

year. At the first meeting the Mayor and Council shall designate the time to be served by each Councilman. At each successive annual election the qualified voters of each ward in which there is a vacancy shall elect a councilman to serve for two years. All male citizens of the age of twenty-one years who are qualified to vote under the laws of the State of Maryland and who have resided within the limits of said town for a period of six months previous to the election at which they present themselves to vote shall be qualified to vote for the election of officers for the town of Brentwood and at all elections provided for under this Charter. The Mayor must continually reside in said town, and each Councilman in his respective ward during their term of office, and they shall receive no compensation for their services, except that the Mayor shall receive the fees hereinafter allowed.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and Town Council shall meet in some convenient place in said town, on or before the first Monday in August of each year, and as often thereafter as may be necessary in the discharge of their duties, provided, however, that they shall not meet less than once in every month. The majority shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; and each action taken the yea and nay vote of each Councilman and Mayor shall be recorded opposite his name. The Mayor and Council shall pass rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Act for their own Government while in session. The Councilman's absence from three consecutive meetings, without excuse, shall constitute a vacancy. All vacancies occurring shall be filled by the Mayor and Town Council. The Mayor shall preside at the meeting of the Council and shall call meetings from time to time as he may deem necessary, but in case of his absence from any meeting, the Councilmen present shall elect one of their members to preside who shall for the time being have all the authority of the Mayor.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That annually on or before the first Monday in June, the Mayor and Town Council shall appoint two Judges, who shall appoint a Clerk to conduct an election by a ballot on the first Monday of July, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the day following, for the election of officers provided for in Section 5 of this Act; the polls shall be opened between the hours of one and six P. M., the two Judges and Clerk above provided for shall constitute the Board of Election Supervisors for said