

## CHAPTER 11.

## BLOOMFIELD.

AN ACT to incorporate the town of Bloomfield, Iowa.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That so much of section twenty-five, in township sixty-nine, north of range fourteen west, as is comprised in the plat of the town of Bloomfield, be and the same is hereby made and constituted a body corporate, under the name and style of the town of Bloomfield, and that said corporation shall have all the rights, powers and duties of corporations, and may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with in the name of the town of Bloomfield, and have perpetual succession. <sup>Incorporation & boundaries.</sup>

§ 2. Said town shall have biennially elected, on the first Monday in February of every two years, one Mayor, five Councilmen, one Recorder, and one Marshal, who shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified according to law. <sup>Election.</sup>

The first election herein contemplated, to take place at any time, after ten days from the publication of this Act; provided five days' notice thereof be given by any legal voter of said corporation, through the "Western Gazette." <sup>Notice of first election.</sup>

§ 3. The Mayor of said town shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all crimes committed in the corporate limits of said town, which have heretofore been punishable before Justices of the Peace, provided nothing herein shall preclude the right of appeal or trial by jury, as authorized by law. He shall preside at all meetings of the council, and defend all civil suits brought by or against said corporation, and shall subscribe all ordinances passed by the council. <sup>Mayor's jurisdiction.</sup>

§ 4. The Marshal of said town shall be the ministerial officer of the Mayor, and a conservator of the peace, and may exercise the duties of Constable in Bloomfield township. <sup>Marshal.</sup>

§ 5. The Recorder shall record the doings and acts of

the board of Councilmen, and attest and publish all ordinances passed by the same, and preside in the absence or inability of the Mayor at any meeting of said board.

**Council.**

**Powers.**

§ 6. The board of Councilmen of said town shall have power to pass all laws necessary for the government of said town, and prohibit any evil not expressly allowed by the statute regulations of this State, and to make such other municipal regulations as may be necessary for the improvement and benefit of said town, and to levy a tax, not to exceed one per cent., on the taxable property of said town, provided the same be adopted by a majority of the votes thereof, at an election held for such purpose, under such regulations as the board of Councilmen may adopt.

**Ordinances.**

§ 7. The board of Councilmen, in order to prevent any business injurious to the health of said town, or any business disturbing the peace or quiet of said town, may enact ordinances making the house or ground where such business is carried on, responsible for the same, and they may proceed against the same to satisfy any judgment obtained for carrying on such prohibited business, or against the owner thereof, whether occupant or lessor.

**Vacancy.**

§ 8. In case of a vacancy in any of the offices herein contemplated, the same may be filled by appointment by the board of Councilmen, or by election by the legal voters, conducted by such regulations as the board may adopt.

§ 9. In order to carry out the regulations and enforce the ordinances of said town, the Councilmen may appoint a Prosecutor for the town, or employ one at their own discretion.

**Prosecutor.**

§ 10. The first election in contemplation may be conducted by any persons appointed for that purpose by the County Judge of Davis county, Iowa, and subsequently by the Mayor and Recorder, and any three of the Council, or by persons appointed by the Mayor for that purpose.

**Officers.**

§ 11. The board of Councilmen may create such officers as they may deem necessary, from time to time, to carry out the intent of any ordinance passed by said town.

**Repeal.**

§ 12. All former charters or articles of incorporation coming in opposition to this Act, are hereby repealed.

§ 13. This Act shall take effect from and after its publication in the Bloomfield, Iowa, "Western Gazette," of Bloomfield, Iowa. To take effect

APPROVED January 13th, 1855.

I certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Bloomfield, Iowa, Western Gazette, of Bloomfield, Iowa, on the 3d day of February, A. D. 1855.

GEO. W. McCLEARY, Sec'y of State.

## CHAPTER 12.

### HANNAH EVERALL.

AN ACT for the relief of Hannah Everall.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the title which Henry Coats, now deceased, had at the time of his death, so far as the same is liable to escheat to the State, in and to the south-west quarter of the north-west quarter of section two, in township seventy, north, range four west, containing forty acres, and in and to lots 755 and 851, and the undivided half of lot 185, in the city of Burlington, all situated in Des Moines county, be and the same is hereby relinquished to and vested in Hannah Everall, wife of Joseph Everall, and lately the widow of said Henry Coats, and to her and her heirs and assigns forever, for her own separate use, free from the control of her husband. Escheat relinquished.

§ 2. This Act to take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Gazette and Iowa Capital Reporter, at the expense of Mrs. Everall. Take effect. Be it further enacted, That this Act, or the right herein vested, shall not affect or interfere with the rights of third persons, legal or equitable, which may have vested or arisen under the laws, judgments or contracts heretofore in force. Rights of others.

APPROVED January 13th, 1855.

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