

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

32A. FORM OF GOVERNMENT. The municipal government provided by this Article shall be that known as "council-manager" government. Pursuant to its provisions and subject only to the limitations imposed by the State Constitution, the general laws of the State, and this Article, all legislative powers of the City shall be vested in an elective Council of five persons, consisting of four Councilmen and a Mayor, hereinafter referred to as the Mayor and City Council, which shall enact ordinances, adopt budgets, determine policies, and appoint a City Manager, with the latter to execute the laws and administer the government of the City. All powers of the City shall be exercised in the manner prescribed in this Article, and if the manner is not prescribed, then in such manner as may be determined by order or ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

33. QUALIFICATIONS. The Mayor shall be at least thirty years of age at the time of his election, and each member of the City Council shall be at least twenty-five years of age at the time of his election. The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall be a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City for at least five years immediately preceding his election.

34. SALARY. The Mayor shall receive a salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars per annum, and each member of the City Council shall receive a salary of Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum, all payable in equal monthly installments.

35. TERM. The Mayor and City Council shall hold office for a period of two years from the first Monday in April next succeeding their election, and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

36. OATH OF OFFICE. The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Allegany County, faithfully to perform the respective duties of their offices, to obey the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland and of the United States, and shall further take oath that he is not under obligation, either directly or indirectly, to appoint or elect any person to any office, position or employment within the power of the government of the City.

37. BONDS. The Mayor and each member of the City Council, before entering upon the respective duties of their