submitted to any annual or special meeting of the Village; and when approved by a majority vote of the meeting, and not otherwise, the ordinance so approved shall become an ordinance of the Village.

(c) If at any time subsequent to the period of two weeks for publication, a petition signed by 10 or more qualified voters of the Village be presented to the trustees requesting the repeal of any ordinance, the question of the repeal or approval of the ordinance shall be submitted to a meeting of the Village duly warned for that purpose. If at the meeting the ordinance be approved by a majority vote of the meeting, the ordinance so approved shall remain an ordinance of the Village. If the ordinance so voted upon shall fail to be approved, the ordinance shall be deemed to be repealed and shall thereupon be and become null and void and of no subsequent legal effect whatsoever. But, fines and penalties imposed, judgments and decrees entered, prosecutions and legal proceedings instituted prior to the repeal of the ordinance shall not be vacated, set aside, or otherwise affected by the repeal. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 13.)

§ 239-14. Village as Town highway district

(a) All the territory embraced within the limits of the Village is hereby constituted a highway district of the Town of Manchester, and the Selectboard of the Town shall, on or before the first day of September of each year, draw an order on the Treasurer of the Town, to the Treasurer of the Village for five-eighths of the amount of taxes raised or assessed upon the grand list of the Village during the fiscal year next prior to September 1, and expended or used for the highway purposes hereinafter specified by or under the direction of the Town Road Commissioner, the Town Selectboard, or the Town Manager, excepting payments made to the State as provided under sections 4702 and 4703 of the Public Laws and any future revision or amendments thereto or any acts hereafter passed for similar purpose.

(b) The highway purposes herein intended are: construction and maintenance of the highways outside the limits of the Village, including bridges, brooks, and culverts, calcium chloride and other binders; winter road and snow removal and sanding, turning water and opening ditches; highway tools and supplies; new highway equipment and repairs and maintenance of tools and equipment, including gasoline and oil used in operation of the equipment.

(c) The amount due to the Village shall be determined at the end of the fiscal year of the Town by the Town auditors and Selectboard, and the trustees of the Village, and in the event of disagreement, by three arbitrators, one chosen by the Town Selectboard, one by the Village trustees, and a third by the two arbitrators chosen by the Town and Village, and their decision shall be final.

(d) The Selectboard of the Town of Manchester shall also, on or before September 1 of each year, draw an order on the Treasurer of the Town to the Treasurer of the Village for an amount equal to eight percent of the amount paid to the State during the fiscal year of the Town prior to September 1 under sections 4702 and 4703 of the Public Laws and under any future revisions of amendments thereto or any acts hereinafter passed for similar purposes. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 14.)

§ 239-15. Village trustees; license granting authority

The trustees of the Village shall have the same power of granting licenses and vacating the same within the limits of the Village, agreeably to the bylaws, ordinances, and regulations that the selectboard has by law. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 15.)

§ 239-16. Village taxing authority on ratable estate

(a) The Village may, at any annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, as hereinbefore provided, lay a tax upon the ratable estate within the Village, whether of residents or nonresidents, for any of the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and the trustees shall make out a rate bill accordingly and deliver the same to the Collector, who shall have the same power to collect the tax as the collector of town taxes, and may in like manner sell property to satisfy the same, and for want thereof, commit to jail any person against whom he or she has a delinquent tax.

(b) The grand list of the ratable estate within the Village, as made out by the listers of the Town of Manchester and filed by them in the office of the Clerk of the Town, shall be the grand list of the Village, and the trustees shall cause a copy of the list to be made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Village within 10 days after the same shall be completed and filed by the listers in the Town Clerk's office. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 16.)

§ 239-17. Borrowing funds

The Village at any annual meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose, is authorized and empowered to vote to borrow money for any of the purposes herein mentioned, and to issue its orders therefor, which orders shall be signed by the trustees and countersigned by the Treasurer of the Village, and payable at the time or times as the Village may direct; provided, however, that no vote to borrow money, or for the issue of orders therefor, shall be taken at any meeting for which the purpose is not specified in the call or warrants. Before the orders shall issue, a record thereof shall be made in a book kept for that purpose in the office of the Treasurer of the Village. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 17.)

§ 239-18. Abatement of taxes; remittance of fines or forfeitures

The trustees of the Village shall have power to abate taxes paid or assessed by virtue of this chapter, to remit fines or forfeitures imposed for violation of this chapter or bylaws, ordinances, or regulations of the Village, and to discharge the offenders from imprisonment for same. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 18.)

§ 239-19. Conflict of interest

No person being a resident or taxpayer of the Village shall thereby be deemed disqualified to act as judge, justice, juror, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or police officer in any matter, cause, or proceeding in which the Village shall be interested. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 19.)

§ 239-20. Imposition of fines and forfeitures

(a) Fines, penalties, and forfeitures up to and including \$200.00 for each breach of an ordinance or bylaw may be established by the trustees or by a properly warned Village meeting.

(b) The fines, penalties, and forfeitures may be recovered in an action of tort brought in the name of the Village, and in the action a general complaint relying on the ordinance or the bylaw shall be sufficient.

(c) The process may issue either against the body or the property of the defendant, and if the defendant is found guilty, and if it is found by the court that the cause of action arose from the defendant's willful or malicious act or neglect, it shall so adjudge, and shall further adjudge that the defendant be confined in close jail, and may issue execution against the defendant's body with the certificate of the findings endorsed thereon; and the execution with the certificate thereon shall have the same effect as an execution issued on a judgment founded upon tort having a like certificate endorsed thereon.

(d) A person who refuses to comply with a Village ordinance or bylaw relating to the person's business may be enjoined by a proper action in chancery brought in the name of the Village, from continuing the business in violation of the ordinance or bylaw, and in the action a bill relying on the ordinance or bylaws shall be sufficient.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Village from having and exercising other powers as may be proper to enforce obedience to its ordinances and bylaws and to punish violations thereof. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 20.)

§ 239-21. Violations of Village ordinances

Violations of the Village ordinances and bylaws may be prosecuted in behalf of the Village by its Attorney or police officers or by any other duly authorized prosecuting officer before the Bennington Municipal Court or before a justice of the peace of the County of Bennington. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 21.)

§ 239-22. Village Manager

The Village may at a properly warned Village meeting vote to accept a Village Manager, who shall have the same power and be subject to the same liabilities as town managers as provided by the laws of the State. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 22.)

§ 239-23. Aqueducts and reservoirs

(a) The corporation may purchase, construct, and maintain the aqueducts and reservoirs and build and lay the pipes and conduits as may be required for the purpose of furnishing the Village with suitable protection from fire, and for sewer purposes and sprinkling streets, for furnishing the inhabitants of the Village with water for household, culinary, and other purposes; and for the purposes stated in this subsection may purchase and hold lands, and springs and streams of water, and may erect and maintain buildings and hydrants, and purchase and hold fire apparatus and property; and may also lease from a person or corporation now or hereafter having a water system sufficient for any or all of the purposes enumerated in this subsection.

(b) A person who shall maliciously disturb, damage, or injure in any manner whatever the aqueducts and reservoirs and appurtenances, springs, ponds, lakes, fountains, or streams, or any connecting appurtenances, enclosures, or works thereof, or pollute or swim and bathe in the waters or any of them, shall be liable to prosecution therefor by the grand juror of the town or the State's Attorney of the county wherein the offense shall be committed by information complaint or indictment, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$100.00 nor less than \$5.00 and costs of prosecution and shall also be liable to the Village for all damages resulting to it by reason of the injury, pollution, or disturbance together with full costs, the same to be recovered by the Village in an action of tort founded on this section. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 23.)

§ 239-24. Sewer and sewage system

(a) The legal voters of the Village at a meeting duly warned and held for that purpose may vote to construct and maintain for the benefit of the Village a common sewer or a sewerage system and extend the same through the highways, streets, and lanes of the Village, and when necessary to obtain suitable grades, connections, water supply, outlets for flushing, and discharges, may construct and extend the same through lands of persons or corporations lying within or without the

Village, upon paying suitable compensation or damages therefor; and for this purpose may take the lands of individuals or corporations.

(b) Pursuant to the vote of the Village, the trustees shall lay out and construct the sewer and system of sewerage, and extend the same from time to time as voted by the Village, and after they are constructed, they shall be under the care and control of the trustees, who shall maintain, repair, and flush the same when necessary, and for those purposes may take the lands of an individual or a corporation; and the trustees shall proceed in the same manner as is prescribed by law for a selectboard in taking lands for highways, and in awarding damages therefor. When a person or corporation shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the trustees in the award of damages for land taken for the sewer or drain, the person or corporation may petition the Bennington County Superior Court for a reassessment of the damages or compensation, and any number of persons aggrieved may join in the petition, but the petition shall not delay the laying or repairing of the sewers or drain. The petition shall be served on the Clerk of the Village within 60 days next after the award of damages shall be filed in the Clerk's office. The proceedings shall be had in the Court on the petition as are provided by law for the reassessment of damages for land taken for highways, except as herein provided, and the commissioners therein provided by the Court shall notify one of the trustees of the Village of the time and place when they will hear the matter.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by the Village, when the trustees by vote of the Village, as provided in this section, build or extend its sewer they may draw their orders on the Treasurer of the Village in payment therefor, and when repairs are made on the sewer, they may draw their order on the Treasurer therefor.

(d) When the public health requires it, the local Board of Health of the Village may order that any hotel, dwelling house, or other building in the Village shall be connected with the public sewer, and shall give notice in writing to the owner thereof of the order, and if the owner neglects or refuses to comply with the order within a reasonable time the owner shall be fined not more than \$100.00 or less than \$5.00, upon complaint of the State's Attorney or a grand juror of the Town of Manchester.

(e) The trustees of the Village may assess annually the owner of a building connected with the sewer the sum as the trustees shall think just, as a sewer rental, to be paid by the owner thereof within 60 days after notice in writing delivered to the owner, or if the owner resides out of the Village, to the tenant of the owner, or if the owner resides out of the Village and has no tenant, sent by mail to the owner at the last known post office address. The sum shall be a debt in favor of the Village against the owner of the building and may be recovered in an action of debt and shall also be a lien on the building and the land on which it stands and so much around it as is reasonably required for occupying the same. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 24.)

§ 239-25. Street lights and gas or electric plants

The Village may light its streets in the way as it may determine, and may construct, own, and maintain gas or electric plants for lighting them, and furnishing its inhabitants with light and power, and for this purpose, may purchase and hold real estate and personal property as may be necessary, and it may contract with any person or corporation for supplying light for the purposes of this section. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 25.)

§ 239-26. Property of Village under former charter

The property belonging to the Village of Manchester under its previous chapter and owned by it at the time of the taking effect of this act shall vest in the Village of Manchester hereby constituted, and the Village shall be held for the liabilities of the former Village of Manchester, outstanding at the time; and the Village, hereby incorporated, shall succeed to all of the rights, powers, and privileges, and all taxes receivable and other assets of the former Village of Manchester. (Added 1943, No. 183, § 26.)

§ 239-27. [Transitional provision related to repeal of former charter as amended.] (Added 1943, No. 183, § 27.)

§ 239-28. [Transitional provision related to acceptance of charter by section and subdivision.] (Added 1943, No. 183, § 28.)

§ 239-29. [Transitional provision related to Village officers serving at time the new charter takes effect.] (Added 1943, No. 183, § 29.)

§ 239-30. [Transitional provision relating to the effective date of sections 28 and 29.] (Added 1943, No. 183, § 30.)