

dermen or any of its committees any persons it deems necessary. Such persons may be compelled to testify on matters relating to the business of the city or to its officials and employees.

VACANCIES

17. *Vacancies in the board of aldermen shall be filled as provided in Section 71 of this charter.*

DEPARTMENTS

18. *The board of aldermen by ordinance may create, change, and abolish offices, departments, or agencies, other than the offices, departments, and agencies established by this charter. The board of aldermen by ordinance may assign additional functions or duties to offices, departments, or agencies established by this charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, department, or agency any function or duty assigned by this charter to a particular office, department, or agency.*

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

19. *The board of aldermen shall fix the salaries of all employees and appointees of the City of Frederick, including the salaries of all heads of offices, departments, or agencies, but not including the salary of the mayor and the aldermen.*

ORDINANCES

20. *When any ordinance is introduced for passage by the board of aldermen it shall be read and may be passed at that time. All ordinances shall be signed by the mayor as president of the board of aldermen and approved by him as mayor.*

VETO

21. *All ordinances passed by the board of aldermen shall be delivered by the board of aldermen at once, or as soon as conveniently may be, to the mayor for his approval. The mayor shall return the same to the board of aldermen at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of aldermen (or sooner if he desires) with his approval or disapproval. Any ordinance returned by the mayor without his approval shall not become a law unless subsequently passed at a meeting by favorable vote of four-fifths of the whole board of aldermen within twenty days from the*