

Chapter I. Incorporation and General Powers

Sec. 1.1 Incorporation and General Powers.

All the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of East Hartford, as unified and consolidated according to the provisions of Special Act No. 501 of the 1929 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly, as heretofore constituted, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Town of East Hartford," hereinafter called "the town." The Town of East Hartford shall have perpetual succession, may hold and exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by the town not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter; and shall have the additional powers and privileges conferred in this Charter; in addition to all powers and privileges conferred upon towns under the constitution and general laws of the State of Connecticut.

Sec. 1.2 Rights and Obligations.

All property, both real and personal, all rights of action and rights of every description and all securities and liens vested or inchoate in the town as of the effective date of this Charter (April 2, 1968) are continued in said town and the town shall continue to be liable for all debts and obligations of every kind for which the town shall be liable on said date, whether accrued or not. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the right of the town to collect any assessment, charge, debt, or lien. If any contract has been entered into by the town prior to the effective date of this Charter (April 2, 1968) or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of the town which contains provisions that the same may be enforced by any commission, board, department or officer therein named, which is abolished by the provisions of this Charter, such contracts, bonds or undertakings shall be in no manner impaired but shall continue in full force and effect and the powers conferred and the duties imposed with reference to the same upon any such commission, board, department or officer shall, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, thereafter be exercised and discharged by the Mayor of said town.

Sec. 1.3 General Grant of Power.

In addition to all powers granted to towns under the constitution and general law, the town shall have all powers specifically granted by this Charter and all powers fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted, and all other powers incident to the management of the property, government and affairs of the town, including the power to enter into contracts with the United States or any federal agency, State of Connecticut or any political subdivision thereof for services and the use of facilities, the exercise of which is not expressly forbidden by the constitution and general laws of the State of Connecticut. The enumeration of particular powers in this and any other chapter of this Charter shall not be construed as limiting this general grant of power but shall be considered as an addition thereto.