

CHARTER AGREEMENT

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CHARTER AGREEMENT OF THE

VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

This Charter Agreement to organize a regional commission made this first day of August, 2000, and subsequently amended, by and between the undersigned governmental subdivisions as authorized by the Regional Cooperation Act, 15.2-4200, et seq., Code of Virginia (1998), as amended);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED THAT:

ARTICLE I

Name, Location, Authority, Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership - Regional Council, hereinafter called the "Local Government Council." (amendment approved 2005)

Section 2. The principal office of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall be in Lynchburg, Virginia. The location of the principal office may be changed by the concurrence of three-fourths of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL members present at a regular meeting, provided that the clerk of the governing body of each member governmental subdivision has been notified of the contemplated relocation in writing at least thirty days before such meeting.

Section 3. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall be a public body corporate and politic with all the powers and duties granted to it by the Regional Cooperation Act.

Section 4. The purpose of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall be to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the planning district by planning, and encouraging and assisting governmental subdivisions to plan

for the future, and to carryout duties desired by the member jurisdictions, as permitted by law.

ARTICLE II

Membership

- Section 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL members shall be appointed by the respective governing bodies of those political subdivisions which are parties to this charter agreement provided, however, that at least a majority of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL'S members shall be elected officials of the governing bodies of the governmental subdivisions, or members of the General Assembly, within the planning district.
- Section 2. Each governmental subdivision which is either a city or county and a party to this charter agreement shall appoint two members to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, one of whom shall be the Chief elected member of the governing body, or their elected designee. The other appointee shall be the Chief Appointed Official of each governmental subdivision, or their appointed designee. Additionally, one member of the Local Government Council shall represent Virginia's Region 2000 as appointed by that Board and two members shall represent Virginia's General Assembly. The General Assembly members shall serve two-year alternating terms so that all General Assembly members within the region shall be members of the Local Government Council on a rotating basis on a schedule as approved by the Local Government Council.
- Section 3. Vacancies on the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall be filled for the un-expired term in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

Section 4. Any member of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall be eligible for reappointment but may be removed for cause by the governing body which appointed him.

ARTICLE III

Terms of Office and Voting Rights

Section 1. The terms of office of LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL members who are also elected officials shall be coincident with their elected terms of office or such shorter term as their governing bodies shall determine. The terms of office of the appointed members shall be as determined by the member jurisdiction and coincident with their appointment with the member jurisdiction. The term of office for General Assembly members shall be two-years. General Assembly members shall not succeed themselves.

Section 2. Each member of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall have one equal vote in all matters before the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer who shall be elected by the membership of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

Section 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL officers shall be elected for terms of one-year or until their successors are elected, and shall be eligible for reelection.

Section 3. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be an employee of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL and

shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the membership.

ARTICLE V

Planning District Commission - Regional Consortium Merger

Section 1. Upon the ratification of this Charter Agreement of the Region 2000 Regional Local Government Council, the Central Virginia Planning District Commission and the Region 2000 Consortium shall merge and become the Region 2000 Local Government Council. All assets, liabilities, and personnel of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission shall be transferred to the Region 2000 Regional Commission.

ARTICLE VI

Addition or Withdrawal of Members

Section 1. Any governmental subdivision within Planning District Number 11 which is not a party to this Charter Agreement at the effective date thereof may thereafter join the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL provided that: (a) any city, county or town of more than 3,500 population adopts and executes this agreement; or (b) any town of 3,500 or less population, after petition to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL and acceptance of the petition to grant representation to such town by majority vote of the members of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, adopts and executes this agreement.

Section 2. Any governmental subdivision may withdraw from the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL by submitting to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL in writing, at least 90 days before the end of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL'S then current fiscal year, a notice of intent to withdraw. Such withdrawal shall not become

effective until the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL'S fiscal year has ended.

ARTICLE VII

Appointment of an Executive Committee and Adoption of Bylaws

- Section 1. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL may designate an Executive Committee and delegate to it such powers as the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL may determine, provided that these powers are not inconsistent with provisions of the Regional Cooperation Act.
- Section 2. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL may adopt bylaws and such other rules as it deems necessary to govern its operations.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

- Section 1. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall hold regular meetings on a schedule which will be determined by the membership.
- Section 2. Meetings of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL shall be open to the public; however, the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL may hold closed meetings.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

- Section 1. This Charter Agreement may be amended, supplemented or superseded only by concurring resolutions from any combination of member governmental subdivisions whose aggregate representation on the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL constitutes a quorum. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL for its

review and comment to the member governmental subdivisions.

ARTICLE X

Date of Organization

Section 1. The organization of the Region 2000 Local Government Council shall be effective on the fifteenth day of September, 2000, or at such time after this date when the Charter Agreement has been adopted and signed by that governmental subdivision whose population when added to the aggregate population of those who have already adopted and signed the Charter Agreement embraces the majority of the population within Planning District Number 11.

DATES OF ADOPTION/RESCISSION/AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER AGREEMENT

- August 12, 1969 - Adopted by the Bedford City Council
- September 2, 1969 - Adopted by the Campbell Board of Supervisors
- September 8, 1969 - Adopted by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors
- September 9, 1969 - Adopted by the Lynchburg City Council
- September 12, 1969 - Adopted by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
- June 7, 1971 - Adopted by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors
- June 4, 1980 - Rescinded by the Campbell County Board of Supervisors, effective July 1, 1981
- March 10, 1981 - Rescinded by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors, effective July 1, 1981
- April 24, 1981 - Readopted by the Campbell County Board of Supervisors
- July 1, 1982 - Automatically rescinded by the Campbell County Board of Supervisors because of non-payment of dues
- July 6, 1982 - Amended by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors to allow towns under 3,500 to become members, to designate town representation and to eliminate the ceiling on the number of elected officials as voting members
- July 9, 1982 - Amended by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors to allow towns under 3,500 to become members, to designate town representation and to eliminate the ceiling on the number of elected officials as voting members

- July 13, 1982 - Amended by the Lynchburg City Council to allow towns under 3,500 to become members, to designate town representation and to eliminate the ceiling on the number of elected officials as voting members
- August 10, 1982 - Amended by the Bedford City Council to allow towns under 3,500 to become members, to designate town representation and to eliminate the ceiling on the number of elected officials as voting members
- September 7, 1982 - Readopted by the Campbell County Board of Supervisors
- October 11, 1982 - Adopted by the Appomattox Town Council
- October 13, 1982 - Adopted by the Amherst Town Council
- December 8, 1982 - Amended by the Amherst Town Council to allow member jurisdictions the option of having an elected official appointed in lieu of the non-elected member
- December 10, 1982 - Amended by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors to allow member jurisdictions the option of having an elected official appointed in lieu of the non-elected member
- December 14, 1982 - Amended by the Lynchburg City Council to allow member jurisdictions the option of having an elected official appointed in lieu of the non-elected member
- January 4, 1983 - Amended by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors to allow member jurisdictions the option of having an elected official appointed in lieu of the non-elected member
- January 18, 1983 - Amended by the Campbell County Board of Supervisors to allow member jurisdictions the option of having an elected official appointed in lieu of the non-elected member
- February 8, 1983 - Amended by the Bedford City Council to allow member jurisdictions the option of having an elected official appointed in lieu of the non-elected member

Amendments to the Region 2000 Regional Commission Charter

- March 1, 2005 - Amended by the County of Amherst to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- March 9, 2005 - Amended by the Town of Amherst to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- March 21, 2005 - Amended by the County of Campbell to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- April 18, 2005 - Amended by the County of Appomattox to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- April 25, 2005 - Amended by the County of Bedford to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- April 26, 2005 - Amended by the City of Lynchburg to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- May 9, 2005 - Amended by the Town of Appomattox to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- May 10, 2005 - Amended by the Town of Altavista to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council

- June 14, 2005 - Amended by the Bedford City Council to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council
- June 14, 2005 - Amended by Town of Brookneal to change the name to the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council