

more registered voters of the town shall be considered by the Mayor and Town Council. The Mayor and Town Council shall be required at regular meetings to hear complaints and protests from any citizen who feels aggrieved as a result of the passage of any ordinance, and upon receipt of a petition signed by one-third or more of the qualified voters of the town, the Mayor and Town Council shall consider the matter of repealing or amending such ordinance. All public utility franchises, and all renewals, extensions and amendments thereof shall be granted or made only by ordinance, and no such proposed ordinance shall be adopted until it has been printed in full, and general publicity has been given thereto, and until at least two weeks after such publicity has been given.

SEC. 6. The Mayor shall be the executive officer of the town and enforce the ordinances thereof and shall see that all officials and employees of the town carry out their duties. He shall appoint all appointive officers authorized by this Charter or by ordinance, subject to the confirmation of the council. He shall counter-sign all checks of the town and cause the books of the Treasurer to be audited at least once a year. In case of the temporary absence of the Mayor or of his inability to act, the council shall appoint one of its members as acting Mayor, and during the period of such absence or inability of the Mayor to act, the acting Mayor shall be clothed with all of the powers of the Mayor.

SEC. 7. Candidates for the offices of Mayor, Treasurer and Councilmen must be adult citizens of the United States and must have been actually domiciled within the corporate limits of the town for at least two years next preceding the filing of petitions of candidacy, and must be registered voters on the books of the town, and must be owners of real estate within the town; and candidates for the offices of councilmen must have been actually domiciled in the respective wards from which they seek election. The Mayor and the Treasurer shall each be elected by the combined vote of the town and each councilman by the voters of his respective ward.

SEC. 8. Any person desiring to become a candidate for Mayor, Treasurer or Councilman, shall, at least ten days before election, file or cause to be filed with the Town Clerk a petition stating that he or she is a candidate for one of the respective offices, which petition shall recite the facts of their qualifications, and shall cite the liber and folio where the deed evidencing the ownership of real estate within the town is recorded, and must be signed by the candidate. Petitions of candidacy for the offices of Mayor and of Treasurer must be