

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 official for cause, after charge is preferred against him, notice given and trial had before the Mayor. The term of all municipal officials appointed by the Mayor shall be four year unless otherwise provided for in this Article.

All municipal officials who are appointed by the Mayor, shall be appointed in the month of December succeeding his election and enter upon their respective offices on the first Monday in January, immediately following their respective appointments, or as soon thereafter as their appointments have been confirmed, as above provided, if appointed or confirmed subsequent thereto, but the Mayor chosen on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1906, shall appoint said officials in the month of September, subject to confirmation by the Second Branch of the City Council, and they shall enter upon their duties on the succeeding first of October, and shall hold office until their successors under the provisions of this Article are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed under the provisions of this Article; all persons appointed by the Mayor as well as those municipal officials elected by the people or by joint convention of 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 Constitution of the United States, and of the State or 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 qualification aforesaid, the Mayor shall issue to the said officials a commission signed by himself, with the corporate seal attached; all vacancies occurring in any of the offices which the Mayor is empowered to fill, during the recess of the City Council, unless otherwise provided in this Article, shall be filled by the Mayor