

town and five persons to be City Councilmen of said town. Those two persons who receive the highest and the next highest number of votes in said election for City Councilmen, being otherwise qualified for said office under this section, shall hold office for the term of four years from the second Monday in September next after the election and until their successors are elected and qualified; those other three persons who shall be elected City Councilmen at said election shall hold office for the term of two years, from the second Monday in September next after the election and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Mayor elected on the second Monday in August, 1948, shall hold office for the term of two years from the second Monday in September next after the election and until his successor is elected and qualified. On the second Monday in August, 1950, and on the second Monday in August in each second year thereafter the said qualified voters shall elect by ballot one person as Mayor of Ocean City to serve a term of two years from the second Monday in September next after the election and a sufficient number of City Councilmen to succeed those whose terms are about to expire, those City Councilmen so elected in the year 1950 and thereafter to serve for a term of four years from the second Monday in September next after their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. Any person to qualify for election as Mayor or City Councilman of Ocean City must be the owner of real estate in said town of the assessed value on the town tax books of at least one thousand dollars and at least three of said City Councilmen must be bona fide residents of said town, and no person shall be eligible for election either as Mayor or City Councilman unless he shall file, not less than ten days before said election, with the then Secretary of the Mayor and City Council, a certificate in writing containing the name and address of the person seeking office and the office to which he seeks to be elected, such certificates to be duly acknowledged by the person filing the same before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments under the laws of the State of Maryland who shall append to such certificate of candidacy a certificate of such acknowledgment. No votes cast for any person who has not filed his certificate of candidacy as aforesaid shall be counted by the judges of election. If any person so elected as Mayor and City Councilman shall refuse to serve or if his place shall become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining Councilmen or Councilman if there is only one, shall fill the vacancy or vacancies as early as possible from among the qualified voters of said town eligible to serve as Mayor or Councilman, and the person so appointed shall hold his office until the next election; and in case of a tie between any persons voted for at any election under this section of this Act, the Clerk of