

tion, malconduct, malfeasance or non-feasance in office, or such other causes as may be prescribed by ordinance, after due notice in writing, and opportunity to be heard in his defense, under the rules and regulations hereinafter set forth. That whenever charges are preferred in writing under oath, and filed with the Mayor, by any person, against such officer, for any or all of the offenses named or provided for as above, it shall be his duty to have the accused duly served with a copy of such charges, and shall set a day to inquire into the truth of such charges, and shall notify the accused, and any other members of said City Council, and the witnesses for and against the accused, to be present, and the said Mayor and City Council shall constitute a court, to try and determine said case, and are hereby invested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine said charges, and may continue the investigation from day to day, upon proper showing, to enable the accused or prosecutor to get material evidence before said City Council. The accused shall have the right to be heard in person or by counsel, and the said Mayor and City Council shall likewise be represented by counsel, if they desire it. Upon the conclusion of the investigation and argument of the cause a vote shall be taken on each charge and specification, and if a majority of all the members of the said Mayor and City Council vote to sustain either of the charges against the accused, said Mayor and City Council shall enter, or cause to be entered, its judgment, in which shall be recorded the vote of each member of the City Council, upon the several charges and specifications, and an order shall be entered, removing the accused from his office and declaring the same vacant, but if the vote is otherwise, the accused shall be declared "not guilty" and judgment entered accordingly.

Sec. 125. The fiscal year for the City of Cumberland shall begin on the first day of April in each and every year. All books required to be kept by the several officers as hereinbefore provided, shall be procured by the Mayor and City Council, and the same, together with all papers pertaining thereto, shall be the property of said city, and shall be returned to said Mayor and City Council by the officer or officers required to keep the same, at the end of their term.

Sec. 126. All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations now in force in the City of Cumberland, and not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, shall remain in force, under this Act, until altered, amended or repealed by said Mayor and City Council, after this Act takes effect. It is especially provided that whenever in this Act bonds are required to be given by the various officers therein named, the said Mayor