

Charter of Incorporation

of
City of South Milwaukee

Know All Men By These Presents:-

Whereas, the village of South Milwaukee, of the county of Milwaukee, and state of Wisconsin, contained a population, as shown by the state census for the year 1895, amounting to two thousand six hundred and sixty-two (2,662) people, and -

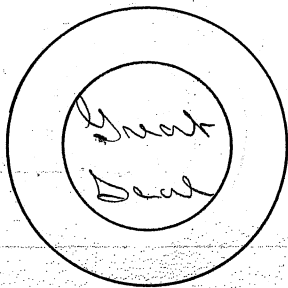
Whereas, At a regular meeting of the village trustees of said village, held at the village hall therein situated, on Wednesday evening, June 9th, 1897, the trustees of said village of South Milwaukee, in accordance with the provisions of section 98 of chapter 287 of the Laws of Wisconsin for the year 1897, did duly adopt a resolution declaring and making publication that the village of South Milwaukee aforesaid, Milwaukee County, and State of Wisconsin, having a population exceeding fifteen hundred (1,500), to-wit: a population of two thousand, six hundred and sixty-two (2,662), as shown by the state census of 1895, shall, as provided by said section 98, chapter 287, Laws of Wisconsin for the year 1897, be a city of the fourth class, by the name of South Milwaukee, and did in such resolution fix the number and boundary of the wards into which said city shall be divided, and did fix Wednesday, June 30th, a day not less than twenty (20) days from the date of the adoption of the said resolution, as the time for holding the first city election therein, and did in such resolution name three (3) inspectors and one clerk of election for each ward at each election, and did provide that the polls should be opened at six (6) o'clock A. M. and closed at Five (5) o'clock P. M. of said day, and did in such resolution instruct and direct the village clerk of the aforesaid village to give ten (10) days' previous notice of the time and place of each election, and of the officers to be elected at the same, by publishing the said notice in the "South Milwaukee News", a newspaper published in such village, and by posting such notice in three (3) public places in such village, and -

Whereas, said resolution is now on file and of record in the office of the clerk of the village of South Milwaukee aforesaid and

Whereas, it only appears that ten (10) days' previous

notice of the time and place of holding said election and of the officers to be elected thereat, was duly given by publication of the same in the aforesaid "South Milwaukee News", a newspaper published in said village, and by posting such notices in three of the public places in said village, and that the notice as published and posted as aforesaid did name the time and place in each ward for holding the said election, and did further give notice of the officers to be elected at the said election to be held on the thirtieth (30) day of June, 1897, in said village of South Milwaukee aforesaid, and due proof of the publication and posting of the said notice having been filed in the office of the clerk of said village, and said election having been duly held in each of the wards of said city of South Milwaukee, upon the thirtieth (30th) day of June, 1897, at the places mentioned and described as the places for holding the same in the notices so published and posted as aforesaid, and the polls of election at each of the polling places in said city having been opened at six (6) o'clock A. M., and not having been closed before five (5) o'clock P. M. on said day, and the votes cast at such election having been duly counted and proper returns thereof having been duly made, and such returns having been duly canvassed, and the result of such election having been ^{determined and duly} filed in the office of the village clerk of said village, and the same being now on file and of record in the said office, and Thomas G. McGovern, the village clerk of said village, having duly certified the fact of holding such election and the result thereof to the secretary of state and the same being now on file in the office of the secretary of state:

Now Therefore by virtue of the facts above recited, these Letters Patent certify that the territory formerly comprising the territory of the village of South Milwaukee aforesaid constitutes a body corporate and politic, by the name of South Milwaukee, and shall be governed by the general charter laws of this state, as set forth in Chapter 326 of the General Laws of this state for the year 1889, together with all amendments thereto by the legislature of this state, applicable to cities of a fourth class.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Done at the capital in the city of Madison this sixth day of July, A. D. 1897.

Edward L. Scribner

Wm. Barry Carson, Secretary of State