

Municipal corporation hereby organized to succeed such municipalities.

SECTION 4.

Id.
Former obligations, etc., not affected.

That no obligation or contract of said municipalities including all municipal bonds, issued and outstanding, shall be impaired or avoided by this change, but such debts and obligations shall pass to and be binding upon the new municipality hereby organized and created.

SECTION 5.

Id.
Former officers to continue until general election and former ordinances consistent to remain in force.

That all officers of the existing municipality of the City of Miami, whether elected or appointed, shall continue to hold office during the unexpired term of their respective offices, and to discharge the duties and receive the emoluments thereof until a General City election is held pursuant to the provisions of this charter, and all ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City of Miami, regularly passed, promulgated and enrolled, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall remain in full force and effect, until the same shall have been regularly amended, rescinded or repealed.

SECTION 6.

Id.
Former officers of North Miami to vacate when this act becomes operative and all ordinances, etc., are repealed.

That all officers of the existing municipality of the Town of North Miami, whether elected or appointed, shall vacate their respective offices as soon as this act becomes operative; And all ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the said town of North Miami, are hereby rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 7.

Approved by Governor May 31, 1913.
Territorial boundaries.

That a municipality to be called the City of Miami, in the County of Dade and State of Florida, is hereby created, organized and established, the territorial boundaries of which shall be as follows:

Commencing on the West shore of Biscayne Bay at a point 478.7 feet North of the South line of Section Nineteen (19) Township Fifty Three (53) South, Range Forty Two (42) East, thence West parallel with said South Line of Section Nineteen (19) and continuing same line through Sections Twenty Four (24) and Twenty Three (23) of Township Fifty Three (53) South, Range Forty One (41) East parallel with the South Boundaries thereof to the West line of the South East Quarter (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of South East Quarter (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty Three (23), thence South along West line of said South East Quarter (S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of South East Quarter (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty Three (23), to the South

line thereof and continuing South along the West line of East Half (E.1/2) of East Half (E.1/2) of Section Twenty Six to Section line between Sections Twenty Six (26) and Thirty Five (35), thence West along said Section line to the North West Corner of the East Half (E.1/2) of the West Half (W.1/2) of Section Thirty Five (35), thence South along the West line of said East Half (E.1/2) of the West Half (W.1/2) of Section Thirty Five (35) to Township line between Townships Fifty Three (53) and Fifty Four (54), thence West along said Township line to the quarter (1/4) section corner on the North line of Section Three (3) Township Fifty Four South, Range Forty One (41) East, thence South through the center of Section Three (3) to the South line thereof, thence east along the South line of Section Three (3) and Section Two (2) to the South East Corner of the South West Quarter (S.W.1/4) of the South West Quarter (S.W.1/4) of Section Two (2), thence South through Sections Eleven (11) and Fourteen (14) parallel with the West lines thereof to intersection with the West shore of Biscayne Bay, thence East to the center of the said Biscayne Bay, thence Northerly following the center line of Biscayne Bay to a point due East of place of commencement, thence West to place of commencement.

SECTION 8.

That the said municipality and all the inhabitants comprehended within the territorial limits above described, shall be, and are hereby created and constituted a body corporate, and politic, under and by the name of the City of Miami, and by that name may have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, may hold real estate, personal and mixed property, and dispose of the same for the benefit of the City, and may purchase, lease, receive and hold property, real and personal, both within and beyond the limits of the City to be used for the burial of the dead, the erection of water works and lighting plant, the establishment of poor houses, pest houses, houses of detention and correction, for public parks and promenades, for public wharves and docks, for the cremating, neutralizing, or otherwise destroying of sewerage, garbage and refuse, and for any public purposes, that the City Council may deem proper; and may sell, lease or dispose of said property for the benefit of the City to the same extent that natural persons might do; That said City shall have and use a common seal and change the same at pleasure; And within the limitation of this Act, shall be obligated

Corporate
rights.

and empowered to preserve peace and maintain good order and justice within its borders, and to that end shall have power to establish a City police force and other City departments, to provide a municipal system of revenues and taxation, to ordain rules for the government of the City and to prescribe penalties for the violation of its ordinances.

Powers.

The City shall have power to regulate, improve, alter, close, vacate, discontinue, extend and open streets, lanes, alleys, parks, and avenues; To cause encroachments and other obstructions, decayed buildings and ruins to be removed; To construct and operate wharves and docks, drains and sewers, and to make to the parties injured thereby, such reasonable compensation, and to charge upon those benefited such reasonable assessment as may be agreed upon, and for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Section, the said City of Miami is hereby vested with the powers of eminent domain.

Power of Council.

The City through its City Council, shall also have power to pave, grade, curb, lay out, and open and otherwise improve, streets, alleys, side-walks, parks and promenades, or other public highways, or any part thereof, and to hold liens therefor, as hereinafter provided; And to clear weeds, under-brush, rubbish, debris, trash and other unsightly and insanitary matter from real estate in said City, and to hold liens therefor as hereinafter provided; To construct sewers, and hold liens therefor, as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 9.

Id.
Who are officers.

That all persons who hold office in the City government by virtue of an election by the people or election by the City Council, or who are appointed to any City office by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, whether herein designated or prescribed by ordinance pursuant to the provisions hereof, shall be held and deemed to be City officers of the City of Miami.

Corporate authority.

That the Government of said City shall be vested in a Mayor, whose compensation shall be fixed by ordinance, to hold office for the term of two (2) years; And a Common Council, to be called the City Council of the City of Miami, consisting of seven members, to hold office for the term of two (2) years, except that the two Councilmen receiving the highest number of votes in the general election to be held in said City for the year A. D. 1913, shall hold office for the term of four (4) years; And Provided, That at every general election held

in said City thereafter there shall be but five (5) members of said City Council elected, the two of whom receiving the highest number of votes at such election shall hold office for the said term of four (4) years; And by such other officers as may be hereinafter designated or prescribed by ordinance and the said Mayor and City Council shall be legal voters of the City of Miami and elected by the qualified voters thereof, and the members of the City Council shall be elected from the City at large until such time as the City shall be divided into wards by the City Council, and from and after the division of the City into wards by said body, there shall be one Councilman elected from each ward, and the remainder from the City at large. The said City Council shall, at its first meeting under this Charter, and regularly each two (2) years thereafter, elect from its membership a Committeeman for each of the following departments, to-wit: Finance, Sanitation, Fire Department, Police, Streets and Sewers, Public Buildings, Parks and Docks, who shall have charge under the City Council of the Public Works of the City, properly to be assigned to such Departments respectively; Provided, That no member of the City Council shall serve as Committeeman for more than one Department; Provided that no member of the City Council shall be eligible for election or appointment to any City office during the period for which he was elected as such member.

Committeemen.

SECTION 10.

All ordinances, before becoming a law, shall be presented at a regular meeting and read in full. They shall be read a second time, either at the meeting at which the ordinance is given its first reading, or at some subsequent meeting, and by the unanimous consent of the Council members present the second reading may be by the title only. The ordinance proposed to be adopted shall lie over from the meeting at which it is given its first reading until the next regular meeting of the Council or some subsequent regular meeting, and then be placed upon its third reading and final passage, at which time it shall be read in full. If a majority present vote in favor of the ordinance, it shall be adopted, the vote so taken to be on call of the roll; Provided, however, That the City Council may, when the health or the welfare of the City or any part thereof is in peril, pass any ordinance not in conflict with the provisions of its City Charter, for the protection of the citizens, at any meet-

Id.
Passage of
ordinances.

ing of the said Council, in which event the three readings hereinbefore provided for may be had in one session.

SECTION 11.

The said City shall be divided into five (5) wards, to be known and designated, at the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Wards, respectively, which wards shall be laid out and delineated by the City Council at such time as they may deem proper; And the said City Council shall have power to change, alter, abolish, or increase the boundaries or the number of the said wards, as they may deem best.

SECTION 12.

The Government of the said City shall be carried on by the following officers:

- A Mayor,
- A City Council,
- A Municipal Judge,
- A Chief of Police,
- A City Clerk and Collector,
- A City Assessor,
- A City Auditor or Comptroller,
- A City Attorney,
- A Chief of the Fire Department,

and such other offices as may be created by ordinances of the City not inconsistent herewith, and all of said officers shall be qualified electors of the City of Miami, and shall perform such duties, and receive such compensation as may be prescribed by the ordinances of the City not inconsistent with this Charter; Provided, that the Mayor and Members of the City Council, the Municipal Judge, Chief of Police, City Clerk and Collector, and City Assessor shall be elected by the duly qualified electors of the City at an election called and held pursuant to the provisions hereof and of the City ordinances, and that all other officers of the said City shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, or elected by the City Council as herein provided.

SECTION 13.

No officer of the City of Miami and no member of the City Council shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with said City, or discount or speculate in City warrants, or bid for or enter into or be in any way interested in a contract for any public work of said City. No Municipal officer or member of the City Coun-

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Wards.

Id.
Officers.

Proviso.

Id.
Officers prohib-
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