

# **ARTICLE 1**

## **INCORPORATION; SHORT TITLE; POWERS**

### **SECTION 1-1: INCORPORATION**

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton within the corporate limits as established by law shall continue to be a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession under the name “town of Grafton”.

### **SECTION 1-2: SHORT TITLE**

This instrument shall be known and may be cited as the Grafton Home Rule Charter.

### **SECTION 1-3: POWERS OF THE TOWN**

Subject only to express limitations on the exercise of any power or function by a municipality in the constitution or laws of the commonwealth, it is the intent and the purpose of the voters of Grafton to secure through the adoption of this charter all of the powers it is possible to secure for a municipal government under the constitution and laws of the commonwealth.

### **SECTION 1-4: DIVISION OF POWERS**

The administration of all of the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the town shall be vested in an executive branch headed by a board of selectmen. The legislative powers of the town shall be vested in a town meeting open to all voters.

### **SECTION 1-5: CONSTRUCTION**

The powers of the Town of Grafton under this charter are to be construed liberally in its favor and the specific mention of any particular power is not intended to limit in any way the general powers of the Town of Grafton as stated in section 1-3.

### **SECTION 1-6: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Subject to the applicable requirements of any provision of the constitution or statutes of the Commonwealth, the Town of Grafton may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation by contract or otherwise, with any one or more states or civil divisions or agencies thereof or the United States government or agency thereof.