

in such cases shall be the same as provided in this section for other appointments by the Mayor and confirmation by the city council. And any person or persons appointed by the Mayor to fill any vacancy or vacancies in any office shall hold the same until his or their successors have been confirmed by the Council.

The Councilmen and all persons appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council shall before entering upon the discharge of their respective duties, qualify by taking before the Mayor an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices, and that they will support the laws and constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland. A test book shall be kept by the Mayor which shall be signed at the time of taking the oath aforesaid by said official, and after the qualifications aforesaid, the Mayor shall issue to the said official a commission signed by himself and the Corporate seal attached.

Before entering upon his office, the Mayor shall qualify by taking the oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Frederick County.

THE COUNCIL.

SEC. 6. The Council shall consist of six members, two from each of the three wards of the town, who shall hold office for two years or until the qualification of their successors. Each shall be at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and for two years next preceding his election a resident of said town, and assessed with property in said town to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and shall have paid taxes thereon for two years preceding his election. Each member of the Council shall receive an annual salary of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and no other compensation whatever, provided that the members of the council may be reimbursed for any expense actually incurred in prosecuting the official business of the municipality.

The members-elect of the Council shall meet on the first Tuesday in September succeeding their election, and shall take before the Mayor the oath of office herein required, and they shall meet on the first Tuesday in every month thereafter, or as often as may be necessary to discharge the duties of their office.

The Council shall elect one of their number Mayor pro tem. (to serve at the pleasure of the Council until his successor is elected), who, in the absence of the Mayor, shall be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor. The Mayor, or in his absence the Mayor pro tem, or any four members of the Council, may call such meetings of the Council, from time to time, as they may deem necessary, due notice of which shall be given, and when the call is made by four members, it shall