

may be granted further time within which to appear. It is further provided that the Mayor and Town Council shall act as judge in all impeachment proceedings brought against the hereinbefore mentioned elective officer of the Town of Brentwood, and that a majority of the Mayor and members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of the impeachment proceedings herein provided; provided, that in order to convict an elective officer of the charges preferred a unanimous verdict must be entered upon the record of the hearing. It is further provided that the Mayor shall have the same vote as any Councilman when acting as one of the judges of an impeachment proceeding; provided, however, that any elective officer against whom impeachment proceedings have been instituted, and notice of which has been given to him, shall be from the date of such notice suspended from office and shall not be reinstated unless such impeachment proceedings are abandoned or he has been acquitted of such charges, and provided further, however, that unless the proceedings are heard within 30 days from the date the elective officer is notified by the Mayor and Town Council, unless for good cause shown same is extended, and in no event shall same be extended more than 90 days from the date of said notice, of the charges preferred against him, the proceedings shall be considered abandoned and the said elective officer shall thereafter during the remainder of his term of office be entitled to hold same and exercise all rights and privileges thereunder; and the decision of the Mayor and Town Council acting as impeachment judges shall be final and conclusive on all parties. It is further provided that at the hearing that the rules of evidence obtaining in the Circuit Courts of Prince George's County shall be adhered to and followed, and that the Corporation Counsel for the town of Brentwood shall act as the prosecuting officer.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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