

42. (Qualifications.) There shall be a Town Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Mayor and Town Council, whose term of office shall be two years. To qualify as such, he must be a legal voter in said town and owner of real estate in his or her name whether or not jointly with spouse in the Town of Bladensburg assessed on the County assessment books to the value of at least \$1,000.00. Before he enters upon his duties he shall give bond payable to the Mayor and Town Council of Bladensburg, in such penalty as the Mayor and Town Council may fix, with surety to be approved by it, conditioned as it may direct, and the said Treasurer shall qualify and enter upon the duties of his office on or before the first meeting following the certificate of election. A failure to qualify within the time herein specified shall be deemed a refusal to accept the office. In the event of the death, failure to qualify, resignation, inability to act or removal for cause of the Treasurer by the Mayor and City Council, it shall be its duty to appoint another Treasurer under like conditions as to bond.

43. (Municipal Elections.) The regular election for the choice of Mayor and Councilmen shall be held on the first Monday in May, every alternate year, except as hereinbefore set forth.

Special elections may be held, and shall be subject to the provisions of this charter relating to general elections except that the Council may by resolution fix their time within the limits provided in this charter and provide the means for holding them. All elections shall be non-partisan.

43G. (Candidates for Office.) Any person, having the qualifications provided for herein, may become a candidate for Councilman or Mayor, by filing with the Town Supervisors of Election, at least 15 days prior to the election, a certificate that he is a candidate, that he has the required qualifications, and by giving his age, residence, occupation and a reference to the Land Records, showing the ownership of his real estate, provided that such certificate shall be endorsed by at least 20 qualified voters of said town. The qualifications of said candidate, or of those endorsing him, shall not be subject to review of said supervisors, but may be decided and determined by the Circuit Court for said County either before or after election, in any proper procedure, upon the petition of five (5) voters. In the event that less persons than are to be elected shall file as candidates, or any candidate having filed, dies or withdraws, the said supervisors may receive petitions of candidacy up to