

**CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE
FINAL**

February 16, 1995

PREAMBLE

The citizens of Truckee do, hereby, exercise the express right granted them by the Constitution of the State of California to enact and adopt this charter for our Town.

CHARTER

ARTICLE 1: Municipal Affairs Generally

Section 100. Municipal Affairs. Each of the responsibilities of governance as set forth in this charter, and as established by the constitutional, statutory, and judicially defined law of the State of California is hereby declared to be a municipal affair or concern, the performance of which is unique to the benefit of the citizens of the Town of Truckee.

ARTICLE 2: Revenue - Savings and Generation

Section 200. Public Works Contracts. The Town shall have the power to establish standards, procedures, rules or regulations to define and control all aspects of the bidding, award, and performance of any public works contract, including, but not limited to, the compensation to be paid for the performance of such work.

Section 201. Purchasing. The Town shall have the power to establish standards, procedures, rules or regulations related to the purchasing of goods, property, or services.

Section 202. Utility Franchises. The Town shall have the power to adopt any ordinance providing for the granting of a franchise to any privately owned public utility which proposes to use or is using Town streets, highways, or other rights of way.

Section 203. Enterprises. The Town shall have the power to engage in any enterprise which will produce revenues for the Town so as to minimize the taxation of Town citizens. Any Town enterprise shall be undertaken only after review by the Town Council and its determination that entry into such enterprise will be in the best interests of the Town and will promote a public purpose.

ARTICLE 3: Revenue Retention

Section 300. Reductions Prohibited. Any revenues raised or collected by the Town shall not be subject to involuntary subtraction, retention, attachment, withdrawal, or any other form of reduction by any other level of government.

Section 301. Mandates Limited. No person, whether elected or appointed, acting on behalf of the Town, shall be required to perform any function which is mandated by any other level of government, unless and until funds sufficient for the performance of such function are provided by the mandating government.

ARTICLE 4: General Laws

Section 400. General Law Powers. The Town shall be governed by the general laws of the State of California except as set forth in this charter and the Constitution of the State of California. The Town shall have the power and authority to exercise any and all rights and privileges lawfully granted to any general law city of the State of California. In the event of conflict between any provisions of the general law and the provisions of this charter, the charter provisions shall prevail.

ARTICLE 5: Interpretation and Severability

Section 500. Interpretation. The language contained in this charter is intended to be permissive rather than exclusive or limiting, and shall be liberally and broadly construed to allow the Town to exercise its power to govern with respect to any matter which is a municipal affair as defined under California law.

Section 501. Severability. If any provision of this charter should be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 6: Amendments

Section 600. Amendments. This charter may be amended only by a majority vote of the registered voters of the Town at an election duly called for the purpose of proposing to the voters a charter amendment or amendments.