

ARTICLE I
GRANT OF POWERS TO THE TOWN

Section 1 - Incorporation: The inhabitants of the Town of Gray, within the limits as now established or as hereafter established in the manner provided by law, shall be a municipal corporation, by the name of the Town of Gray, Maine.

Section 2. Powers and Duties. The Town shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations provided herein, or otherwise, pertaining to or incumbent upon said Town as a municipal corporation or to the inhabitants or municipal authorities thereof, and may enact reasonable bylaws, regulations and ordinances for municipal purposes, consistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Maine, and impose penalties for the breach thereof, to be recovered for such uses as said bylaws, regulations and ordinances shall provide.

The administration of all the fiscal and municipal affairs of said Town, with the government thereof, except the general management, care, conduct and control of the schools of said Town, which shall be vested in a Board of School Directors of School Administrative District No. 15 and also except as otherwise provided by this Charter, shall be and are vested in one body of five (5) members, which shall constitute and be called the Town Council, all of whom shall be inhabitants of said Town, and shall be sworn in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

The Town may acquire property within or without its corporate limits for any Town purpose, in fee simple or any lesser interest or estate, by purchase, gift, devise, lease or condemnation and may sell, lease, mortgage, hold, manage, maintain and control such property as its interests may require.

In this Charter no mention of a particular power shall be construed to be exclusive or to restrict the scope of the powers which the Town would have if the particular power were not mentioned. The Charter shall be liberally construed to the end that the Town may have all the powers necessary or convenient for the conduct of its municipal affairs, including all powers the Town may assume pursuant to State laws and to the provisions of the State Constitution.