

CHARTER AGREEMENT OF THE
THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

This Charter Agreement to organize a Planning District Commission made this First day of May, 1970, by and between the undersigned governmental subdivisions as authorized by the Virginia Area Development Act (Title 15.1, Chapter 34, Sections 15.1-1400, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended);

NOW THEREFORE it is agreed that:

ARTICLE I

Name, Location, Authority, Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, hereinafter called the "COMMISSION."

Section 2. The principal office of the COMMISSION shall be in Charlottesville, Virginia. The location of the principal office may be changed by the concurrence of three-fourths of the COMMISSION 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

ARTICLE (Cont'd.)

writing at least thirty days before such meeting.

Section 3. The COMMISSION shall be a public body corporate and politic with all the powers and duties granted to it by the Virginia Area Development Act.

Section 4. The purpose of the COMMISSION 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.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. COMMISSION 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, but not substantially more than a majority, of the COMMISSION's members shall be elected officials of the governing bodies of the governmental subdivisions within the Planning District with each participating county, city and town of more than 3,500 population having at least one representative, and the other members being qualified voters and residents of the District, who hold no office elected by the people.

Section 2. Each charter member of the COMMISSION shall have the following membership depending upon governmental participation.

Albemarle	2	3	4
Charlottesville	2	3	4
Fluvanna	2	2	2
Nelson	2	2	2
Greene		2	2
Louisa			2
Total	8	12	16

Section 3. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

Section 4. Any member of the COMMISSION shall be eligible for reappointment but may be removed for cause.

ARTICLE III

Terms of Office and Voting Rights

Section 1. The terms of office of COMMISSION members who are also members of governing bodies 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 citizen members shall be three years.

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

Section 3. Voting throughout the life of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District shall carry a balance by the Urban Governmental Units and the rural governmental units so that neither would have a majority vote. Subsequent joining by new political subdivision which would change their balance within planning District 10 will have to be agreed upon by a majority of the Commission members.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

- Section 1. Officers of the COMMISSION shall consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall be elected by the membership of the COMMISSION. The COMMISSION may elect such other officers as it deems advisable.
- Section 2. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected for terms of one year or until their successors are elected.
- Section 3. COMMISSION officers shall be eligible for reelection.
- Section 4. The COMMISSION shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be an employee of the COMMISSION and shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the membership.

ARTICLE V

Addition or Withdrawal of Members

Section 1. Any governmental subdivision within Planning District Number 10 which is not a party to this charter agreement at the effective date there-of desires to join after the Creation of the Planning District will be liable for the full fiscal year of current dues.

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

ARTICLE VI

Appointment of an Executive Committee and Adoption of By-Laws

Section 1. The COMMISSION may designate an Executive Committee and delegate to it such powers as the COMMISSION may determine, provided that these powers are not inconsistent with provisions of the Virginia Area Development Act.

Section 2. The COMMISSION may adopt By-Laws and such other rules as it deems necessary to govern its operations.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. The COMMISSION shall hold regular meetings on a schedule which will be determined by the membership.

Section 2. Meetings of the COMMISSION shall be open to the public, however, the COMMISSION may hold executive meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1. This Charter Agreement may be amended, supplemented or superseded only by concurring resolutions from all of the member governmental subdivisions of the COMMISSION. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the COMMISSION for its review and comment to the member governmental subdivisions.

ARTICLE IX

Date of Organization

Section 1. The organization of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission shall be effective on the First day of February, 1971, 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 10.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CHARTER AGREEMENT
OF THE
THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**

This First Amendment to Charter Agreement dated as of _____, 1986, among the undersigned governmental subdivisions as authorized by the Virginia Area Development Act.

RECITALS

The undersigned governmental subdivisions organized the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission under a Charter Agreement dated May 1, 1970. The governmental subdivisions now desire to amend the Charter Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ARTICLE II, Section 2 of the Charter Agreement is amended by deleting the original wording and substituting the following:

Each charter member of the COMMISSION shall have two members on the COMMISSION.

2. ARTICLE III, Section 3 shall be amended to read:

In cases when the business to be conducted at a regular meeting is of a perfunctory, housekeeping nature such as approval of intergovernmental reviews, voting by mail is permissible. All members must vote and the vote must be unanimous.

3. Except as herein modified the Charter Agreement is hereby ratified and affirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Secretary of the Commission hereby certifies that this Charter Agreement has been amended as set forth above by concurring resolutions from all of the member governmental subdivisions of the Commission.

Secretary, Thomas Jefferson
Planning District Commission

Attested:

[Signature]

Warner C Wood
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
County of Greene