

CHAPTER 374

(House Bill 471)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1191 of the Montgomery County Code (1947 Edition), being Section 1297 of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being also Article 16 and 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Takoma Park", sub-heading "Mayor and Council", relating to the time of meeting of the Council and eliminating obsolete provisions relating to the power of the Mayor to act as a Justice of the Peace.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 1191 of the Montgomery County Code (1947 Edition), being Section 1297 of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being also Articles 16 and 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Takoma Park", sub-heading "Mayor and Council", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1191. (1297) (a) The Council shall meet at some convenient place in said city on or before the fourth Monday in April next succeeding their election, and as often thereafter as may be necessary to discharge the duties of their office; not less, however, than once in every month. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the Council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session; upon a tie vote the vote of the Mayor shall be deciding; in the absence of the Mayor at any meeting the members of the Council present shall elect one of their own number to preside during his absence who, for the time being shall be clothed with all the powers and authority of the Mayor.

(b) The Mayor, as executive officer of the City, shall be charged with enforcement of the laws and ordinances of the municipality; he shall annually appoint such standing committees and from time to time such special committees as the Council may determine and shall designate the chairman and the members thereof and may change such chairman or members as his judgment may determine; he shall have general supervision of the administration and officers of the city and for reasons to him good and sufficient may suspend any officer from duty, setting forth the reasons for such suspension to the Council for its action, not later than its