

*Section 54-15. Referendum.*

If, before the expiration of twenty calendar days following passage of any ordinance, a petition is filed with the clerk-treasurer containing the signatures of not less than twenty percentum (20%) of the qualified voters of the Town requesting that the ordinance, or any part thereof, be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the Town for their approval or disapproval, the council shall have the ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the Town at the next regular Town election or, in the council's discretion, at a special election occurring before the next regular election. No ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall become effective following the receipt of such petition until and unless approved at the election by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question. An emergency ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall continue in effect for sixty days following receipt of such petition. If the question of approval or disapproval of any emergency ordinance, or any part thereof, has not been submitted to the qualified voters within sixty days following receipt of the petition, the operation of the ordinance, or the part thereof requested for referendum, shall be suspended until approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question at any election. Any ordinance, or part thereof, disapproved by the voters, shall stand repealed. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any ordinance, or part thereof, passed under the authority of Section 45, relating to levying taxes for the payment of indebtedness.

## THE MAYOR

*Section 54-16. Mayor—Powers and Duties.*

(a) Generally.—The mayor shall see that the ordinances of the Town are faithfully executed and shall be the chief executive officer and the head of the administrative branch of the Town government.

(b) Appointment of employees.—The mayor, with the approval of the council, shall appoint and employ such officers, department heads, and employees as he deems necessary to operate the Town government.

(c) Supervision of financial administration of government.—The mayor shall have complete supervision over the financial administration of the Town government. He shall prepare or have prepared annually a budget and submit it to the council. He shall supervise the administration of the budget as adopted by the council. He shall supervise the disbursement of all monies and have control over all expenditures to assure that budget appropriations are not exceeded.

(d) Other powers and duties.—The mayor shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or as may be required of him by the council, not inconsistent with this charter.

## GENERAL POWERS

*Section 54-17. Powers of Council Enumerated.*

(1) General powers.—The council shall have the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or this charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's