

SEC. 40. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS—COMPENSATION. The administrative branches of the town government established by this charter are the offices of the town clerk, and town solicitor, the departments of finance, and of public safety, but any other offices or departments may be established by ordinance. The Council may by ordinance provide that any or all offices or departments may be combined subject to separation, whenever, in the opinion of the Council, the conduct of the business of the town shall so require. The Town Manager may hold any office or combination of offices.

The Council may change or abolish any office or department established by ordinance and may prescribe, distribute, or discontinue the functions and duties of offices and departments so established. Additional functions and duties may be assigned by ordinance to offices and departments established by this charter, but no function or duty assigned by this charter to a specific office or department shall be discontinued or assigned to any other office or department by ordinance. The Council shall classify all persons employed by the Town and establish a schedule of uniform compensation rates for like services with maxima and minima for each class of positions. Subject to such schedule, the Town Manager shall fix the compensation of all such employees on the basis of efficiency and seniority. The Town Manager may, subject to appropriate adjustment in scheduled compensation, permit any such employee to accept other employment not inconsistent with his duties and to receive compensation for such employment.

SEC. 41. INVESTIGATION BY COUNCIL OR MANAGER. The Council, the Manager, or any person or committee authorized by either of them, shall have power to inquire into the conduct of any office or officer of the Town and to make investigations as to municipal affairs, and for that purpose may compel the production of books, papers and other evidence. Failure to produce books, papers or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, or both.

SEC. 42. DUTIES OF TOWN CLERK. The town clerk shall keep the records of the Council, attend its meetings and perform such other duties as may be required by this charter, or by ordinance.

SEC. 43. QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF TOWN SOLICITOR. The town solicitor shall be appointed by the Town Manager with the consent of the Council and the Town Manager may remove him at will without notice. His compensation shall be