

S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$) of section numbered twenty (20); the south one-half (S. $\frac{1}{2}$) of section numbered seventeen (17); the southwest quarter (S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$) and lot three (3) of section numbered sixteen (16); lots numbered one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4) and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter (N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$) of section numbered twenty-one (21), all in township numbered one hundred and twenty-eight (128) north, of range numbered thirty-seven (37) west; also east half of southeast quarter (E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of section numbered thirteen (13) and lot numbered one (1) and lot six (6) of section numbered twenty-four (24), all in township numbered one hundred and twenty-eight (128) north, of range numbered thirty-eight (38) west, shall be a village by the name of the village of Alexandria, and the people now inhabiting and those who shall hereafter inhabit the district of country herein described shall be a municipal corporation by the name of the village of Alexandria, and shall have all the powers possessed by municipal corporations at common law, and in addition thereto shall possess the powers hereinafter specifically granted; and the authorities thereto shall have perpetual succession; shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with; of suing and being sued in all courts; may have a common seal, and change the same at pleasure; and may also take, hold, purchase and lease such real, personal and mixed estate, within or without the limits thereto, as the purposes of said village may require.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1885.

CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD," BEING CHAPTER SEVENTEEN (17) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF MINNESOTA FOR THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE (1875).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section seven (7) of chapter three (3) of said act is hereby amended by adding, at the end of said section seven (7), the following words: It shall not be necessary in any action, civil or criminal, before the city justices of said city, or either of them, or in any other court in this state, to plead, prove or refer to said laws, ordinances or by-laws, in any manner whatsoever, except in the complaint and warrant, in criminal actions or proceedings, the number of the law, ordinance or by-law, and of the specified section thereof, for the violation of

which the complaint and warrant are made and issued, shall be referred to therein; but all of said laws, ordinances or by-laws, now in force or hereafter enacted, shall, in the said justice courts and in all other courts of this state, be held and deemed to be public laws; and said courts shall take judicial notice thereof.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Feb. 6, 1885.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF RUSHFORD, APPROVED FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVENTH (27,) ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE (1869.)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That said act be amended by adding thereto the following:

ARTICLE IX.

Section 1. The city of Rushford is authorized to surrender its charter at any time for the purpose of organizing a village under the general laws of this state, whenever a majority of the voters of said city, at any general or special city election, vote in favor of such surrender, and said election shall be by ballots, either written or printed, containing the words: "In favor of surrender" or "against surrender," as the case may be; and if a majority of those present and voting at such election vote "in favor of surrender," then the charter of said city shall, within sixty (60) days after such election, be deemed surrendered and become and be a nullity; *Provided*, That before any such surrender shall take effect so as to prevent or hinder the collection of any indebtedness against said city incurred before such surrender, said city must provide by proper ordinances for the payment by taxation of the property within said city of all such indebtedness, and the county auditor of Fillmore county, Minnesota, is hereby authorized and directed after such surrender to receive from the county treasurer of said county all money so collected, and to pay the same in accordance with such ordinances; and in case of any suit at law or in equity against said city after such surrender, process may be served upon the clerk of the district court of said Fillmore county, and the auditor of said county shall extend a tax against any property in the territory now comprising said city sufficient to pay any judgment.