CHARTER of the CITYof LEMOORE

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the City of Lemoore, hereby declare our intent to restore to our Community home rule, rooted in historic principles of self-governance. We are committed to the belief that local government has the closest relationship with the people governed, and are firm in the conviction that the fiscal and policy independence of our local government will best provide for the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Lemoore. Therefore, we do hereby exercise the right granted by the Constitution of the State of California to enact and adopt this Charter.

Article I. Municipal Affairs

The City shall have full power and authority to make, adopt, exercise and enforce all legislation, laws and regulations and to take all actions relating to municipal affairs, without limitation, which may be lawfully made, adopted, exercised, taken or enforced under the Constitution of the State of California. As regards municipal affairs, this Charter shall supercede all laws inconsistent therewith.

Article II. Continuance of Existing Laws

All ordinances, resolutions, rules and policies of the City in effect as of the effective date of this Charter shall continue in effect until repealed, modified or amended by the City Council.

Article III. Contracting

The City Council may, by ordinance or resolution, establish geographic boundaries and other guidelines and restrictions, including but not limited to, local bidding preferences, in public works and other City contracts. The City shall not pay nor require the payment of Federal or State prevailing wages in public works projects except when mandated by applicable law.

Article IV. Construction and Interpretation

The language contained in this Charter is intended to be permissive rather than exclusive or limiting, and shall be liberally and broadly interpreted and construed in favor of the City's home rule powers and its control over municipal revenues and affairs. If any provision of this Charter is found by a court of law to be invalid, the remaining provisions of the Charter shall continue in full force and effect.