

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DECHERD, TENNESSEE¹

CHAPTER 318

HOUSE BILL NO. 882

AN ACT to incorporate the City of Decherd, in the County of Franklin, and to provide for the election of officers, prescribe their duties, and for other purposes.

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¹Priv. Acts 1901, ch. 318, is the present basic charter act for the City of Decherd. The text of the basic charter act set out herein was last amended to reflect legislation passed in the 2008 session of the Tennessee General Assembly and is current with the laws from the 2024 Regular Session of the 113th Tennessee General Assembly. Where a section of the charter has been added or amended the citation of the official act or acts making such change is carried at the end of the section so added or amended. Otherwise, no changes have been made in the wording of the charter as set out herein except that some of the catch lines have been broadened or changed so as to more accurately reflect the contents of the sections and a table of contents has been added.

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NAME AND STYLE.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the City of Decherd and the inhabitants thereof, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under and by the name of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Decherd, and shall have perpetual succession by their corporate name; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, grant, receive and purchase and hold real, mixed and personal property, or dispose of said city; may have and use a seal and change same. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194]

BOUNDARIES.¹

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the corporate limits of said City of Decherd shall be as follows: to-wit: Beginning at Station 0, a monument set in the east margin line of Highway No. 41-A in the arc of a curve, of which the center location is a 1 deg. 30' curve, and the said point being 50 feet distant from

¹The corporate boundaries as set forth here have been extended by the following annexation ordinances of record in the recorder's office:

Unnumbered Ordinances Dated:

June 24, 1959

May 9, 1962

July 9, 1962

Oct. 25, 1962 (two)

_____, 1965

_____, 1967

Numbered Ordinances

32	172	212 (4-10-95)	261 (6-8-98)
33	173	215 (6-29-95)	264 (11-9-98)
35 (In litigation 4-12-79)	190 (2-14-94)	216 (6-29-95)	271 (6-14-99)
36 (In litigation 4-12-79)	191 (3-14-94)	226 (2-12-96)	278 (11-8-99)
64	195 (11-14-94)	227 (2-12-96)	279 (1-10-00)
111	197 (12-19-94)	228 (3-25-96)	283 (9-11-00)
122	203 (4-10-95)	235 (6-28-96)	286 (3-12-01)
136	204 (4-10-95)	236 (9-9-96)	287 (3-12-01)
137	208 (4-10-95)	241 (5-12-97)	
151	209 (4-10-95)	247 (10-13-97)	
152	210 (4-10-95)	256 (2-19-98)	
153	211 (4-10-95)	259 (6-8-98)	

the same, running thence N 86 deg. 52' E. 2086.6 feet to a monument, Station 1; thence N 2 deg. 40' W 1010.05 feet to a monument, Station 2; thence S 88 deg. 37' E 320.4 feet to a monument, Station 3; thence N 2 deg. 28' W 772.15 feet to a monument, Station 4; thence N 88 deg. 52' E 1037.95 feet to a monument, Station 5; thence N 81 deg. 43' E 703.8 feet to a monument, Station 6; thence N 1 deg. 53' E 811.5 feet to a monument, Station 7; thence S 88 deg. 02' E 1112.6 feet to a monument, Station 8; thence N 4 deg. 33' W 407.85 feet to a monument, Station 9; thence N 2 deg. 57' E 485.62 feet to a point, from which Ref. Non. Station 10-R bears N 00 deg. 04' W a distance of 9.75 feet; thence N 89 deg. 30' E 776.6 feet to a monument, Station 11; thence N. 88 deg. 11' E 270.6 feet to a monument, Station 12; thence S 3 deg. 25' E 143.95 feet to a monument, Station 13; thence N 87 deg. 12' E a distance of 243.4 feet to an intermediate point; thence N 87 deg. 44' E 679.9 feet to a monument, Station 14; thence S 12 deg. 00' W 985.75 feet to a monument, Station 15; thence S 4 deg. 41' E 918.5 feet to a monument, Station 16 thence S 5 deg. 05' E 630.35 feet to a monument, Station 17; thence N 80 deg. 54' E 76.5 feet to a monument, Station 18; thence S 11 deg. 37' E 587.48 feet to a monument, Station 19; thence N. 78 deg. 55' E 1066.12 feet to a monument, Station 20; thence S 11 deg. 37' E a distance of 322.8 feet to an intermediate point; thence S 10 deg. 30' E 79.6 to a monument, Station 21; thence S 74 deg. 16' W 461.33 feet to a monument, Station 22; thence S 80 deg. 42' W 746.7 feet to a monument, Station 23; thence S 80 deg. 37' W 944.55 feet to a monument, Station 24; thence S 4 deg. 57' E 503.7 feet to a monument, Station 25; thence S 75 deg. 07' W 623.26 feet to a monument, Station 26; thence S 61 deg. 26' W 997.55 feet to a monument, Station 27; thence S 36 deg. 23' W 302.85 feet to a monument, Station 28; thence S 85 deg. 46' W 415.45 feet to a monument, Station 29; thence S 85 deg. 44' W 1100.95 feet to a monument, Station 30; thence N 5 deg. 19' E 454.15 feet to a monument, Station 31, thence S 86 deg. 53' W a distance of 664.1 feet to a point from which Station 32-R bears, S 45 deg. 35' W a distance of 28 feet; thence S 45 deg. 35' W 1997.4 feet to a monument, Station 33; thence S 74 deg. 33' W 901.75 feet to a monument, Station 34, set in the east margin line of Highway 41-A, in the arc of a curve of which the center location is a 1 deg. 30' curve, and the said point being 50 feet distant from the same; running thence with the curve, to the left of which the center location is a 1 deg. 30' curve, and at all points 50 feet distant from the same, a distance of 2885.5 feet to the place of beginning. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 494; Priv. Acts 1917, ch. 522; Priv. Acts 1923, ch. 617, § 1; Priv. Acts 1943, ch. 20; Priv. Acts 1943, ch. 290; Priv. Acts 1949, ch. 609; Priv. Acts 1953, ch. 229, and Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194]

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, that the officers of the City of Decherd, shall be a Mayor and Board of Alderman, each and all of whom shall be citizens of and voters in said city and shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age by the

time that the officer is to take office and shall have resided in the city for at least six (6) months preceding the election. The Board of Aldermen shall consist of four members chosen by the qualified voters of said city."¹ Any Alderman after his election removing from the city shall thereby vacate his office. The alderman elected at each election with the highest number of votes shall be the vice mayor for a two (2) year term and shall have all powers and duties in the event of the absence of the mayor. Should the office of vice-mayor become vacant, the immediate past vice-mayor shall assume the office. If there is no immediate past vice-mayor, the aldermen will elect the vice-mayor from within.

The salaries of the Mayor and each alderman shall be established by ordinance, and any increase or decrease in salaries shall not become effective until the expiration of the terms of the Mayor and aldermen. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1971, ch. 83; Priv. Acts 1985, ch. 69; Priv. Acts 1989, ch. 34; Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; Priv. Acts 1993, ch. 43; Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, §§ 1 and 12; and Priv. Acts 2003, ch. 34, § 1; and replaced by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 1]

BOARD'S AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO CITY
ADMINISTRATOR, RECORDER, POLICE CHIEF,
CITY ATTORNEY AND OTHER PERSONNEL.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, (a) That the board of mayor and aldermen shall employ a city administrator, a city recorder, a police chief, a city attorney and all other department heads and employees as they deem necessary to serve at the will of the board. The board shall have the power to prescribe their duties by ordinance and may adopt personnel policies and procedures to provide for the promotion, discipline, suspension and discharge of all employees.

(b) The city administrator shall have the following duties:

(1) To see that all laws and ordinances, subject to enforcement by him/her or by officers subject to his/her direction, are enforced, and upon knowledge or information of any violation thereof to see that prosecutions are instituted;

(2) To attend all board meetings and to have the right to take part in any discussions, but not to vote;

(3) To assist in preparing and submitting an annual operating budget and an annual capital budget to the board prior to the beginning of the fiscal year;

(4) To submit to the board a complete report on the financial conditions of the city at the end of the fiscal year and at such other times as may be required by the board;

¹Charter reference

Election of officers, terms, electors: § 6.

(5) To make other reports on the activities of the city as the city board may require or as he/she sees are needed and to make such recommendations as in his/her opinion, are necessary to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the city's operations or are needed for the overall good of the city;

(6) To act as purchasing agent for the city by purchasing all materials, supplies, and equipment needed by the city in accordance with the state's purchasing laws and procedures; and

(7) To perform other duties as required by the city charter or the city board. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194, replaced by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 2, and amended by Priv. Acts 2008, ch. 70, § 1]

POWERS OF BOARD.¹

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall have power, by ordinance within the city --

1. To assess property for taxes and to levy and collect by proper officers taxes upon all real and personal property, polls, privileges and all property taxed by the State or county but not to exceed State and county tax.

2. To appropriate money and provide for the debts and expenses of the city.

3. To open, alter, widen, abolish, extend, establish, grade, pave or otherwise improve, clean and keep in repair streets, highways, alleys and sidewalks, or to have the same done, also to erect, establish and keep in repair bridges.

4. To provide for the erection of all buildings necessary for the use of the city.

5. To license, tax, or regulate everything or person licensed, taxed or regulated by the State or county.

6. To regulate or prohibit and suppress all disorderly houses or bawdy houses.

7. To regulate the police of the city, impose fines, forfeitures and penalties for the breach of any ordinance, and to provide for the recovery and appropriation of the same, and to appoint an officer for the city who shall be the

¹Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 12 replaced the words "city council" with "board of mayor and aldermen" throughout the charter. Although this Priv. Act did not specifically replace the word "council" with the word "board," the compiler has done so throughout the charter as well.

Recorder, before whom such recovery may be had, not, however, to exclude the jurisdiction of any other competent court.¹

8. To provide for the arrest and confinement until trial of all disorderly or riotous persons by day or by night; to authorize the arrest and detention of all suspicious persons found violating any ordinance of the city.

9. To prevent or punish by pecuniary penalties or otherwise all breaches of the peace, noise or disturbance, disorderly assemblages in any alley or street, house or place in the city by day or by night; to prevent and remove all encroachments into and upon all streets, lands and alleys established by law or ordinance.

10. To prevent all obstructions from the sidewalks and to provide for the construction and repair of all sidewalks, and for cleaning the same; to require the owners of property fronting on the public streets to erect sidewalks in accordance with such ordinance as the Board may provide at the expense of the owners of the ground fronting the same.

11. To regulate, tax, license or suppress the keeping or going at large of all animals within the city, and in default of redemption in pursuance of ordinance, to sell or dispose of same.

12. To tax, regulate or restrain theatricals or other public amusements, shows and exhibitions within the corporate limits of said city; to restrain or prohibit horse swapping upon the public streets; to restrain or prohibit gambling; to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, beer, ale, wine, or malt liquors, and to pass all or any by-laws not contrary to the constitutional laws of the State that may be necessary to carry out the provisions and full intent and meaning of the object of their corporation.

13. To provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and provide for the organization and maintenance of fire companies.

14. To make regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious diseases in the city, and to make quarantine laws for this purpose and enforce the same.

15. To establish hospitals and regulations for the government of the same.

16. To make regulations to secure the health of the inhabitants and to prevent and remove nuisances.

17. To provide the City of Decherd with water works within or beyond the boundaries of the corporation of the City of Decherd.

18. To license, regulate and tax auctioneers, grocers, retailers, brokers, merchants, coffee houses, confectioners, hucksters, peddlers, livery, sale and feed stables, keepers of jenny lind, billiard tables, ten pin alleys and all other privileges taxable by the State.

¹Charter reference

Mayor's duties, veto powers, etc.: § 10.

19. Said corporation or Board may enter into an agreement with Franklin County to be allowed to commit prisoners to the jail of Franklin County upon such terms as can be agreed upon.

20. To prepare and have published a digest or compilation of all the ordinances and resolutions of a public nature in force within six months after the passage of this Act, and a like digest as often as may be deemed necessary.

21. To acquire by purchase, lease or gift land to be used as a landing field or airport and to keep and maintain said land as a landing field or airport. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1931, ch. 721; Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; and Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 3]

ELECTION OF OFFICERS; TERMS, ELECTORS.

SEC. 6. A regular city election shall be held on the first Thursday of August, 2005, and every odd year thereafter. In order to continue staggered terms, the following election transition plan is hereby established:

(a) The Mayor and aldermanic seats expiring in June, 2003, shall be elected for a term of office ending on August 31, 2007, and every four years thereafter.

(b) The two aldermanic seats expiring in June, 2005 shall be extended to August 31, 2005, at the regular election of the first Thursday of August, 2005, these aldermanic seats shall be filled by election for a term of four years, and every four years thereafter.

(c) Voter Qualification Requirements. Any person who has been a resident of the City of Decherd for thirty (30) days immediately preceding an election, or any nonresident who has owned real property in the city for thirty (30) days immediately preceding an election, and who is otherwise qualified to vote for members of the state legislature and has registered, shall be entitled to vote in city elections. These same qualifications shall apply to other city elections and referenda unless otherwise provided by law. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1911, ch. 283; Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; and Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 4; replaced by Priv. Acts 2003, ch. 34, §2; and amended by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 2, as amended by Priv. Acts of 2006, ch.122, § 1]

[DELETED.]

SEC. 7. [Deleted.] This section was deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194, and deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5]

[DELETED.]

SEC. 8. [Deleted.] This section was deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194 and deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5]

QUORUM OF BOARD, VACANCIES, OATH OF OFFICE.

SEC. 9. The presence of three members of the Board of Aldermen shall constitute a quorum for conducting city business. In the event that the city is unable to convene a quorum after one regular meeting, the Mayor shall then be declared a member for the purpose of constituting a quorum. If the Mayor or any of the aldermen, or any officer should die, resign or move away, the vacancy will be filled by the board at its next meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible. The appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. The mayor or the city administrator shall fill all vacancies arising in any office, except that of alderman, until the same shall be filled by the board. The Mayor and aldermen and all officers shall respectively take an oath before entering upon the duties of their office before some person competent to administer an oath, to execute the same faithful and impartially, and the Mayor and aldermen shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; and replaced by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 6; and Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 3]

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR, RECORDER¹ AND POLICE CHIEF.

SEC. 10. It is the duty of the mayor to preside at all meetings of the board, to vote in the election of the city administrator, recorder, police chief, city attorney and all other officers and in all cases where there is a tie vote. All ordinances and resolutions approved by the board shall be approved and signed by the mayor on or before the next meeting of the board. The Mayor shall have veto power, and if the mayor refuses to approve any ordinance or resolution, the mayor shall return the same to the board at its next meeting with the reasons in writing for the refusal. The ordinance or resolution is not valid, unless the board by a majority present vote passes the same notwithstanding the mayor's veto. If the mayor does not veto an ordinance or resolution, it shall become valid

¹Ord. No. 194 (Oct. 1994) § 1 provides: "The City of Decherd adopts by reference the requirements of Public Acts 1994, ch. 648, which is attached to this ordinance and made a part thereof as if it were fully set out in the text of this ordinance." See Ord. No. 194 (Oct. 1994) of record in the office of the recorder for these provisions.

without the mayor's signature; the mayor shall also take care that all the ordinances of the city are fully enforced, respected and observed within the city limits; and shall perform all such other duties as the board may by ordinance or otherwise impose. The mayor or vice-mayor shall call special sessions of the board when the mayor or vice-mayor finds it expedient.

The recorder shall keep accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the board of mayor and aldermen, issue privilege licenses and collect taxes on same. The recorder shall collect all taxes levied by the board, including delinquent taxes, and shall keep a proper ledger account of the same. The recorder shall make out the city tax book and is responsible for the collection of the taxes under the state laws regulating the assessment and collection of all state and county taxes. The recorder shall act as treasurer, receipt, take care of and keep proper account of all funds of whatever nature that may come into the recorder's hands; for such purpose the recorder shall keep such book or books as the board may direct. The recorder shall make out and present quarterly, or more often if required by the board, a full and explicit account and report of all finances of the city. The board may require such report to be published as information for the city populace. Before entering upon the discharge of duties the recorder shall give bond with good security condition upon the faithful and honest discharge of all duties pertaining to the office. The recorder shall perform such other duties pertaining to the office as the board may provide.

The police chief shall become thoroughly familiar with the laws and ordinances of the city, and it shall be the chief's duty to rigidly enforce the same, for which purpose police authority is hereby given, which the chief may exercise without warrant in hand. The chief shall perform such other duties as the board may by ordinance impose. The chief shall have power to execute state warrants and other process which constables generally have within the city limits. The chief shall be chief of any police organized within the corporation. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; replaced by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 7; and amended by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 4]

CITY COURT.

SEC. 10A. There shall be a city court presided over by a City Judge appointed by the board. The city judge shall have jurisdiction in and over all cases for the violation of, and all cases arising under, the laws and ordinances of the municipality. The city judge shall have the qualifications and receive the compensation the board of mayor and aldermen may provide by ordinance. Whenever the office of city judge is not filled by the appointment of some other person, the city recorder shall be the city judge. In the absence or disability of the city judge, the mayor may designate a qualified person to serve as city judge or may designate the general sessions court judge of the county or counties in which the municipality lies to be acting city judge until one can be appointed by

the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board, or as otherwise provided by ordinance.

The board may require, by ordinance, that the city judge meet the constitutional qualifications and be elected in the same manner as a judge of an inferior court. Constitutional provisions applicable to judges of inferior courts shall apply to the elected city judge.

An elected city judge may be vested with concurrent jurisdiction and authority with courts of general sessions, as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, in all cases of the violation of the criminal laws of the State of Tennessee within the corporate limits of the municipality. If an elected city judge is unable, temporarily, to preside over city court for any reason, then the judge shall appoint an attorney or the general sessions judge of the county or counties within which the municipality lies to sit in the judge's place.

An appointed city judge shall try all persons charged with violation of the ordinances of the city. The city judge shall have the power to levy fines, penalties and forfeitures not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or maximum set by state law, for each offense and to impose such costs as the board may by ordinance provide, to issue all necessary process, to administer oaths and to punish for contempt by fine.

The bail of persons arrested and awaiting trial and persons appealing the decision of the city judge shall be fixed by the city judge and upon such security as, in the judge's discretion, the judge deems necessary or as otherwise provided by ordinance. Fines and costs may be paid by installments to be fixed and security determined as provided by ordinance. Upon intentional failure to pay fines or to furnish security, the city judge may hold the person in contempt. The city judge's contempt power is the same as a general sessions court judge's contempt power. [Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 9; as amended by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 5]

FEES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, That the fees or compensation of all officers herein mentioned shall be such as the Board shall prescribe.

[DELETED.]

SEC. 12. [Deleted.] This section was deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194 and deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5]

[DELETED.]

SEC. 13. [Deleted.] This section was deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194 and deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5]

[DELETED.]

SEC. 14. [Deleted.] This section deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194, and deleted by Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 5]

LEGISLATIVE

SEC. 15. (a) The board shall make appropriations for public purposes authorized elsewhere in this charter and the general laws of the state. No member of the board shall become a bondsman for any agent, officer or servant of the city nor be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the corporation.

(b) Ordinance Prodecures. All ordinances shall begin with the clause, "Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Decherd, Tennessee," an ordinance may be introduced by any member of the board. The body of ordinances may be omitted from the Minutes on the first reading, but reference therein shall be made to the ordinance by title and/or subject matter. Every ordinance shall be passed on three different days, at regular, special or adjourned meetings. Except in the ordinance adopting the budget, no material or substantial amendment may be made on final passage, unless such amendment be passed in the same manner as an amendment to an existing ordinance. Every ordinance shall be effective upon final passage unless by its terms the effective date is deferred.

(c) Legislative action which must be exercised by ordinance. Except as otherwise provided by general law or this charter, legislative action of the board shall be by ordinance when granting, renewing or extending public franchises; creating; abolishing or combining departments or offices; authorizing the borrowing of money, regulating the rate charged for its services by a public utility; fixing fees, service charges, and utility rates; exercising the police power; levying taxes; adopting the budget; providing a fine or other penalty or establishing a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty is imposed; or amending or repealing an existing ordinance. [Priv. Acts 1994, ch. 195, § 8; as replaced by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 6]

TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF CORPORATION
TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1901.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, That in assessing taxes on all property within the city limits for corporation purposes that the assessment made by the corporate officers shall be based on the assessment made by Franklin County as to values, and the Recorder shall make out the tax books from the county or district Assessor's books under the direction of the Board, and when the same is turned over to him for collection, which shall be the first of November of each year, and to embrace the year 1901, and full power to collect the taxes for the year 1901. [As amended by Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194]

[DELETED.]

SEC. 16A. [Deleted.] This section was deleted by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 7. [Priv. Acts 1915, ch. 336, and Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; as deleted by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 7]

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

SEC. 16B. The board is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Cemetery Committee to look after and beautify and keep and preserve the city's cemeteries and to further prescribe the committee's powers and duties. [Priv. Acts 1923, ch. 617, § 2; and Priv. Acts 1992, ch. 194; as replaced by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 8]

PUBLIC LAW EVIDENCE.

SEC. 17. This Act is declared a public law and may be read in evidence of all the courts of law and equity, and all ordinances, resolutions and proceedings of the board when printed and published by the authority of the board, shall be received as evidence in all the courts and places without further proof, when certified by the City Recorder. [As amended by Priv. Acts 2005, ch. 22, § 9]

DATE OF EFFECT

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed April 15, 1901.

E. B. Wilson,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Newton H. White
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved April 22, 1901.

Benton McMillin,
Governor.

ACTS COMPRISING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
DECHERD, TENNESSEE

Year	Chapter	Subject
1901	318	Basic Charter Act.
1911	283	Amends § 6 of the charter, by increasing the number of years officers may hold their office.
1915	336	Authorizes school tax, schools, and board of school directors.
1915	494	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries.
1917	522	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries.
1919	683 ¹	Abutting property law.
1923	617	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries and authorizes a cemetery committee.
1931	721	Adds subsection 24 to § 5 of the charter.
1943	20	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries.
1943	290	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries.
1949	609	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries.

¹This act was not included in the foregoing compilation because general abutting property laws are now available to all cities and are set forth in the Tennessee Code Annotated.

Year	Chapter	Subject
1953	229	Amends § 2 of the charter, by changing the boundaries.
1971	83	Amends § 3 of the charter, relating to salary of aldermen and the mayor.
1985	69	Amends § 3 of the charter, relating to salary of aldermen and the mayor.
1989	34	Amends § 3 of the charter, by increasing the compensation of the aldermen and the mayor.
1992	194	Changes the word "Town" to "City."
1993	43	Amends § 3 of the charter, by increasing the compensation of the mayor and aldermen.
1993	74 ¹	This act not ratified by city.
1994	195	Amends § 3; replaces § 4; amends § 5; replaces § 6; deletes §§ 7, 8, 12, 13, and 14; replaces §§ 9, 10, and 15; Creates new section 10A of the charter. Also amends entire charter by replacing the word "Marshal" with "police chief"; by replacing the word "councilman" with "alderman"; by replacing the words "city council" with "board of mayor and aldermen".
2003	34	Amends § 3 of the charter, relating to salary of aldermen and the mayor.

¹This act was not included in the foregoing compilation because it was not ratified by the city.

Year	Chapter	Subject
2005	22	Replaces § 3, relating to salary of aldermen and the mayor; amends § 6(b), relative to election and terms of aldermen; § 9, relative to quorum, vacancies and oath of board; § 10, relative to powers and duties of mayor; and § 10A, relative to city court; replaces § 15, legislative; deletes § 16A, schools; replaces § 16B, cemetery committee; and amends § 17, public law evidence.
2006	122	Adds § 6(c) relative voter qualification requirements.
2008	70	Adds § 4(b) relative to city administrator's duties.