

sonal property on the tax books of said town of the value of more than one hundred dollars, provided the share or shares of stock of such person, in proportion to all the shares of stock that have been outstanding for at least one year preceding said election, represent a proportionate interest in said assessed property amounting to at least one hundred dollars according to the assessed value of such property; and no voter shall be permitted to vote at any election unless all the town taxes on all such property that ought then to have been paid have been paid, or a bond given to the municipal corporation with sufficient security approved by the Mayor, for their payment in case there is any controversy with reference to such taxes. Those persons who so qualify as voters shall on the first Monday in August, 1924, and every second year thereafter elect by ballot one person to be Mayor of said City and three persons to be City Councilmen of said City, all of whom must be owners of real estate therein and at least two of the council bona fide residents of said city, to serve two years from the second Monday in September next after the election and until their successors are elected and qualified. If any person so elected as Mayor and City Councilman shall refuse to serve or if his place shall become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining Councilmen or Councilman if there is only one, shall fill the vacancy or vacancies as early as possible from among the qualified voters of said town eligible to serve as Mayor or Councilmen, and the person so appointed shall hold his office until the next election; and in case of a tie between any persons voted for at any election under this Section of this Act, the Clerk of Election shall immediately certify to the Councilmen or Councilman elected the fact of there being a tie and the said Councilmen or Councilman shall at the first Board meeting thereafter designate one of the said persons who received a tie vote to be Mayor or Councilman as the case may be; and the Mayor or Councilman, as the case may be, shall hold his office as fully as if he had received the highest number of votes.

1904, ch. 457. 1920 Code, sec. 162.

**136.** All official acts of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, and of either of them, since the passage of the said Chapter 569 of the Acts of 1902, and prior to the passage of this Act and in pursuance or attempted pursuance of the powers vested in them by Chapter 528 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, at its January session, 1898, are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

1898, ch. 528. 1920 Code, sec. 163.

**137.** The Mayor and each of the members of the City Council, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall make oath before a justice of the peace, in and for said county, that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties imposed by law without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made by the said justice of the peace, and shall be filed and recorded among the records of the proceedings of said Council.