

257. The Mayor shall publish in some newspaper of general circulation in said town at least ten days prior to the date of each election for town officers notice thereof, stating the day and hour of opening and closing the polls, the place of polling and the officers to be voted for, and he shall also appoint three citizens, qualified voters of said town, to act as judges of said election; and said judges of election before entering upon the discharge of their duties shall take and subscribe before the Mayor the same oath required by Article 1, Section 6, of the Constitution of Maryland; one of the judges shall act as clerk; the polls shall be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and close at 4 o'clock P. M., and the names of all the persons voting shall be registered by said clerk, and the said judges shall make immediate return under their hands of the number of votes cast and for whom cast, with a certificate of their appointment, and both signed by the Mayor and town clerk, and with the corporate seal of the town affixed, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, who shall record the same at once and issue certificates of election to those persons receiving the largest number of votes for the office for which they were respectively voted. And said certificate of election from the clerk of the court shall be recorded by the town clerk among the proceedings of the Council; each judge of election shall receive three dollars for his or her services as such.

258. The Mayor elect and also each Councilman elect shall without delay appear before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland, and make the oath or affirmation and declaration prescribed by the Constitution and having secured from said Clerk a certificate of his or her said declaration and oath, shall return the same to the town clerk to be recorded among the proceedings of the Mayor and Council. And if any such person so elected Mayor or Councilman shall fail to qualify as above required on or before the first Monday in May next succeeding his or her election, the office to which he or she was elected shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled in the manner hereinafter provided for the filling of a vacancy in said office. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of Councilman by reason of resignation, death, removing from office, change of residence, failure to qualify or otherwise, the remaining Councilmen shall appoint some person having the qualification required for Councilman of Pocomoke City to