

## **ARTICLE XVII. SUCCESSION IN GOVERNMENT**

### **Sec. 1. Continuation of laws.**

The laws of the state in their application to the town shall continue in effect, except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this charter or any legally adopted ordinance of the town.

### **Sec. 2. Continuation of ordinances.**

All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the Town of North Smithfield in force at the time when this charter takes effect, not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, shall continue in force until amended or repealed.

### **Sec. 3. Continuation of tax obligation.**

All taxes levied or assessed by the town prior to the effective date of this charter, which have not been collected by the town, shall be collected with any penalties thereon, by the town government hereby established, in accordance with law.

### **Sec. 4. Transfer of records and property.**

All records, property and equipment whatsoever of any office, department or agency or part thereof, the powers and duties of which are assigned in whole or in part thereof to another office, department or agency by this charter, shall be transferred and delivered forthwith to the office, department or agency to which such powers and duties are so assigned.

### **Sec. 5. Continuance of contracts and obligations.**

All leases, contracts, franchises and obligations entered into by the town or for its benefit, prior to this charter taking effect, shall continue in full force and effect.

### **Sec. 6. Pending actions and proceedings.**

No action or proceeding, civil or criminal, in law or in equity pending at the time when this charter shall take effect, brought by or against the town or any office, department or agency thereof, shall be affected or abated by the adoption of this charter or by anything in said charter contained.