

CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SLAYDEN, TENNESSEE¹

CHAPTER 346.

House Bill No. 796.

(By Mr. Schmittou)

AN ACT to incorporate the town of Slayden, in Dickson County, Tenn.; to define its powers and to provide for the selection of officers.

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¹Priv. Acts 1913, ch. 346, is the current basic charter act for the Town of Slayden, Tennessee. The text of the basic charter act set out herein was last amended to reflect legislation passed in the 1990 session of the Tennessee General Assembly and is current with the laws from the 2024 Regular Session of the 113th Tennessee General Assembly. Sections of the charter which have been amended contain at the end of those sections the citation to the official private act or acts constituting the amendment or amendments. No other changes have been made to the charter except the addition of a table of contents to facilitate its use.

Acts which did not expressly or in effect amend any particular section or part of the basic charter, but which supplemented it, have been placed after the basic charter act as "Related Private Acts."

A list of all the private acts including the basic charter appears at the end of the charter.

Acts of a temporary nature with no general or continuing application, such as bond authorization and validation acts have not been included in this compilation.

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SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the town of Slayden in Dickson County, Tenn., and its inhabitants are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Town Council of Slayden;" it shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may purchase and hold property within or without the corporate limits for municipal purposes, and shall have power to do and perform all other Acts and things necessary to its existence as a municipal corporation.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the boundaries of the town of Slayden shall be as follows:

Beginning at J.A. Russell's home so as to include his residence; thence eastward including the residence of F. T. Parrott and F. T. Mitchell; thence northward to the corner of the public school property; thence north to the corner of the Christian Church and Odd Fellow property; thence northwest to the railroad, including D. H. Waynick's homestead; thence west to the fork of the Clarksville and Leatherwood Road; thence south to the beginning, including all of the present village of Slayden, Tenn.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the officers of said corporation shall consist of three Councilmen and a Mayor, to be chosen by the qualified voters of the town; they shall hold office a term of two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1990, ch. 149, § 1)

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That any qualified voter residing within the corporate limits of the town, or owning over one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in value of property therein shall be a qualified voter in all town elections; provided, however, no person shall be eligible for the office of Mayor or Town Councilman unless he or she is a qualified voter under the laws of the State of Tennessee and a resident of the Town of Slayden. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1990, ch. 149, § 2)

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That on the last Saturday in April, 1991, and thereafter every two (2) years on the last Saturday in April, an elections shall be held in the town of Slayden for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three (3) Town Councilmen. At this time, the person having received the highest number of votes for the office of Mayor, and the three (3) persons having received the highest number of votes for the Town Councilmen, shall be given certificates of election by the officer holding the election. (As Amended by Priv. Acts, 1990, ch. 149 § 3)

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, There shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town a justice of the peace and a Constable to possess all the powers of other like officers in the County, who shall be elected on the day of the next regular election after the passage of this Act; provided, if there be no municipal election in said town within six months after the passage of this Act. It shall be the duty of the board of election Commissioners of Dickson County to call a special election in said town for the election of said officers within thirty days after its passage. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 668, § 1)

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That the duties of the Mayor shall be to preside at all the meetings of the Council and enforce order at the meetings; to see that the ordinances and laws of the town are observed and enforced; to issue warrants or orders for the arrest of persons offending against the laws and ordinances of the town; to deputize persons to assist in preserving the peace. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1990, ch. 149, § 4)

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That in the event of an appeal by any person from the judgment of the Municipal Court of Slayden for a violation of any municipal ordinance, the person so appealing shall execute bond with security for the cost and fine as well as the cost of appeal, and bind himself and securities to abide by and perform the judgment of the Circuit Court, and in no case to be entitled to an appeal under the pauper's oath.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That the Town Council of Slayden shall have power to create such officers and prescribe their duties as may be necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and comfort of the inhabitants of the town; to sit as a Municipal Judge and try and punish all offenders against the laws of the town, and impose fines and imprisonment according to law; and when it appears that any person on trial before the Municipal Court of Slayden has also violated the laws of the State and ought to be held to answer such charge, the Mayor of the Town, acting as the Municipal Judge of the town, shall have and may exercise the power of a Justice of the Peace, and make all proper orders holding such person under bond or by commitment to the county jail to answer such charge before the Circuit Court of Dickson County, or may at his discretion direct the officer having charge of the prisoner to carry him before the nearest Justice of the Peace for such action as may be necessary. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1990, ch. 149, § 5)

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, That the office of Town Marshal¹ of Slayden is hereby created, and the Mayor of the Town of Slayden is given power and authority to appoint the Town Marshal, who shall hold office for the term

¹See charter 15 also.

of two (2) years subject to dismissal by a majority of the Council. The Town Marshal shall have power to arrest all persons who violate the laws of the town or the criminal laws of the State in his presence or in the presence of the Mayor of the Town of Slayden when directed to do so by the Mayor of the Town of Slayden; in other instances he may make arrests upon authority of a warrant issued by the Mayor of the Town of Slayden. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1990, ch. 149, § 6)

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, That the Mayor of the Town of Slayden when sitting as Municipal Judge, shall have authority to impose fines and imprisonment for any violation of the laws and ordinances of the town, and may commit offenders, when imprisonment is imposed, or when any offender fails or refuses to secure a fine, to the county jail of Dickson County, instead of the municipal prison.

But when a prisoner is committed to the county jail, the Town Council shall compensate the Sheriff by paying the rate allowed by law of the State for keeping prisoners. (As amended by Priv. Acts 1990, ch. 149, § 7)

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That this Act does not exclude any person in the town of Slayden from being subject to working on the public highways.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed June 21, 1913:

W. M. Stanton
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Newton H. White,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved _____, 191_____

Governor.

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CHAPTER NO. 668.

Senate Bill No. 1406.

(By Mr. Clement.)

AN ACT to amend Chapter 346 of the Private Acts of the regular session of 1913, entitled an Act to incorporate Slayden in Dickson County, Tenn., so as to provide for the election of a Justice of the Peace and a Constable in said town and to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes for Municipal purposes.

SECTION 1.¹

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, that the town of Slayden, through the agency of the Town Council, shall have power to levy and collect taxes for municipal purposes and to build streets and sidewalks and maintain them. The taxes so levied and assessed shall be upon real, personal property and privileges and shall not exceed the rate now levied for State and school purposes. (Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 668, § 2)

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the town Marshal² to assess all property for taxation, to collect all taxes and pay out of funds in his hands upon the order of town Council. That before entering upon the discharge of his duties the town Marshal shall execute to the town Council a good solvent bond for double the amount of taxes that may come at any time into his hands, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the duties of his office and make out the tax book for the corporation from the tax books of Dickson County, showing the amount of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the town of Slayden on or before July the first of each year, and when the assessment is completed it shall be submitted to the town Council for correction, revision and qualification. Any tax payer of said town may between July 1st and September 1st examine the amount and if dissatisfied with the amount of his assessment shall be given a hearing before the town Council who shall pass upon the complaint and equalize the assessment, and if found to be unjust and the action of the town Council therein shall be final. (Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 668, § 3)

¹Section 1 of Priv. Acts of 1915, ch. 668 amended § 6 of Priv. Acts of 1913, ch. 346, which is the basic charter act. Sections 2 through 5 of Priv. Acts of 1915, ch. 668, did not specifically amend the basic charter act and have been placed here by the compiler.

²See charter § 10 also.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted, that the town Council shall have the power to levy taxes upon all privileges now taxes by the State, the rate not to exceed the rate now levied by the State, and all privileges shall be collected by the town Marshal, and upon failure or refusal of any person liable for said tax to pay the same the town Marshal may procure from any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction, a distress warrant to enforce the collection of the same, or may sue by warrant and recover judgment and execution as upon accounts. (Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 668, § 4)

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed May 17, 1915.

Albert E. Hill,
Speaker of the Senate.

Wm. P. Cooper,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved May 17, 1915.

Tom C. Rye,
Governor.

CHARTER AND RELATED ACTS FOR THE TOWN OF
SLAYDEN, TENNESSEE

YEAR	CHAPTER	SUBJECT
1913	346	Basic charter act.
1915	668	Amends § 6 concerning a justice of the peace; Adds "Related Private Acts" concerning taxes.
1990	149	Amends § 3 concerning officers; amends § 4 concerning qualified voters; amends § 5 concerning elections; amends § 7 concerning meetings of council; amends § 9 concerning powers of council; amends § 10 concerning the Marshal; and amends § 11 concerning the municipal judge.