

City of Cumberland. The Mayor shall be the bona-fide owner of property to the value of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and assessed for the same on the tax books of the said city at the time of his election and for two years next prior thereto, the taxes on which shall not be in arrears; each Councilman shall be the bona-fide owner of property to the value of five hundred dollars (\$500), and assessed for the same on the tax books of the said city at the time of their election and for two years next prior thereto, the taxes on which shall not be in arrears; and the said Mayor and City Councilmen shall hold office for a period of two years from the first Monday in April next succeeding their election, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 102. The Mayor shall be President of the City Council. The said Mayor and Councilmen shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Allegany County to faithfully perform the duties of their offices, and each Councilman shall receive as compensation for his services, beginning June 1, the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments; the Mayor shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments, and the said Mayor shall devote at least six hours a day to the duties of his office and to the affairs of the said city.

SEC. 103. That the Mayor and each Councilman, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond, payable to the State of Maryland, for the use of the Mayor and the City Council of Cumberland, in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, and shall, in addition to taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Maryland and laws thereof, also take the oath that he is not under direct or indirect obligation to appoint or elect any person to any office, position or employment under said government.

The said Mayor and City Council shall, by a majority vote of all the members thereof, have the power to appoint all officers and subordinates in all departments of the city.

SEC. 105. Resignation by the Mayor or any Councilman elected under this Act shall be made in writing to the Mayor and City Council for their action thereupon. In case of the removal of the Mayor or any Councilman from the territorial limits of said city, such removal shall ipso facto be deemed to create a vacancy in his office. In case of any vacancy from any cause in the office of Mayor, or any Councilman, the Mayor