

shall elect by joint ballot an alderman, to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term.

92. In case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation or removal out of the taxable limits of the city, of a member of the common council, an election shall be made by the voters of the ward wherein the vacancy happened, to fill the vacancy.

93. The aldermen and members of the common council, the judges and clerks of election in said city, and all other officers of said city shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, severally take the following oath: "I solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of — to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality;" the mayor shall qualify as directed by article sixty-eight of the code.

94. The aldermen and common council shall meet on the third Monday in March, annually, but the mayor may convene them whenever and as often as it may appear to him that the interests of the corporation require their deliberation.

95. A majority of the aldermen and common council shall be a quorum, to do business in their respective branches, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

96. They may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner, and under such penalties, as they may by ordinance provide.

97. Each branch shall appoint its own president, who shall preside at their sessions, and vote on all questions, and they shall settle their rules of proceedings, appoint their own officers, and remove them at pleasure.

98. They shall judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of their own members, and may, with the concurrence of three-fourths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behavior or malconduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause.

99. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolve or ordinance at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public.