

Mayor to be
elected

city and qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, and registered as herein provided for, shall, on the third Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, elect, by ballot, a person of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, not less than thirty years of age, ten years a citizen of the United States and five years a resident of said city next preceding the election assessed on the books of the said city at the time of his election and for the year next prior thereto, for property to the amount in value of one thousand dollars, of which said property he shall be the *bona fide* owner in his own right, and the taxes thereon shall not be in arrears, to be Mayor of said city; and the person so elected at each of said elections shall serve as such Mayor for the term of two years from the first Monday in June next succeeding his election.

City council
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52. Each and every member of the City Council shall be the *bona fide* owner, in his own right, of property to the amount in value of five hundred dollars, and assessed for the same on the books of the said city at the time of his election and for the year next prior thereto, the taxes on which shall not be in arrears.

Eligible to
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58. The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall during the whole term for which they are elected, be possessed, of all the qualifications rendering them eligible to be elected, and, if any one of them during the time for which he was elected shall fail to retain all the qualifications necessary to render him eligible to election, he shall forfeit such office, and such forfeiture shall be declared by the said City Council, and the vacancy caused thereby shall be immediately filled as herein provided; and if the said City Council shall neglect or refuse to declare such vacancy and to fill the same, then any tax-paying citizen of said city, being a legal voter therein, may file a petition in the Circuit Court for Allegany County against such officer, and the said court or the judge thereof, if in vacation, shall pass an order requiring such officer to show cause why his office should not be vacated, and the vacancy filled as provided, and such order shall be made returnable not more than twenty days after its passage, and a copy thereof shall be served on such officer; and if he shall fail to answer the same, said court or the judge thereof, if in vacation, shall hear and determine such matter *ex parte*; and if such officer shall answer the same, then the said court, or the judge thereof, if in vacation, shall at once hear and determine the issue raised by such petition and answer and shall declare the office of the said respondent