

1 times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with said County or Hammit road so
2 extended; and said County or Hammit road to a point on the Potterville or Maple Valley road, so
3 called which point is 900 feet more or less, easterly from the Potterville or Maple Valley school
4 so called thence continuing in a general northerly direction in a line which at all times is six
5 hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with the Nipmuc trail so called, to the Scituate-
6 Coventry town line; (the above line is the eastern boundary of the Western Coventry fire district
7 and was taken from their act of incorporation of 1942), thence turning and running easterly on
8 said Scituate-Coventry town line to the northwest corner of lot 116 on AP-30 of the town of
9 Coventry records; thence turning and running southerly on a line 300 feet east of and parallel to
10 the east line of Read School House road until it comes to the intersection of said Read School
11 House road with said Rhode Island state highway 117; thence crossing said route 117 and
12 continuing in a straight line to the north end of the dam on Flat River reservoir thence running
13 across said dam to the south end of said dam; thence running southerly in a straight line to a point
14 on Rhode Island state highway, route 3, three hundred feet west of the intersection of Airport road
15 with said route 3; thence continuing southerly in a straight line to the intersection of Mishnock
16 river with the West Greenwich-Coventry town line; thence turning and running westerly along
17 said town line to the point of beginning. In addition, all those parts of the Town of Coventry
18 within the following boundaries of the entities known as the Harris Fire & Lighting District and
19 the Tiogue Fire District, and the Washington Lighting District, all as further described as follows:
20 and, all that land beginning at a stone bound in the dividing line between the Towns of Coventry
21 and West Warwick, on the south side of the Woodside Avenue (said point being the northeast
22 corner of the Coventry fire district); thence running northerly on said town line to the Cranston
23 city line; thence turning and running westerly along the dividing line of the Town of Coventry
24 and the City of Cranston and continuing westerly along the dividing line of the Town of Coventry
25 and Scituate to the old New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right-of-way; thence
26 turning and running in a southerly and easterly direction along said railroad to a point 250 feet
27 west of the west line of Hill Street; thence running southerly on a line 250 feet west of and
28 parallel to the west side of said Hill Street until it comes to a point on the south line of lot 367 on
29 Coventry assessors plat 2, 250 feet west of the west line of said Hill Street; thence southerly in a
30 straight line to the northeast corner of lot 369 assessors plat 2, thence southerly on the east line of
31 said lot 369, to the southeast corner of said lot 369; thence turning and running westerly along the
32 south line of said lot 369 to the corner of lot 372 plat 2; thence turning and running southerly
33 along the west line of said lot 372 and continuing southerly on the west line of lot 265 of
34 assessors plat 3; to the northwest corner of lot 268 plat 3; from now on to the place of beginning

1 is the boundary line of the Coventry fire district; thence turning and running easterly along the
2 north line of said lot 268 to the west side of Blackrock Road; thence turning and running
3 southerly along the west side of said Blackrock Road to the so-called black rock; thence turning
4 and running in a northeasterly direction to the southwest corner of Greenwood Cemetery; thence
5 turning and running easterly along the southerly line of said Greenwood Cemetery to Fairview
6 Avenue; thence turning and running northeasterly to a point on said Fairview Avenue opposite
7 the south side of said Woodside Avenue; thence turning and running easterly along the south side
8 of said Woodside Avenue to the place of beginning, all such land formerly known as the Harris
9 Fire and Lighting District, and, all that land beginning at a point in the boundary line between the
10 Towns of Coventry and West Warwick, 800 feet south of the southerly line of Tiogue Avenue
11 (Route 3 state highway); thence turning and running westerly, bounded northerly by the Coventry
12 fire district, to the southeast corner of land now or formerly of George E. and Olive T. Bockstael,
13 (shown on assessors plat 7, lot 420 of the Town of Coventry records); thence turning and running
14 in a northwesterly direction to the Gate House at the outlet of Tiogue Reservoir, and continuing
15 along the westerly and southerly banks of the Pawtuxet River, until it comes to the eastern
16 boundary line of the Washington lighting district; thence turning and running southerly, bounded
17 westerly by said Washington lighting district, until it comes to the intersection of the center line
18 of Route 3, state highway and the west line of Arnold Road (Arnold Road is referred to in the
19 Washington lighting district charter as Balm of Gilead Road); thence turning and running
20 westerly, bounded northerly by said Washington lighting district, along the center line of Route 3,
21 until it comes to a point 100 feet east of the northeast corner of land now or formerly of Douglas
22 Jackson; thence turning and running in a southerly direction in a direct line to the northwest
23 corner of Tiogue Twin Lakes no. 2 plat; thence running to the southeast corner of Lake George
24 Plat; thence following along the eastern boundaries of properties now or formerly of Jerry
25 Johnson, et ux, Linwood Lace Works and William J. Beattie; thence in a direct line to a stone
26 bound in the boundary line between the Towns of Coventry and West Greenwich, this being the
27 northwest corner of the Town of East Greenwich; thence turning and running easterly on said
28 town line, bounded southerly by the Town of East Greenwich, until it comes to a point 300 feet
29 east of the southeasterly line of the New London Turnpike; thence turning and running in a
30 northeasterly direction, in a line parallel with and 300 feet east of the southeasterly line of said
31 New London Turnpike, until it comes to the boundary line between the Towns of West Warwick
32 and Coventry; thence turning and running northerly on said town line until it comes to a point 800
33 feet south of the southerly side of Tiogue Avenue and the point of beginning, all such land being

1 previously known as Tiogue Fire District and all that land beginning at the northeast abutment of
2 the railroad bridge, called the Knotty Oak Bridge, and running northerly to the southeast corner of
3 the Rathbun Cemetery and continuing in the same straight line until it comes to the seven and ten
4 line, so called, thence turning and running westerly following the seven and ten line until it comes
5 to a point 500 feet east of the east line of Station Street; thence turning and running northerly on a
6 line 500 feet east of and parallel to the east line of Station Street; thence turning and running
7 northerly on a line 500 feet east of and parallel to the east line of Station Street, until it comes to a
8 point at the southwest corner of lot 4 as depicted on the Town of Coventry 1972 Assessor's Plat
9 21, said point being on the southerly line of Record Lot 8 (AP 69, Lot 49) as shown on that plat
10 entitled "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF HIGHWOOD SECTION NO. 4 SITUATED IN
11 COVENTRY, R.I. SCALE: 1" = 50' MAY 31, 1978." which is recorded in the Town of Coventry
12 Land Evidence Plat Book 7 at Page 22; thence westerly, bounded northerly by a portion of
13 Record Lot 8 (AP 69, Lot 49) and Record Lot 6 (AP 69, Lot 48) as shown on said plat, to a point
14 at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat; thence
15 northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat, to a
16 point at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat; thence
17 northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat, to a
18 point on the southerly line of Highwood Drive at the northwesterly corner of Record Lot 4 (AP
19 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat; thence northwesterly and crossing Highwood Drive to a point
20 at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 3 (AP 69, Lot 25) as shown on said plat; thence
21 northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 3 as shown on said plat, to a point at the
22 northwesterly corner of Record Lot 3 (AP 69, Lot 25) as shown on said plat; thence northeasterly,
23 bounded southeasterly in part by Record Lot 3 (AP 69, Lot 25) and in part by Record Lot 5 (AP
24 69, Lot 24) as shown on said plat, to a point at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 50 (AP 69,
25 Lot 90) as shown on that plat entitled "RECORD PLAN PHASE 3 Highwood Subdivision A
26 RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN COVENTRY, R.I. PREPARED BY DiPrete
27 Engineering Associates, Inc. ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND PLANNING
28 CONSULTANTS 75 SOCKANOSSET CROSSROAD, SUITE 300 CRANSTON, R.I. 02920
29 (401) 943-1000 FAX: (401) 464-6006 JULY, 1995 Scale: 1" = 60'." which plan is recorded in
30 the Town of Coventry Land Evidence Plat Book 14 at Page 66; thence northeasterly, bounded
31 southeasterly by Record Lot 50 (AP 59, Lot 90) as shown on said plat, to a point on the southerly
32 line of Ginger Trail at the northwesterly corner of Record Lot 50 (AP 69, Lot 90) as shown on
33 said plat; thence northwesterly, crossing Ginger Trail, to a point at the southwesterly corner of

1 Record Lot 20 (AP 69, Lot 104) as shown on said plat; thence northwesterly, bounded
2 northeasterly in part by Record Lot 20 (AP 69, Lot 104) and crossing Record Lot 68 (AP 69, Lot
3 3.11), to a point at the southerly corner of Record Lot 11 (AP 69, Lot 116) as shown on that plat
4 entitled "RECORD PLAN PHASE 4 Highwood Subdivision A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
5 LOCATED IN COVENTRY, R.I. PREPARED BY DiPrete Engineering Associates, Inc.
6 ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS 75 SOCKANOSSET
7 CROSSROAD, SUITE 300 CRANSTON, R.I. 02920 (401) 943-1000 FAX: (401) 464-6006
8 JULY, 1995 Scale: 1" = 60'." which plan is recorded in the Town of Coventry Land Evidence
9 Plat Book 15 at Page 72; thence northeasterly, bounded northwesterly by Record Lot 11 (AP 69,
10 Lot 116) as shown on said plat, to a point at the northeasterly corner of Record Lot 11 (AP 69,
11 Lot 116) as shown on said plat; thence southeasterly, bounded northeasterly by (AP 69 Lot 35), to
12 a point at the southeasterly corner of (AP 69 Lot 35), said point also being on the existing charter
13 line; thence northerly, bounded westerly by (AP 69 Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.01 and 39.02), and
14 running on the existing charter line to the northeasterly corner of (AP 69 Lot 39.02); thence
15 easterly, bounded northerly by AP 77 Lots 90 and 89, and running on the existing charter line to
16 the southwesterly corner of (AP 70 Lot 35); thence northerly, bounded westerly by (AP 77 Lot
17 89), and running on the existing charter line to the northwesterly corner of (AP 70 Lot 35); thence
18 northwesterly, crossing OPEN SPACE D (AP 77, Lot 89) as shown on that plat entitled "FINAL
19 SUBDIVISION PLAN PHASE 2 A HUNTERS CROSSING COVENTRY, R.I. Scale: 1" = 80'
20 Date: December 21, 1995 Revision A." which plat is recorded in the Town of Coventry Land
21 Evidence Plat Book 13 at Pages 29-31, to the southeasterly corner of Record Lot 42 (AP 77, Lot
22 81) as shown on said plat; thence northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 41 (AP 77,
23 Lot 82) as shown on said plat, to a point on the southerly line of Hunters Crossing at the
24 northwesterly corner of said Record Lot 41 (AP 77, Lot 82); thence northwesterly and crossing
25 Hunters Crossing to a point at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 77 (AP 77, Lot 46) as
26 shown on said plat; thence northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by said Record Lot 77 (AP 77,
27 Lot 46), to a point at the northwesterly corner of said Record Lot 77 (AP 77, Lot 46); thence
28 northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by a portion of Record Lot 121, Record Lots 119, 117 and
29 crossing a portion of OPEN SPACE lot (a portion of AP 77, Lot 117, AP 77, Lots 116, 115 and
30 crossing a portion of AP 77, Lot 174) as shown on that plat entitled "FINAL SUBDIVISION
31 PLAN PHASE 3 B HUNTERS CROSSING COVENTRY, R.I. Scale: 1" = 80' Date: December
32 29, 1995 Revision A." which plat is recorded in the Town of Coventry Land Evidence Plat Book
33 13 at Pages 104-105, to a point at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 116 (AP 77, Lot 114) as
34 shown on said plat; thence northerly, bounded easterly by Record Lot 116, 114, 112 and 110 (AP

1 77, Lots 114, 113, 112 and 111) as shown on said plat, to a point at the northwesterly corner of
2 Record Lot 110 (AP 77, Lot 111) as shown on said plat; thence easterly, bounded southerly by
3 said Record Lot 110 (AP 77, Lot 111), to a point at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 108
4 (AP 77, Lot 110) as shown on said plat; thence northerly, bounded easterly by said Record Lot
5 108 (AP 77, Lot 110), to a point on the southerly line of Remington Farm Drive at the
6 northwesterly corner of said Record Lot 108 (AP 77, Lot 110); thence northeasterly and crossing
7 Remington Farm Drive to the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 106 as shown on said plat (AP
8 77, Lot 109); thence northerly, bounded easterly by said Record Lot 106 (AP 77, Lot 109), to a
9 point at the northwesterly corner of said Record Lot 106 (AP 77, Lot 109); thence easterly,
10 bounded southerly by Record Lots 106, 105 and 103 (AP 77, Lots 109, 108 and 107), to a point at
11 the northeasterly corner of said Record Lot 103 (AP 77, Lot 107); thence easterly, bounded
12 southerly by Record Lots 101, 99 and 98 (AP 77, Lots 106, 105 and 104), to a point at the
13 northeasterly corner of said Record Lot 98 (AP 77, Lot 104) as shown on that plat entitled
14 "FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN PHASE 3 A HUNTERS CROSSING COVENTRY, R.I. Scale:
15 1" = 80' Date: December 29, 1995 Revision A." which is recorded in the Town of Coventry Plat
16 Book 13 at Page 103; thence northwesterly, crossing Record Lot OPEN SPACE L(a) (AP 78, Lot
17 6.7) as shown on said plat, to a point at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of
18 Everett and Susie Kingsborough shown as Lot 12.1 on the Town of Coventry Assessor's Plat 85;
19 thence northeasterly to the existing charter line between the Coventry fire District and the
20 Washington Lighting District at the northeasterly corner of Lot 28 as depicted on the 1972
21 Assessor's Plat 20; thence northerly along Lot 6 Plat 20 to the corner of Lots 6 and 3 Plat 20,
22 thence in a straight line to the northeast corner of Lot 36 Plat 20 and the southwest corner of Lot
23 13 Plat 19; northerly along the east line of Lot 1 Plat 19 to the northwest corner of Lot 25 Plat 19
24 at Scituate town line; turning westerly along said Scituate town line to a point 300 feet east of
25 Read School House Road; turning southerly along a line 300 feet east of and parallel to Read
26 School House Road, crossing Route 117 and continuing to the north end of the dam of the Flat
27 River Reservoir, thence running southerly across the dam to the south end of said dam; thence
28 running southerly in a straight line to a point on state highway, Route 3, 300 feet west of the
29 intersection of Reservoir Road and said Route 3; thence crossing said Route 3 and running
30 southerly in a straight line to a point 500 feet south of the south line of said Route 3; thence
31 turning and running easterly on a line 500 feet south of and parallel to the south line of said Route
32 3 until it comes to the westerly boundary of the former Tiogue Lighting District; thence northerly
33 along the western boundary line of said former Tiogue Lighting District until it comes to the
34 southern line of Route 3; thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction, crossing Route

1 3, to the northeast corner of said Route 3 and Hopkins Hill Road; thence easterly in a straight line
2 to the intersection of said Route 3 and Arnold Road; thence turning and running northerly in a
3 straight line, across the Pawtuxet River, to the northeast abutment of the railroad bridge and the
4 point of beginning, all such land being previously known as the Washington Lighting District is
5 hereby incorporated into a [consolidated](#) district to be called the Coventry Main Fire District. Said
6 district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy the other powers generally incident
7 to a corporation.

8 Sec 2. QUALIFIED VOTERS

9 The inhabitants of said district who are qualified voters in the town of Coventry shall be
10 eligible to vote and act in meetings of the corporation.

11 Sec. 3. FIRST CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETINGS
12 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT.

13 (a) 2006 - First consolidated meeting: Commencing in the year 2013 a special meeting of
14 the consolidated district shall be held within thirty (30) days of the enactment of this Charter by
15 and among the Boards of Directors of the Coventry Main Fire District, for the purposes of
16 constituting the first Board of Directors of the consolidated district, in accordance with Section 5
17 herein and for adopting the initial by-laws for the Consolidated District.

18 (b) Annual Meetings & Quorum: Annual meetings of said fire district for the election of
19 officers and the transaction of any other business of the fire district shall be held. In addition, the
20 electors at the annual meeting shall adopt a budget for the next fiscal year commencing July 1
21 through June 30. One hundred (100) qualified voters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
22 of business at any meeting of the corporation. Commencing in 2014 and continuing annually
23 thereafter, the district shall hold an annual meeting in a public place other than a fire station on
24 the third Thursday in May, at 7:00 P.M. at such place within the District as the Board shall
25 determine, for the purposes of: (1) electing a Board of Directors; (2) authorizing the assessment
26 of all the taxable personal and real property of the District; (3) authorizing the collection of taxes,
27 as further set forth in Section 6 hereunder; (4) authorizing an annual budget to provide for the
28 purchase and maintenance of equipment, apparatus, real and personal property, the payment of
29 wages and salaries, and for such other expenditures deemed necessary by the qualified voters of
30 the District; and (5) For such other lawful purposes deemed necessary and proper by either the
31 Board of Directors or qualified voters of the district. Any member of the Board of Directors may
32 be recalled and removed from office by the electors at any annual or special meeting. In order to
33 recall any member of the Board of Directors three-quarters (3/4) of the majority of those electors
34 present and voting for recall shall be required. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board a

1 special meeting shall be called by the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days or occurrence of
2 such vacancy which meeting shall be held sixty (60) days from the date the Board of Directors
3 shall call for such a special meeting in order to fill said vacancy.

4 (c) Call of the Meeting: The Clerk of the District shall give notice of the annual meetings
5 by causing a copy thereof to be posted at least twice in two newspapers distributed in Kent
6 County, on one electronic newspaper if available in the Town of Coventry, and on the Web sites
7 for the fire district, the Town of Coventry, and the Secretary of State and displayed on a sign
8 board in each fire station of the District, and a notice included with the mailing of tax invoices not
9 less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date. The annual meeting and all other meetings of
10 the District shall be held in a public place, which shall be accessible to the handicapped, pursuant
11 to the requirements of the Rhode Island Constitution, Article 1 & 2 and applicable federal and
12 state non-discrimination laws.

13 Sec. 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

14 (a) Special meetings may be called upon written request of not less than one hundred
15 (100) qualified voters, or may be called by a majority vote of the board of Directors. Written
16 application for a special meeting as well as the notice thereof, shall mention the reason for such
17 special meeting. Notice of the special meeting shall be given in the same manner as the annual
18 meeting not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting
19 shall be stated in the notice and call for meeting and no other business shall be transacted.

20 (b) Any special meeting called for the purpose of filling a vacancy among district officers
21 shall be advertised in the same manner as the annual meeting, as set forth in Section 3 (c) of this
22 Charter.

23 Sec. 5. DIRECTORS & OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION –MODERATOR - 24 QUALIFICATIONS

25 (a) The consolidated district board shall be comprised of five (5) directors, which shall be
26 elected as follows: an election shall be conducted at the first meeting of the Coventry Main Fire
27 District which shall be held in accordance with section 3a at which the Board of Directors shall
28 be elected as follows: The three (3) individuals who shall received the highest number of votes
29 shall serve for a period of two years with the two (2) individuals receiving the next two (2) next
30 highest number of votes who will serve for a period of one (1) year.

31 (b) Thereafter, two (2) Directors will be elected to a two (2) year term at the 2014 annual
32 meeting and every second year thereafter. Three (3) directors shall be elected at the 2015 annual
33 meeting and every second year thereafter.

1 (c) Any inhabitant qualified to vote at any District meeting may be a candidate for
2 District office, provided such candidate submits to the District clerk the title of the elective office
3 sought, together with a petition signed by fifty (50) inhabitants qualified to vote at any District
4 meeting, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting. This list of signatures is to be
5 certified by the clerk no later than thirty (30) days prior to an annual or special meeting of the
6 District. No employee of the district or member of the employee's family shall be qualified to
7 serve as a director. Family shall be defined as the employee's spouse, any of the employee's
8 children, whether by blood, adoption, or marriage or the employee's father, mother, brother,
9 sister, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-
10 in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter,
11 stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister.

12 (d) No Director shall serve more than three (3) consecutive two (2) -year terms.

13 (e) The clerk of the District shall post in all places where posting is required for an annual
14 meeting a list of all persons certified to stand for election and the office to which each person
15 seeks election in at least eight (8) public places within the district, including all actively used
16 District stations, at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting or any other special meeting
17 called for the election of officers.

18 (f) The Board of Directors shall have the power to declare an office vacant if the person
19 filling that office fails to attend three (3) consecutive monthly meetings of the Board.

20 (g) Upon the occurrence of any vacancy in any elective office of the District, the
21 president shall call a special meeting of the District for the purpose of electing a qualified elector
22 to fill the office vacated for the remainder of the original term of office. Said special meeting
23 shall be held within sixty-five (65) days from the date such original vacancy occurs.

24 **Sec. 6. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

25 (a) The Board of Directors shall hold monthly public meetings to conduct the business of
26 the District. The Board of Directors shall be empowered and responsible to: (1) Fix the amount
27 of the bond of the Treasurer and the Tax Collector; (2) Order payment of the district's bills and
28 indebtedness; (3) Be in charge of and supervise the care of the district's properties; (4) Cause
29 district property to be insured; (5) Purchase equipment, property and apparatus as required by the
30 District's needs and budget; (6) Appoint an Administrative Fire Chief, Tax Collector and
31 Treasurer and other employees in accordance with the by-laws. No less than one half (1/2) of the
32 members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

33 (b) The foregoing list of duties shall not be deemed to be limiting and the directors shall
34 have all necessary authority to operate and conduct the business of the District as necessary, all

1 within the bounds of the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The Board of Directors shall have the
2 power to appoint and/or employ a tax such employees or individuals, and other committees
3 and/or positions deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the District.

4 (c) The members of the Board of Directors and any official appointed by said Board of
5 Directors shall be subject to the Rhode Island Code of Ethics in Government, Chapter 14 of Title
6 36 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

7 (d) The president of said District shall preside at all annual and special meetings as
8 moderator; in his/her absence the vice president shall serve as moderator; in the absence of both,
9 a temporary moderator may be elected by a majority of voters present and voting.

10 (e) The administrative duties of these Directors shall be specified in the by-laws of the
11 fire district.

12 Sec.7. TAXING AUTHORITY - TAX ASSESSOR

13 (a) Said qualified voters at any of their legal meetings shall have the power to order such
14 taxes and provide for the assessing and collecting of the same on the taxable inhabitants and
15 property in said district as they shall deem necessary for purchasing fire engines, and all other
16 implements and apparatus for the extinguishing of fire; for the purchase of land and buildings for
17 keeping same; for the purchasing, installation, operation and maintenance of a suitable alarm
18 system; for making cisterns and reservoirs; for paying the salaries of district officers and
19 employees, as well as the members of the rescue unit known as the Coventry Main Fire District
20 and such taxes, so ordered, shall be assessed by the assessors of said district on the taxable
21 inhabitants and property therein according to the last valuation made by the assessors of the town
22 of Coventry next previous to said assessment, adding, however, any taxable property which may
23 have been omitted by said town assessors or afterwards acquired; and in assessing and collecting
24 said taxes such proceedings shall be had by the officers of said district, as near as may be, as are
25 required to be had by the corresponding officers of towns in assessing and collecting taxes;
26 provided however that the total tax levy assessed for any one year shall not exceed four (4)
27 percent of the prior year's total tax levy. The Corporation shall not have the authority to create
28 any tax classifications with respect to the property being taxed for the collection of the above
29 referenced levy, nor shall the Corporation have the authority to enact or adopt any supplemental
30 tax.

31 (b) The qualified voters of the Coventry Main Fire District are also authorized to raise
32 money through taxes to purchase the necessary vehicles and equipment to operate and maintain a
33 rescue unit to be known as the Coventry Main Fire District . The Fire District shall be authorized
34 to contract or employ with a private entity to provide such service.

1 (c) TAX ASSESSOR. There shall be at least one District Tax Assessor, who may also
2 serve as District Clerk, who shall be appointed or employed by the District. The tax assessor shall
3 levy and assess taxes at such rate as the district shall vote, on all taxable real and personal
4 property in the district and shall prepare and deposit the tax list with the tax collector and
5 treasurer of the district; said board shall assess property on the basis of the last valuation made by
6 the assessors of the Town of Coventry next previous to said assessment.

7 Sec. 8. POWER TO CONTRACT

8 In addition to all other powers vested in the Corporation hereunder, the Corporation shall
9 have the right to employ or contract with any other entity or individual, public or private, for the
10 purpose of providing the services to be performed or rendered by the Corporation to the
11 inhabitants of the District hereunder.

12 Sec. 9. AUDITS

13 The Corporation shall be required to conduct an annual financial audit with respect to all
14 financial matters. In connection with performing said audit, the Corporation shall contract with a
15 private vendor qualified to perform audit in order to conduct the annual audit of the Corporation's
16 finances required hereunder.

17 Sec. 10. TEN-YEAR ACTUARIAL STUDY

18 With respect to all public and private labor contracts the Corporation shall be required to perform
19 a ten(10)-year actuarial study prior to entering into any new contract in order to ensure that the
20 cost of said contract will not result in unbalanced approved annual budget.

21 Sec. 11. BY-LAWS

22 The qualified voters of said district may enact all by-laws by them adjudged necessary
23 and expedient for carrying the provisions of this act into effect, provided the same be not in
24 violation of or repugnant to the laws of this state. The by-laws which are enacted for the District
25 may provide for employing or contracting with any entity in order to provide services for the
26 District, including providing for any employees of the district such as the tax collector, district
27 clerk, and district treasurer. The qualified voters may change any provision of the by-laws at any
28 annual or special meeting, provided the proposed change has been noticed in the call of the
29 meeting.

30 Sec. 12. AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FUNDS

31 The Coventry Main Fire District is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from
32 time to time such sums of money as may be necessary. In no event shall the total debt of the
33 Corporation exceed a sum equal to ten (10) percent of the annual operating budget, for the
34 purpose of procuring real and personal estate, the erection and maintenance of buildings, the

1 procuring of fire and water apparatus, for the payment of any legal indebtedness of said district,
2 or for the purpose of purchasing or procuring any other property, real or personal, that may be
3 legally acquired and held by said district.

4 Sec. 13 The Coventry Main Fire District is authorized to install lighting on the streets and
5 highways of the district.

6 Sec. 14. This charter may be amended by the electors of the District by following the
7 procedures outlined hereunder. In the event the Board of Directors or the electors at an annual or
8 special meeting shall propose to amend this charter, the electors at a special meeting shall elect a
9 five (5)-member charter review commission in order to review the existing charter and any
10 proposed amendments. If said charter review commission shall recommend the passage of any
11 proposed amendments, the commission shall cause to be published notice of such proposed
12 amendments in the same manner as prescribed for calling an annual meeting. Said notice shall
13 include the text of any proposed amendments to the charter. Any such proposed amendments
14 shall be voted on at the annual meeting of electors and shall require a two-third (2/3) vote of the
15 electors present and voting in favor of any such proposed amendment in order to approve
16 amendments for submission and ratification by the General Assembly.

17 Sec. 15. This act shall take effect no later than sixty days after its enactment and all
18 acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith or repugnant thereto, are hereby repealed.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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RELATING TO THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

1 This act would submit a proposed new charter for the Central Coventry Fire District to
2 the electors of that district at a non-binding referendum, to be held on May 16, 2013.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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