

shall be set out in full in the ordinance book, and all of the ordinances shall be numbered consecutively, and the date of the enactment of such ordinance shall be placed at the end thereof; and each ordinance in the said ordinance book shall be signed at the foot thereof by the president of the Council and the town clerk, on behalf of the Council, and the Mayor shall also certify thereunder, under his hand, the date upon which he approved the said ordinance. And the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City are hereby declared to have full power and authority to pass all ordinances which have been passed by the said Mayor and Council, and all ordinances so passed and recorded in the ordinance book now in use by the Mayor and Council are hereby declared to be valid and in full force and effect and shall remain in full force and effect until repealed or amended by authority of the Mayor and Council. In the general record book shall be recorded all notices, papers, documents, petitions, certificates and other papers connected with the election of the Mayor and Councilmen, such contracts entered into by the Mayor and Council, with other persons, as the Mayor and Council shall direct, to be recorded in full, and all other papers and documents which the Mayor and Council may order to be recorded therein. Extracts from any of the municipal record books, from any papers or documents recorded therein, and copies of any ordinance recorded in the ordinance book shall be admissible in evidence when pertinent and relevant in any of the courts of this State or before any justice of the peace thereto, when verified by certificate signed by the Mayor and authenticated by the corporate seal; provided, the clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, when the extract or copies are to be used outside of said county, shall certify by his hand and the seal of the said court that the person who verifies said extract or copy is the Mayor of Pocomoke City; provided, that no extract shall be made and so certified by the Mayor unless it embodies all the municipal records about the matter in question; and provided further, that no copy of any ordinance shall be so certified by the Mayor unless the same contains all the amendments that have been made thereto; or if the same has been repealed, that fact shall also be certified. In the Circuit Courts of this State and before any justice of the peace of the State the record books themselves may be offered in evidence to prove any relevant or pertinent matter contained in the same. The town clerk shall be custodian of the minute books, the ordinance books, the record books and the assessment books of the town, and he shall be entitled to receive fair compensation for all extracts or copies made by him from said books, to be paid by the party or parties requesting such extracts or copies, and the Mayor and Council may fix the price to be charged by the town clerk for all such extracts or copies. And the record books shall be open for the inspection of any of the residents of Pocomoke City, unless they are actually in use by the Mayor and Council, the town clerk or some other officer of the town.

1906, ch. 549. 1920 Code, sec. 262. 1927, ch. 446, sec. 262.

206. At the first regular meeting after the annual town election, that