

# CHAPTER CVII.

## AN ACT

*To incorporate the Town of Oakland, and to provide for the construction of Wharves thereat.*

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

Incorporation of  
the town.

Boundaries.

SEC. 1. The inhabitants of the district of country hereinafter described, are hereby declared to be incorporated under the provisions of "An Act to provide for the incorporation of Towns," passed March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, with the style of the "Town of Oakland," and by that name they shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, and may purchase, receive and hold property for their common benefit, and sell or otherwise dispose of the same. The boundaries of said Town shall be as follows: On the northeast by a straight line at right angles with Main street, running from the Bay of San Francisco on the north to the southerly line of the San Antonio Creek or estuary, crossing Main street at a point three hundred and sixty rods northeasterly from "Oakland House," on the corner of Main and First streets, as represented on Portoi's map of "Contra

Costa," on file in the office of the Secretary of State; thence down the southerly line of said creek or slough to its mouth in the Bay; thence to ship channel; thence northerly and easterly by the line of ship channel to a point where the same bisects the said northeastern boundary line.

SEC. 2. The corporate powers and duties of said town shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, to consist of five members, who shall be elected by the qualified Electors of said Town on the second Monday of May in each year, and shall hold office for the term of one year, or until their successors are qualified; *Provided*, that they shall receive no compensation for their services.

Corporate powers  
Trustees, &c.

Term of office.

No compensation  
allowed.

SEC. 3. The Board of Trustees shall have power to make such by-laws and ordinances as they may deem proper and necessary; to regulate, improve, sell, or otherwise dispose of the common property; to prevent and extinguish fires; to lay out, make, open, widen, regulate and keep in repair all streets, roads, bridges, ferries, public places and grounds, wharves, docks, piers, slips, sewers, wells and alleys, and to authorize the construction of wharves and other improvements the lands lying within the limits aforesaid, between high tide and ship channel, are hereby granted and released to said Town; *Provided*, that said lands shall be retained by said Town as common property, or disposed of for the purposes aforesaid; to regulate and collect wharfage and dockage; to secure the health, cleanliness, ornament, peace and good order of said Town; to organize and support common schools; to license and suppress dram shops, horse-racing, gambling houses, and houses of ill-fame, and all indecent or immoral practices, shows and amusements; to regulate the location of slaughter houses, stables, and places for the storage of gunpowder; and to pass such other laws and ordinances as in their opinion the order, good government and general welfare of the Town may require.

Power of Trustees.

The same.

Creation of ordinances.

SEC. 4. The elections and returns under this Act shall be regulated in the same manner as is provided in the said "Act to provide for the incorporation of Towns" for elections, when ordered by the Governor.

Elections, returns  
&c.

APPROVED, May 4, 1852.