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**Sec. 1.01. Powers of the City.**

The City of Montague shall have all powers possible for a Home Rule City to have under the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this charter.

The City shall have, without limitation to those powers not enumerated, the power to:

- (1) Borrow money;
- (2) Special assess;
- (3) Acquire, own, purchase, construct or operate any public utility;
- (4) Acquire and dispose of real estate and improvements;
- (5) Condemn property;
- (6) Acquire employment and property for rapid transit;
- (7) Provide for the use, regulation, improvement and control of public ways, streets, alleys and waters; and
- (8) Regulate and restrict locations of entities by way of zoning. The City's power is limited to those powers granted to a City by state statute or the Michigan constitution.

**State Law reference**— Zoning, MCL 125.581 et seq.

**Sec. 1.02. Construction.**

The powers of the City under this charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the City, and the specific mention of particular powers in the charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general power granted in this article.

**Sec. 1.03. Intergovernmental Relations.**

The City may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one (1) or more states or any state civil division or agency, or the United States or any of its agencies. The City's power is limited to those powers granted to a City by state statute or the Michigan constitution.

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**Sec. 1.04. Public Welfare and Safety.**

The City shall provide, in its ordinances and in the administration of city funds and affairs, for the public peace and health and for the safety of persons and property.