

9. In case of a failure to elect a Mayor and at least three Councilmen, those in office shall continue to perform the duties pending an election, which shall be held upon the notice prescribed hereinbefore. Every judge of election before he proceeds to take or receive any votes shall take an oath that he will permit every qualified person, and none other, to vote at the election. Every clerk before he enters any vote on the polls shall take an oath that he will well and faithfully, without favor, affectation or partiality, execute the office of clerk of election. The several judges may administer the oath to each other, or take the oath before a justice of the peace, and a certificate of every such oath, signed by the person administering the same, respectively, shall be annexed to the polls, and the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville are vested with power and authority to pass all ordinances necessary and proper in respect to the manner of making election returns, and provide what shall be done on the failure of the judges of election to attend at the time appointed for holding an election, and for the manner and time of destroying all election returns.

Hold-over
officers in case
of failure to
elect.

Judges
and clerks of
election shall
make oath.

Power to pass
ordinances,
etc.

10. The Mayor and Common Council shall qualify and take possession of their offices, respectively, on the second Wednesday in May in each and every year, and the failure to qualify within the time prescribed shall be deemed a refusal by the party failing to qualify to accept the office, whereupon a new election shall be proclaimed to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned.

11. The Mayor of the town of Hyattsville shall be the executive officer thereof, clothed with all the powers necessary to secure the enforcement of all ordinances passed by the Council of said town under this Charter; he may convene the Council when in his opinion the public good may require it, and shall from time to time lay before them in writing such proposed alterations in the laws of the corporation as he may deem necessary and proper; in case of his death, resignation, inability or refusal to serve, or removal from the town, the Council shall elect some citizen of the town to act in his place until his successor is elected or the disability is removed; the Mayor shall have power to veto any ordinance, law or regulation passed by the Council, and unless said veto is overruled by a two-thirds vote of all the Councilmen elected, said veto shall stand, and such ordinance, law or resolution shall be null and void, and he shall return every ordinance, law or resolution of the said Council with or without his approval thereof, and if without his approval, shall give his reasons

Powers of the
Mayor.