

ARTICLE II. THE TOWN

Section 2-1. Incorporation.

All the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of Ridgefield, as heretofore constituted, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Town of Ridgefield", hereinafter called "the town", and as such shall have perpetual succession and may hold and exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by said town and not inconsistent with the provision of this Charter, the additional powers and privileges herein conferred and all powers and privileges conferred upon towns under the general statutes of the State of Connecticut and the laws of the United States of America.

Section 2-2. Rights and Obligations.

All property, both real and personal, all rights of action and rights of every description, and all securities and liens in said town as of the date when this Charter shall take effect are continued. The town shall continue to be liable for its debts and obligations. 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 said town prior to the effective date of this Charter or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of said town which contains provisions that the same may be enforced by any office or agency therein named, which is abolished, such contracts, bonds or undertakings shall be in no manner impaired, but shall continue in full force and effect. The powers conferred and the duties imposed with reference to the same upon any such office or agency shall, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, thereafter be exercised and discharged by the First Selectman of said town.

Section 2-3. General Grant of Powers.

In addition to all powers granted to towns under the constitution and General Statutes, and those which may hereafter be conferred thereby, 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, the 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 the general law of the State of Connecticut. The enumeration of particular powers in this and any other chapter of the Charter shall not be construed as limiting this general grant of power, but shall be considered as an addition thereto.