

of all the members elected to the City Council; provided said City Council shall take action on such nomination within the first three regular succeeding sittings of said City Council after said nominations are sent to it by the Mayor. If the City Council fails to take such action within said time, then the person or persons so nominated shall be to all intents and purposes such officer or officers as if they had been confirmed by said City Council. If said City Council shall, by the required vote and in the prescribed time, refuse to confirm such nominations, the Mayor shall, within the next three regular succeeding sittings of said City Council, send to it other name or names for such office or offices, and the duties of said City Council and the Mayor shall continue to be as above prescribed until a confirmation is had or a failure to act for three regular succeeding sittings by the said City Council occurs. The Mayor shall have the power to remove at pleasure, during the first six months of their respective terms, the heads of all departments or members thereof, heads of sub-departments or members thereof, municipal officers not embraced in a department and special commissions or boards or members thereof, appointed by him, but after six months the Mayor shall only remove said officials for cause, after charges preferred against them, notice given and trial had before the Mayor. The terms of all municipal officials appointed by the Mayor shall be four years, unless otherwise provided for in this Charter. All municipal officials who are appointed by the Mayor shall be appointed in the month of September succeeding his election, and enter into their respective offices on the first Monday in October, immediately following their respective appointments, or as soon thereafter as their appointments have been confirmed, as above provided, if appointed or confirmed subsequent thereto. All municipal officials, boards and commissioners in office under the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, upon the date of the taking effect of this Charter, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, shall hold their respective offices under existing laws and ordinances, the same as if this Charter had not been passed, until their successors are appointed, as provided in this section; they shall be subject to removal, as provided in said laws and ordinances, and all vacancies occurring in said offices shall be filled as now provided for in said existing laws and ordinances; said municipal officials, boards and commissioners shall perform the duties respectively now prescribed by existing laws and ordinances which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, and they shall also perform such additional duties as may be required to be performed by such officers in this Charter. All persons appointed by the Mayor, as well as those municipal officials elected by the people or by the City Council, shall, before entering upon the discharge of their respective duties, qualify by taking before the Mayor an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices, and that they will support the Laws and Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Maryland. A test book shall be kept by the Mayor, which shall be signed at the time of taking the oath aforesaid by said officials, and after the qualifications aforesaid, the Mayor shall issue to the said officials a commission signed