

## PURCHASING

61. All purchases for the town government shall be made by the mayor. The council may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for municipal purchases.

## ARTICLE VII

### TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

#### COUNCIL SECRETARY OR TOWN CLERK

62. The council may appoint a council secretary or a town clerk. If a council secretary is appointed, he may be a member of the council. If a town clerk is appointed, he may not be a member of the council. The council secretary or the town clerk shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The compensation of the council secretary or the town clerk shall be determined by the council. The council secretary or the town clerk shall attend all meetings of the council and keep a full and accurate account of the proceedings of the council and keep such other records and perform such other duties as may be required by this charter or the council.

#### TOWN ATTORNEY

63. The mayor with the advice and consent of the council may appoint a town attorney. The town attorney shall be a member of the bar of Carroll County or Frederick County. The town attorney shall be the legal adviser of the Town of Mount Airy and shall perform such duties in this connection as may be required by the council or the mayor. His compensation shall be determined by the council. The Town of Mount Airy shall have the power to employ such legal consultants as may be necessary from time to time.

#### OTHER PERSONNEL

64. The mayor with the advice and consent of the council shall have the power to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary to execute the powers and duties provided by this charter and to operate the town government. All such officers and employees shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Their compensation shall be determined by the council. All officers and employees of the town government shall be appointed only on a basis of merit and fitness.