

faithfully perform the duties of their office and that they will permit every qualified voter to vote, and none other. The qualifications for voters for Mayor and Councilmen shall be as follows: That they shall be male citizens of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, taxpayers or husbands of same, of the county or of said town, and *bona fide* residents of said town for not less than six months next preceding the election at which they shall vote.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor shall be a voter of said town as above prescribed, and a citizen of the State of Maryland, a *bona fide* property owner, or the husband of such, within the corporate limits, not less than twenty-five years of age, and must have resided within said limits for a period of not less than three years next preceding the election in which he is a candidate for such office. He shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall call such special meetings of the same from time to time as he may deem necessary, but in the event of the absence of the Mayor from any meeting, the members of the Council present shall elect one of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authorities of said Mayor. The Council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session. All vacancies in the office of Mayor or Councilman caused by death, absence from session of the Council for more than three consecutive months without satisfactory excuse, or otherwise, shall be filled by vote of the Council until the next annual town election.

Qualification
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etc.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the qualifications for member of the Council shall be as follows: That he be a voter of said town as above prescribed and a citizen of the State of Maryland, a *bona fide* property owner, or the husband of such, within the corporate limits, and must have resided within said limits for a period of not less than one year next preceding the election in which he is a candidate for such office. The Council shall meet in some convenient place in said town on or before the first Monday in June next succeeding their election, and as often thereafter as the duties of their office may require, but meeting not less than once every month. Failure of the Council to meet as herein prescribed shall not work a forfeiture of this charter, and

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