

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 477 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Hyattsville", be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

477. The Mayor shall be elected from the town at large and shall be elected for a term of four years. Two of said Councilmen shall be elected from each of the wards of which the town is composed and each Councilman shall be elected for a term of four years, except in case of an election to fill a vacancy in that office in which case the election shall be for the unexpired term. The Mayor and Councilmen shall hold their respective offices for the several terms aforesaid and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, unless otherwise terminated by operation of law. The Mayor and all Councilmen shall retain throughout their respective terms of office, all the qualifications necessary for their election, and their failure to retain all such qualifications shall ipso facto cause a forfeiture of their respective offices.

No persons shall be eligible as Mayor or Councilmen except those who, upon the day of election, shall be citizens of the United States, and of the State of Maryland, registered voters of said State and of the town of Hyattsville, actual bona fide residents of the town of Hyattsville, in the sense that they have had no home elsewhere for a period of two years immediately next preceding the day of election, and in the case of Councilmen, residents of the ward from which they shall be elected, and shall be assessed upon the assessment books of said town for improved real estate located in said town, used for business or residential purposes, of the total value for both land and improvements of at least one thousand dollars.

Neither the Mayor nor any of the Councilmen shall hold any other office under the corporation during their respective terms of office, neither shall they nor any other officer of the corporation, either directly or indirectly through the medium or agency of other persons, enter into any contract or contracts with the corporation.

SEC. 2. *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 of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect on the date of its passage.