

and with boundaries to be respectively declared in the By-law, and shall name in the By-law the place for holding the first Election, and the Returning Officer who is to hold the same; Provided, always, that:—

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Area of Town or Village limited.

1. No Town or Village incorporated after the passing of this Act, the population of which does not exceed one thousand souls, shall extend over or occupy within the limits of the incorporation an area of more than five hundred acres of land;

Enlargement of area, limited.

2. No Town or Village already or hereafter incorporated and containing a population exceeding one thousand souls, shall make any further addition to its limits or area, except in the proportion of not more than two hundred acres for each additional thousand souls, subsequent to the first thousand;

Existing Towns or Villages exceeding the area prescribed.

3. In the case of all Towns or Villages, now incorporated, whenever the area thereof exceeds the proportionate limit above prescribed, to wit, in all cases where the area exceeds the proportion of five hundred acres for the first thousand souls, and two hundred acres for each subsequent additional thousand, then in all such cases the said Towns or Villages shall not be permitted to make any further addition to their limits, until their population shall have reached a proportion as aforesaid to their present area;

How population may be reckoned.

4. But in all cases the persons then actually inhabiting the land about to be included within the limits of any Town or Village, may, for the purpose of such extension only, be held and reckoned as among the inhabitants of such Town or Village;

Reducing the area of Villages.

5. The County Council of any County or Union of Counties in Upper Canada, may, in their discretion, upon the application by Petition of the Corporation of any Incorporated Village, whose outstanding obligations and debts do not exceed double the net amount of the yearly rate then last levied and collected therein, by By-Law in that behalf, reduce the area of such Village by excluding from it lands used wholly for farming purposes; provided that such By-Law shall define, by metes and bounds, the new limits intended for such Incorporated Village; and provided also, that no Incorporated Village shall by any such change of boundaries be reduced in population below the number of seven hundred and fifty souls; and provided further, that the Municipal privileges and rights of such Village shall not thereby be diminished or otherwise interfered with as respects the remaining area thereof.

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When the Village lies within two counties, how to be annexed to one of them by the

11. When the newly Incorporated Village lies within two or more Counties, the Councils of the Counties shall, by By-law, annex the Village to one of the Counties; and if within six months after the petitions for the incorporation of the Village