

CHARTER  
OF  
TOWN OF BEVIL OAKS

We, the people of the Town of Bevil Oaks, Jefferson County, Texas, do ordain and establish this Charter as the organic law of said Town under the Constitution of said State.

ARTICLE ONE

Name of the Town

The municipal corporation now existing known as the Town of Bevil Oaks shall remain and continue to exist as a body politic and corporate, as at present, in name, in fact and in law.

ARTICLE TWO

Boundaries

The territory of the Town shall be that contained within its present boundaries as now established with the power and authority to change the same in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE THREE

Officers

The mayor, aldermen, and all other officers elected at the first election, regardless of the time of such first election, shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified at the next succeeding annual election according to the provisions of the succeeding article.

ARTICLE FOUR

Annual Election

The annual election of officers shall take place on such day as may be fixed by law for a municipal election throughout the towns and cities of the State. Should no such uniform day be fixed,

then the elections herein provided for shall take place on the first Tuesday in April of each year. The mayor, or in the case of his inability or refusal to act, any two aldermen, shall order such annual election by notices posted for at least ten (10) days at three (3) public places within the corporate limits. The returns of such election shall be made to the Town Council, and certificates of election given by the mayor, or person acting as such, to the persons elected to the various offices of such corporation.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

##### Quorum May Pass By-Laws

The mayor shall be the president of the Board of Aldermen and shall, with three (3) of the aldermen, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the quorum shall have power to enact such By-Laws and ordinances not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of this State, as shall be deemed proper for the government of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE SIX

##### Powers of Aldermen

The Board of Aldermen shall:

(1) Have power to levy and collect an occupation tax of not more than one-half (1/2) of the amount levied by the State; also to levy taxes on persons and property, real and personal, within the corporation subject to taxation by the laws of this State; tax on persons and property shall not in any one (1) year exceed the rate of one-fourth (1/4) of one per cent (1%) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation.

(2) Have and exercise exclusive control over the streets, alleys, and other public places within the corporate limits; provided that with the consent of the Board of Aldermen where streets are continuations of public roads the Commissioners' Court shall have power to construct bridges and other improvements thereon which will facilitate the practicability of travel on such streets.

(3) Have the power to cause the male inhabitants between the ages of twenty-one (21) and forty-five (45) years except ministers of the gospel actually engaged in the discharge of their duties to work on the streets and public alleys not to exceed five (5) days in any one (1) year, or furnish a substitute or sum of money not to exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) for each day's work demanded to employ such substitute.

(4) Prevent, as far as practicable, any nuisances within the limits of the corporation, and cause such as to exist to be removed at the expense of the person by whom they were occasioned, or upon whose property they may be found.

(5) Have power to prescribe the fine to be imposed by the mayor for the violation of any By-Laws or ordinances which shall in no case exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). No fine shall be imposed, except upon the verdict of a jury, should the defendant demand a trial by jury.

(6) Fill for the unexpired term any vacancy which may occur in any office created by this chapter, or by the Board of Aldermen under its provisions, such vacancy to be filled by the acting aldermen.

(7) Have power to appoint such officer other than those mentioned above, which shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of the same; to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation; and shall also have power to dismiss them at any time and appoint others in their stead.

(8) Prescribe the bonds and security which the marshal and such other officers as may be appointed shall give, which shall be executed and approved by the mayor before the marshal or other officer shall enter upon the discharge of his duties, said bond to be payable to the corporation.

(9) Have power to appoint another marshal or officer in the place of the one so elected or appointed if the bond required in the preceding paragraph is not given within five (5) days after the marshal is elected or appointed.

(10) The Board of Aldermen may establish markets and may do whatever else may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Charter.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

##### Validity

If any provision of this Charter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Charter and the application of such provision to such other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, O. C. Hall, Mayor, and duly elected aldermen, have hereunto set their hands and caused the corporate seal of the Town of Bevil Oaks to be thereunto affixed on this the 6 day of September, A. D., 1963.

*O. C. Hall*

O. C. Hall, Mayor

*Billy H. Kirbow*

Billy H. Kirbow, Alderman

*Eddie H. McCain*

Eddie H. McCain, Alderman

*W. M. Stapleton*

W. M. Stapleton, Alderman

*F. L. Vanover*

F. L. Vanover, Alderman

*H. S. Watson, Jr.*

H. S. Watson, Jr., Alderman

THE STATE OF TEXAS    X  
                                  :  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON   X

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared O. C. Hall, Billy H. Kirbow, Eddie H. McCain, W. M. Stapleton, F. L. Vanover, and H. S. Watson, Jr., Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Bevil Oaks, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, as the act and deed of said Town and in the capacities therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 6  
day of September, A. D., 1963.

*[Signature]*

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

