

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1857. Toronto: Stewart Derbyshire & George Desbarats, 1857.

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**An Act to amend the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada relating to the incorporation of Villages.
Assented to 10th June, 1857.**

Whereas by the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada, no provision is made for the incorporation of Villages until after the taking of the periodical Census, and much inconvenience and unnecessary delay are occasioned thereby: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Whenever any Village not now incorporated shall contain over seven hundred and fifty, and less than three thousand inhabitants, it shall and may be lawful for any number, not less than one hundred of the resident freeholders and householders of such Village, after having given one Month's notice in some newspaper published in each County in which such Village may be situated, to petition the Governor of this Province, that such Village may be erected into or set apart as an incorporated Village and the inhabitants thereof, incorporated under the provisions of the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada; And, upon such petition it shall be lawful for the said Governor, on being satisfied by a Census to be taken and verified by the oath of two credible witnesses, that any such Village contains more than seven hundred and fifty inhabitants, by an Order in Council to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal of this Province, erecting or setting; apart such Village as an incorporated Village, by a name to be given in or by such Proclamation, and to set forth in such Proclamation, proper boundaries for such Village, including within such boundaries any portion of the Township or Townships which, from the proximity of streets or buildings therein, may be conveniently attached to such Village, and when such Village shall have grown up on the confines of two or more Counties, or of two or more Ridings of the same County, or of two or more Electoral Divisions, so as to lie partly within the limits of each, to annex the whole of such Village as incorporated to some one of such Counties or Ridings or Electoral Divisions exclusively; and the inhabitants of such Village shall, on, from and after the first day of January next, after the end of one calendar month from the teste of such Proclamation, be incorporated, and the said Village shall become an incorporated Village, apart from the Township or Townships in which it is situate; and the first election for such Village shall be held in the manner prescribed in the Upper Canada Municipal Acts, on the first Monday in January aforesaid, and such Village shall from thenceforth form a part of the County to which it shall have been annexed as aforesaid, and shall be subject to the same regulations and provisions and shall have and be entitled to the same immunities and privileges as incorporated Villages now have or hereafter may have by law, as fully as if such Village had been specially mentioned in the Schedule or Schedules relating to Villages attached to the Municipal Acts of Upper Canada.

II. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act shall be and are hereby repealed.