

sent, and shall not hold any other elective public office, except that Councilmen may be Notary Publics, members of the State militia, or non-elective officers or employees of the United States. A Councilman ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section, or convicted of crime while in office, shall immediately forfeit his office. He must own property (in the Town of Bladensburg) assessed at \$1,000.00 on the County assessment books, in his or her name whether or not jointly with spouse.

40A. (Meetings of Council.) At 8.00 P. M. on the first Friday following the filing of the certificate of election as hereinafter explained the Council shall meet at the place provided for its meetings and the newly elected members shall assume the duties of office, but if any meeting is held before such day and after publication of said certificate, the newly elected Council shall assume the duties of office at such meeting. Thereafter the Council shall meet at such time as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution, but not less frequently than once each month. Special meetings shall be called by the clerk upon the written request of the Mayor, or one-half of the Councilmen. Any such notice shall state the subject to be considered at the special meeting and no other subject shall be there considered, except by unanimous consent of all members. All regular meetings of the Council shall be open to the public, and the rules of the Council shall provide that citizens of the town shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any such meetings in regard to any matter considered thereat.

40B. (Council Rules.) The Council shall determine its own rules and order of business and keep a journal of its proceedings. It shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, and may, by vote of not less than three-fourths of the members, expel a member from a meeting for disorderly conduct or for violation of its rules.

40C. (Quorum.) A majority of the members elected to the Council shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the Council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, resolution, order or vote; except that a vote to adjourn, or regarding the attendance of absent members, may be adopted by a majority of the members present. No member shall be excused from voting except