

before said next regular meeting. If the mayor fails to return any ordinance within six days of its delivery to him as aforesaid, then the ordinance shall become law without his approval.

FILE OF ORDINANCES

17. Ordinances, when passed and approved by the mayor, when not returned by him within the specified time, or when passed over his veto, shall be permanently filed by the council secretary or the town clerk in a book or books which shall be kept for that purpose and which shall be kept open for public inspection.

GENERAL POWERS

18. The council shall have the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of Maryland or this charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the town; for the protection and preservation of the town's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order and for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection of the health, comfort, and convenience of the residents of the Town of Mount Airy and visitors thereto and sojourners therein.

ARTICLE III

THE MAYOR

TERM

19. The mayor shall be elected as hereinafter provided and shall hold office for a term of two years or until his successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall take office on the third Monday in May in each regular town election year. The mayor holding office at the time this charter becomes effective shall continue to hold office until the third Monday in May, 1952.

QUALIFICATIONS

20. The mayor must have resided in the Town of Mount Airy for at least two years immediately preceding his election, must be at least twenty-five years of age, and must be a qualified voter of the town and be the owner of real estate or leasehold property within the corporate limits of said town.